

RHODE ISLAND FAMILY COURT

Administrative Order 2006-06

RE: INDIGENT DEFENSE BILLING PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES

In connection with Supreme Court Executive Order 2004-02, the following procedures for indigent defense representation are hereby established:

1. Attorneys appointed to represent indigent citizens shall be limited to billing seven (7) hours per day for "in-court" time;
2. Attorneys appointed to represent indigent citizens shall be limited to two (2) hours of "out-of-court" time;
3. Indigent defense bills for services must be submitted within ninety (90) days of disposition, or in the case of post disposition hearings, within ninety (90) days of services being rendered;
4. Any bill submitted over the allotted ninety (90) days shall be forwarded to the Chief Judge for review;
5. Any cases that have reached the monetary threshold outlined in Executive Order 2004-02 must be certified by the Judge/Magistrate who presided over said matter as to the accuracy of the "in-court" time prior to payment. The certification and bill will then be forwarded to the Chief Judge for review and approval.

DATE

9/13/04

JEREMIAH S. JEREMIAH, JR.
CHIEF JUDGE