

SUPREME COURT
No. 2009-06

EXECUTIVE ORDER
(Court Appointed Counsel Fee Request Procedure)

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by G.L. 1956 (1997 Reenactment) § 8-15-2, I hereby amend the fee schedule for court-appointed counsel in all cases, contained in Executive Order 2000-02, issued on September 13, 2000, by adding a requirement that invoices shall be submitted by counsel within thirty (30) days after the conclusion of representation. Specifically, the following underlined provisions shall be added to the second paragraph under “Fee Schedule,” found on page seven (7) of Executive Order 2000-02:

“The thresholds and flat fees set by this schedule shall apply to all the time spent and all the hearings required in a particular case to reach adjudication and shall include all postdisposition efforts. In cases wherein the fees sought are less than the threshold, approval for payment shall be given by the trial justice or the judge before whom the matter was disposed. Where the fees sought are above the threshold, the trial justice or judge at disposition shall make a recommendation regarding the advisability of exceeding the threshold, but the final determination of payment shall be made by the chief judge or presiding justice of the court involved.
Attorneys seeking payment for court-appointed cases shall submit such requests, with the requisite approval for payment, no later than thirty (30) days after the representation has concluded and authorization has been granted.

This amended fee provision shall be in addition to those previously applicable. In all other respects, the fee schedule contained in Executive Order 2000-02 shall remain in full force and effect.

Entered as an Order of this Court this 29th day of October 2009.

ENTER:

By Order,

/s/
Paul A. Suttell
Chief Justice

/s/
Clerk