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I. POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the Judicial Branch that jury service will be managed in a fair and efficient manner, in keeping with the General Rules of Practice, Title IX. Jury Management Rules.

The Judicial Branch will ensure that:

- A. Individuals called for jury duty are treated fairly and in accordance with all applicable statutes and rules.
- B. The jury pool is representative of the population from which the jury is drawn.
- C. Qualified prospective jurors are available for all cases ready to go to trial.
- D. Court staff and judges are respectful of the time citizens devote to jury service by working to reduce the number of prospective jurors who report but are never called to a courtroom, as well as working to reduce courtroom delays.
- E. The jury budget is efficiently managed to provide sufficient funds for compensating potential jurors who have been called to the courthouse to resolve cases.

II. JUROR COMPENSATION RATES

By Supreme Court Order (C8-95-25) dated January 17, 2007, the Judicial Council was delegated the authority for setting the rate at which jurors shall be reimbursed for mileage, per diem, and day-care reimbursement. The following rates are established:

1. The reimbursement rate for round-trip mileage between the juror's residence and place of holding court is \$.54 per mile.

2. The per diem rate for required attendance at sessions of Court is \$20.00.
3. The rate for day-care reimbursement is \$40 per day for unlicensed daycare and \$50 per day for licensed daycare.

These rates shall be in effect for juror services on or after July 4, 2016. Jurors impaneled on cases commencing voir dire on or before July 1, 2016, shall be paid at the prior per diem rate through the conclusion of that trial.

III. IMPLEMENTATION AUTHORITY

The Judicial Council retains the authority to set per diem, mileage and day care reimbursement rates for jurors, as delegated by the Supreme Court. The Judicial Council will also authorize all performance standards for the jury program.

All other implementation of this policy shall be shared between the State Court Administrator, the chief judges of the ten judicial districts, and the jury commissioners, as defined in Rule 803, General Rules of Practice. The State Court Administrator's Office will report to the Judicial Council with the results of the jury management performance standards once per biennium.

IV. EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS

The State Court Administrator will develop a plan for identifying key results, and collecting and reporting data that measure performance in meeting these results. This plan will be presented to the Judicial Council for approval before the beginning of each biennium.