

## Notice of eVoucher

The Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals announces upcoming changes to the voucher/payment process for appointments under the Criminal Justice Act. The national rollout of a new electronic voucher processing system, known as eVoucher, is underway. This system, developed by the District of Nevada, has been approved for use throughout the country as the national system.

The Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals and all of the district courts in the circuit are part of the first wave of implementation.

When appointed to a CJA representation, attorneys will be able to enter their activities (time, expenses, and supporting rationale and documents) into eVoucher. Appropriate system-based rate tables for hours worked and expenses associated with such services will be used to automatically compute and compile the CJA provider's voucher for electronic submission to the court. Documents that support and substantiate a claim, including all requests for approval for excess compensation, will be electronically submitted and stored in the system.

At the time of appointment, attorneys will be provided usernames and passwords for eVoucher. Each district court and appellate court maintains its own eVoucher database and so attorneys will have a separate login and password for each court.

Training will be available to attorneys via web-based training or electronic learning modules, and instructional information is provided on the court's website. The district courts in the circuit will be scheduling training, and attorneys are encouraged to participate in this training. The court of appeals will provide supplemental information to the district courts regarding the appellate eVoucher process.

The current go-live implementation date is currently set for June 2015. Counsel will be asked to input all data (time and expenses) into the system for new appointments and to provide a summary of the work completed thus far in pending cases.

The Eighth Circuit courts are looking forward to participating in eVoucher. We hope that counsel will join in assisting with the implementation and final development of this new and exciting program. If you have any questions, please contact Robin Weinberger or Diane Hogenmiller at 314-244-2400.