

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN DISTRICT COURT

EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY 18 a.

**HOURLY RATE FOR COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEYS IN CASES
NOT COVERED BY THE DISTRICT PUBLIC DEFENDERS**

The Eighth Judicial District Judges met on May 2, 2014, and considered changing the hourly rate for court appointed attorneys from the current rate of seventy-five dollars (\$75) per hour. This followed a public hearing on the matter held by the Chief Judge of the Eighth Judicial District on April 25, 2014. Receiving notice of the hearing were all law firms, county attorneys, city attorneys, county administrators and public defenders in the Eighth Judicial District. Several individuals appeared and provided information for retaining the current hourly rate and for raising the hourly rate. The last time the hourly rate was raised was on January 1, 2001.

After consideration of all of the information available to them, the Eighth Judicial District Judges determined to raise the hourly rate for all cases involving court appointed attorneys not covered by the Eighth Judicial District Public Defenders office to ninety dollars (\$90.00) per hour for all work performed on or after January 1, 2015. The rate will be raised to one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per hour for all work performed on or after January 1, 2016. The rate of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per hour will apply to all work performed prior to January 1, 2015.

At the September 23, 2016 Eighth District Judges meeting, it was approved that attorney travel time will also be reimbursed at the standard hourly rate effective on September 23, 2016 and going forward. No mileage reimbursement is allowed.

Dated: September 26, 2016

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Chief Judge
Eighth Judicial District