

## **Scope of CJA Review**

Judicial Conference policy supports a periodic, comprehensive, and impartial review of the CJA program. (JCUS-MAR 93, p. 28) Consistent with the first such review completed in 1993, this review should include the following issues:

- (1) The impact of judicial involvement in the selection and compensation of federal public defenders and the independence of federal defender organizations (federal public defenders and community defenders);
- (2) Equal employment and diversity efforts in the federal defender organizations;
- (3) Judicial involvement in the appointment, compensation, and management of panel attorneys and investigators, experts, and other service providers;
- (4) The adequacy of compensation for legal services provided under the CJA, including maximum amounts of compensation and parity of resources in relation to the prosecution;
- (5) The adequacy and fairness of the billing, voucher review, and approval processes relating to compensation for legal and expert services provided under the CJA;
- (6) The quality of representation under the CJA;
- (7) The adequacy of support provided by the Defender Services Office to federal defender organizations and panel attorneys;
- (8) The adequacy of representation of panel attorneys on matters stemming from CJA representations, such as contempt, sanctions, ineffective assistance of counsel, and malpractice claims;
- (9) The availability of qualified counsel, including for large, multidefendant cases;
- (10) The timeliness of appointment of counsel;
- (11) The provision of services or funds to financially eligible arrested but unconvicted persons for noncustodial transportation and subsistence expenses, (including food and lodging) prior to, during, and after a judicial proceeding;
- (12) The availability of reliable data to evaluate the overall cost and effectiveness of the federal defender program;
- (13) An examination of the national structure and administration of the defender services program under the CJA; and
- (14) The availability and effectiveness of training services provided to federal defenders and panel attorneys.