

<p style="text-align: center;">COMPUTER-ASSISTED LEGAL RESEARCH (2.27, Guide to Judiciary Policy and Procedure)</p>

The cost of use by appointed counsel of computer-assisted legal research equipment may be allowed as a reimbursable out-of-pocket expense provided that the total amount approved for computer-assisted legal research does not exceed the total amount of attorney compensation that reasonably would have been approved if counsel had performed the research manually. Whenever appointed counsel incurs charges for computer-assisted legal research, counsel should attach to the compensation voucher the following:

- 1) a brief statement setting forth the issue or issues that were the subject matter of the research; and
- 2) an estimate of the number of hours of attorney time that would have been required to do the research manually; and
- 3) a copy of the bill and receipt for the use of the equipment or an explanation of the precise basis for the charge (e.g., indicating the extent to which it was derived by proration of monthly charges, or by charges identifiable to the specific research).

Claims for compensation for such services should be submitted on the CJA 20.¹

¹Counsel should also review the full set of instructions which accompany the counsel voucher (CJA 20) and expert voucher (CJA 21) as well as the CJA Checklist to insure proper filing.