

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: : **NO.:** 2025-J-0119
COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEYS :
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

AND NOW, this 26th day of November, 2025, with respect to attorneys who are court-appointed to perform legal services and who seek payment from the County of Lehigh that is not covered under a contract;

IT IS ORDERED that the hourly compensation rates for attorneys who are court-appointed for work performed after January 1, 2026 are as follows:

- 1) Capital Homicide, First Chair - \$175.00
- 2) Capital Homicide, Second Chair - \$135.00
- 3) Homicide (non-capital) – \$150.00
- 4) All other court-appointed attorneys - \$135.00

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, in order for a court-appointed attorney to be compensated for services rendered, that attorney must submit a Petition for Compensation with the following documents attached as exhibits to the Deputy Court Administrator, Court Administration, Room 614, 455 W. Hamilton St., Allentown, PA, 18101 on a monthly basis:¹

- 1) A copy of the Order appointing the attorney;
- 2) An Invoice containing itemized time entries which are listed to a 10th of an hour;² and
- 3) A proposed Order granting the petition

BY THE COURT:



J. Brian Johnson, P.J.

¹ Petitions for Compensation not submitted on a monthly basis may be denied for failure to comply with this Order.

² Court-appointed attorneys may only bill for travel time in Juvenile Dependency cases where the attorney is serving as Guardian Ad Litem when the child is in detention or placement outside of Lehigh County.