

First Judicial District of Pennsylvania Court-Appointed Counsel Payment Voucher/Order

Fees and Procedures Are Applicable Only to Court Appointments Made On and After November 1, 2023

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Philadelphia, PA __ _ _ _ _ FIRST NAME

Philadelphia Municipal Court – Criminal Division

See Phila. R.J.A. *122, *122-11 and *122-12

4. ATTORNEY ADDRESS (Counsel must maintain their principal office in Philadelphia)

2. ATTORNEY'S LAST NAME

5. DEFENDANT'S LAST NAME

8. FIXED FEE CASES-PAYABLE AT VERDICT

☐ Plea Accepted-Diversion-Felony-Treatment Court: \$477

☐ Municipal Court Trial - Felony: \$477

☐ Municipal Court Trial - Misdemeanor: \$477

☐ Felony Remand-Trial: \$477

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ion	1(A). INVOICE NO. FROM LETTER OF APPOINTMENT		1(B). DATE OF APPOINTMENT	
ATTORNE	Y'S FIRST NAME		3. PA ATTO	RNEY I.D. NO.
	EMAIL ADDRESS			
	TELEPHONE NUMBER			
	6. CPCMS NUMBER			7. POLICE PHOTO NO.
	MC-51			EVENT
	☐ Mental Health Court Status Hearing: \$106 Date:			
	☐ Early Bail Review Hearings: \$106 Date:			
	☐ Treatment Court Hearing - Status Hearing: \$106 Date:			
	☐ Bench Warrant Hearing: \$106 Date: ☐ Diversion Program Status Hearing: \$106 Date:			
	☐ Problem Solving Courts Status Hearing: \$106 Date:			
	☐ Contempt Hearing: \$159 Date:			
	☐ Violation of Probation/Parole Hearing (VOP): \$159 Date:			
	☐ Early Parole Petition: \$265 Date:			
	☐ Fifth Amendment Witness: \$159			
	Name of Witness:			
	☐ Status Hearing (Other than any above) \$106 Date:			
	☐ Refile of Charges (case disposed) \$ 238.50 Date:			
11. DATE REPRESENTATION ENDED/PAYMENT AUTHORIZED:				
I maintain professional liability insurance, I have been certified by the ergone Court-Appointed Counsel Fee system training. I understand that false nalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.				
DATE:				
JUDICIAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL				
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d counsel the sum of \$, consistent with Phila. R.J.A. le in connection with the above-referenced case as certified by counsel and as elow:				
Fee Adjusted to \$ due to the following ministerial error:				
	DATE PJ/SJ SIGNA	TURE (WI	hen Necessary)	DATE

Instructions for the Completion of Attorney Payment Voucher-Order Philadelphia Municipal Court – Criminal Division

- Line 1: Enter the Invoice Number from Letter of Appointment and the Date of Appointment as they appear on the appointment order.
- Line 2: Enter the court-appointed attorney's LAST Name, MIDDLE, and FIRST Name as it appears on the appointment order.
- Line 3: Enter the attorney's Pennsylvania Attorney ID number.
- Line 4: Enter the attorney's Philadelphia address, which is required by Phila. Crim. R. *122, as it appears on the appointment order.
- Line 5: Enter defendant's LAST Name, MIDDLE Name, and FIRST Name as it appears on the appointment letter.
- Line 6: Enter the CPCMS Docket Number in the following sequence:

Municipal Court Criminal cases MC-51-CR-(XXXXXXX)-Year (XXXX)

- Line 7: Enter the defendant's Police Photo Number.
- Line 8-9: Check the appropriate Fixed Fee Case Type and/or the appropriate Interim Fixed Fee Event(s). For the Interim Fixed Fee Event, please indicate the Date of the Event(s). **Time spent in or out of court asking for a continuance is not compensable**.
- Line 10: Enter the total amount requested.
- Line 11: Enter the Date Representation Ended or the Date Payment is Authorized. Unless counsel is permitted to withdraw, the appointment is effective until final judgment. See Pa. R.Crim. P. 122 (B)(2).
- Line 12: Sign and Date the Payment Voucher. Failure to sign the Voucher will delay processing of payment.
- Line 13: Enter the name of the Trial Judge. The Trial Judge will enter amount payable to the attorney, which must be left blank on the Order portion of the Voucher. When applicable, the Voucher will be routed by the Quality Assurance Unit to the President Judge, Supervising Judge, or their designees.

Please Note

- 1) Phila. R.J.A. *122-11 sets forth the Payment Authorization Process court-appointed counsel must follow when seeking payment. Phila. R.J.A. *122-12 sets forth the compensation rates and timing of requests for compensation.
- 2) The Payment Voucher/Order must be completed by court-appointed counsel and submitted, with all required attachments, including the Appointment Letter and Chronological List of Services Rendered (as applicable), directly to the appropriate judge for review and approval without first being filed with the Quality Assurance Unit ("QAU"), or other applicable filing office or officer.
- 3) Upon approval by the appropriate judge, the original Payment Voucher/Order shall be promptly filed by the attorney of record by email to CriminalVouchers@courts.phila.gov, or in person or by mail to: The Justice Stout Center for Criminal Justice, Information Counter, 2nd Floor, 1301 Filbert Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107. The attorney should keep a copy of the signed Payment Voucher/Order.
- 4) Upon receipt of the Payment Voucher/Order, court-designated staff shall time-stamp and review the Payment Voucher/Order, as provided in Phila. R.J.A. *122-11 and Phila. R.J.A. *122-12. Payment Vouchers/Orders not correctly or appropriately completed or submitted without required attachments will be rejected by designated court-staff and must be corrected and resubmitted.
- 5) Once QAU staff has determined the Payment Voucher/Order has been correctly completed, court-designated staff will submit the Payment Voucher/Order to the City of Philadelphia Managing Director's Office's Counsel Fee Unit ("CFU") for payment. Court-designated staff will notify court-appointed counsel when the Payment Voucher/Order has been submitted to the CFU. Court-designated staff will docket the Payment Voucher/Order and include it as a case record consistent with the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania Public Access Policy.
- 6) The City of Philadelphia will issue payment to court-appointed conflict counsel within sixty (60) days of the date the Payment Voucher/Order is submitted by the Court to the City of Philadelphia's Managing Director's Office. Consistent with Phila. Code § 17-1702 (1) (b), if payment is delayed, the City of Philadelphia will pay interest on the unpaid amount awarded by the court at the rate of one and one-half percent (1.5%) per month or part of a month until payment is made, unless such delay results from an existing tax lien in accordance with 53 P.S.§§ 16082, 16083.
- 7) Payment status should only be requested from the City of Philadelphia sixty (60) days or more after the Payment Voucher/Order has been sent to the City of Philadelphia Counsel Fee Unit as noted above. Any payment questions may be directed to:

Kelly Press, Counsel Fee Unit Supervisor
Kelly.Press@phila.gov or CounselFees@phila.gov

City of Philadelphia Managing Director's

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Philadelphia, PA.19102

215-686-5639

Payment Voucher/Order forms are available on the Court's website at: http://www.courts.phila.gov/forms.