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FROM: Judge Roslynn R. Mauskopf *Roslynn R. Mauskopf*

RE: DEFENDER SERVICES

This transmittal provides notice of changes to *Guide to Judiciary Policy*, Volume 7 (Defender Services), Part A (Guidelines for Administering the CJA and Related Statutes):

[Chapter 4 – Defender Organizations](#)

The chapter was updated to reflect delegations from the AO Director to the Chief of the AO's Defender Services Office for the administration of Grant and Conditions agreements with community defender offices (CDOs). The significant changes are detailed in the Redline Comparison below.

Questions regarding this transmittal may be directed to the AO Defender Services Offices, at 202-502-3030.

REDLINE COMPARISON REFLECTING CHANGES

§ 420 Types of Defender Organizations

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§ 420.20 Community Defender Organizations

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- (d) The Director has delegated authority to the Chief of the AO Defender Services Office to:
- (1) sign and manage Director-approved Grant and Conditions agreements with community defender organizations;
 - (2) establish, manage, and modify disbursement schedules within the current grant ceilings as needed for representations and other expenses under the Criminal Justice Act; and
 - (3) modify current grant ceilings, by written amendment and subject to the availability of funds, up to the annual amount approved by the Judicial Conference's Committee on Defender Services, to include any additional authorities delegated by the Committee to the AO Defender Services Office.
- (e) The Director retains authority to approve all other substantive modifications, exceptions, or waivers to the terms of community defender office Grant and Conditions agreements.