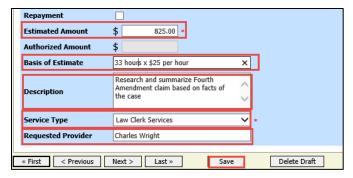
Creating an Authorization for Expert Services Exceeding \$1,000

If the total cost of expert services (excluding expenses) per case will exceed \$1,000, advance authorization is required. Counsel must complete a CJA Authorization Request Form and upload the form to the AUTH request in CJA eVoucher. Please note the AUTH must include why excess services are needed – e.g., lengthy jury trial (state the length), voluminous record (state how the record is voluminous), multiple defendants (state the number of defendants), and issues (state the issues), complex appendix assembly tasks, extensive formatting work, multiple changes required, etc. The process for submitting the Authorization Request Form as an AUTH request in CJA eVoucher is described below:

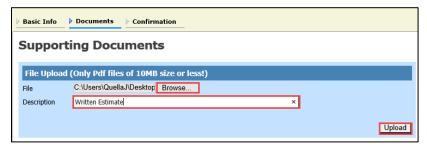
- 1. Select the case link from the *Appointments List* on your *Home* screen.
- 2. The *Appointment Info* page opens. Select Auth Create.



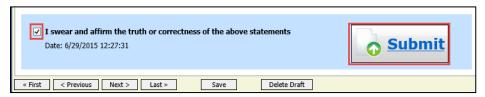
- 3. The *Basic Info* page opens. Enter the pertinent information, providing sufficient information to enable the court to rule on the request. Specifically:
 - a. Enter **Estimated Amount**
 - b. Enter *Basis of Estimate*: Enter the rate (not to exceed court-approved rates) times the estimated hours for interpreter, paralegal, law clerk services, or litigation support services times the estimated number of words for translator services. Upload any written estimate from the service provider at the *Documents* tab.
 - i. Interpreter Services: Estimated number of hours x the current hourly federal court interpreter rate (us.courts.gov). Counsel may use Language Skilled, Professionally Qualified, or Federally Certified Court Interpreters for services provided on appeal. (See also <u>CJA Payment Memo</u>.)
 - ii. Translator Services: Estimated number of words x \$180 per 1,000 words
 - iii. Paralegal Services: Estimated number of hours x \$55/hour
 - iv. Law Clerk Services: Estimated number of hours x \$25/hour
 - v. Litigation Support Services: Estimated number of hours x \$85/hour
 - c. Enter *Description of Services*: Describe the services and why they are necessary to the representation.
 - d. Select Service Type.
 - e. Enter Requested Provider.
- 4. **IMPORTANT!** There is no auto save feature in CJA eVoucher. Select the Save button at the bottom of the screen often to save your data. If you navigate away from the page, you will receive a warning message indicating you will lose any unsaved work. If you wish to return to eVoucher and save your work, select Stay on this Page.



- 5. Select **Next** at the bottom of the screen or **Documents** at the top of the screen.
- 6. Upload the CJA Authorization Request Form--Expert Services Exceeding \$1,000 and the written estimate of the service provider.



- 7. Select **Next** at the bottom of the screen or **Confirmation** at the top of the screen.
- 8. Check the affirmation box.
- 9. Select Submit.



10. Counsel will receive an email from the court when the authorization has been approved. See <u>Creating & Submitting a CJA21/31 for Printing Company Services</u> or <u>Creating & Submitting a CJA21/31 for an Interpreter or Translator</u> for information on filing service provider vouchers.