

**NOTICE TO THE BAR**  
**GUARANTEED FEE SYSTEM**

The First Judicial District's Administrative Governing Board has approved the following enhancements to the Court Appointed Counsel Guaranteed Fee System protocol:

- For appointments made after January 1, 2006, in non-homicide felony matters; the First Judicial District will increase the preparation fee from \$600.00 to \$650.00. Additionally, the trial per diem rate will increase from \$300.00 to \$350.00.
- For appointments made after January 1, 2006, the per diem payments for mitigation counsel when present during the trial phase, will increase from \$150.00 to \$200.00.
- Assigned counsel in PCRA and appellate matters may submit interim fee petitions at the time of oral argument to the Superior Court.
- Fee petitions submitted by counsel and approved by the trial judge will be signed by the appropriate authorizing authority within 45 days.

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