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**MEMORANDUM** 

Jason Edwards

To: Circuit Executives

Federal Public/Community Defenders

District Court Executives Clerks, United States Courts

From: Jason P. Edwards

INCREASE TO PER PAGE TRANSCRIPT FEE RATES

(IMPORTANT INFORMATION)

At its September 2022 session, the Judicial Conference approved a significant increase to the maximum per page original and copy transcript fee rates, effective October 1, 2023 (see attached chart). The increase of roughly 10 percent in each of the fiscal years 2024 and 2025, or roughly 20 percent overall, is aimed at keeping pace with inflation and helping courts recruit and retain qualified court reporters. The <u>Guide to Judiciary Policy</u>, Volume 6 (Guide), and transcript fee schedule on <u>uscourts.gov</u> will be updated to reflect these changes closer in time to their effective date.

Each court must adopt a schedule of per page transcript fees, subject to the maximum rates established by the Judicial Conference. Transcripts ordered prior to the court's adoption of a new fee schedule should be billed at the rates in effect at the time the order was placed with the court reporter.

Limited exceptions to exceed the maximum per page rate for original transcripts (not copies) have been approved in the past for courts in large metropolitan areas to enable them to remain competitive in their region. The September 2022 action of the Judicial Conference does not authorize courts that have received such exception to increase their rates beyond the new maximum rate. Any exceptions must continue to be approved through the process outlined in the *Guide*, Vol. 6, § 530.40.20.

Contact <u>Marcella R. Lockert</u> at 202-502-2701, or <u>Josh Wiker</u> at 202-502-2644, of the Court Services Office with questions about this or any court reporting-related matter.

## Attachment

cc: All United States Judges

Official Court Reporters

CJA Panel Attorney District Representatives

## New Original and Copy Transcript Fee Rates (Effective Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025)

**Original Transcript Rates** 

	<u> </u>	Increased Rate	Increased Rate	
Transcript Types	Original Rate	Fiscal Year 2024	Fiscal Year 2025	
Ordinary Transcript				
(30-day)	\$3.65	\$4.00	\$4.40	
14-Day Transcript	\$4.25	\$4.70	\$5.10	
<b>Expedited Transcript</b>				
(7-day)	\$4.85	\$5.35	\$5.85	
3-Day Transcript	\$5.45	\$6.00	\$6.55	
Daily Transcript	\$6.05	\$6.70	\$7.30	
Hourly Transcript	\$7.25	\$8.00	\$8.70	
Realtime Transcript	One feed, \$3.05	One Feed, \$3.40;	One Feed, \$3.70;	
	perpage; two-to-	two-to-four feeds,	two-to-four feeds,	
	four feeds,	\$2.35; five or	\$2.55; five or	
	\$2.10 per page;	more feeds,	more feeds,	
	five or more	\$1.65.	\$1.80.	
	feeds, \$1.50 per			
	page.			

**Copy Rates** 

		Increased First Copy	Increased First Copy		Increased Addt'l Copy	Increased Addt'l Copy
Transcript Types	First Copy	Fiscal Year 2024	Fiscal Year 2025	Addt'l Copy	Fiscal Year 2024	Fiscal Year 2025
Ordinary Transcript (30-day)	\$.90	\$1.00	\$1.10	\$.60	\$.70	\$.75
14-Day Transcript	\$.90	\$1.00	\$1.10	\$.60	\$.70	\$.75
Expedited Transcript (7-day)	\$.90	\$1.00	\$1.10	\$.60	\$.70	\$.75
3-Day Transcript	\$1.05	\$1.20	\$1.30	\$.75	\$.85	\$.90
Daily Transcript	\$1.20	\$1.35	\$1.45	\$.90	\$1.00	\$1.10
Hourly Transcript	\$1.20	\$1.35	\$1.45	\$.90	\$1.00	\$1.10
Realtime Transcript	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a