IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO WESTERN DIVISION AT DAYTON

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DIST. OHIO
EAST. DIV. COLUMBUS

In Re: REIMBURSEMENT OF ATTORNEY EXPENSES IN INDIGENT LITIGATION

GENERAL ORDER NO. 00-2

To enable counsel representing litigants proceedings *in forma pauperis* to more effectively represent their clients, there is hereby created a fund (the "Expense Reimbursement Fund) for reimbursement of expenses incurred in such representation in accordance with the following guidelines:

1. The Expense Reimbursement Fund shall be allocated $10,000 initially from the Attorney Admission Fund. Disbursements from the Fund shall be made by the Clerk on order of a judicial officer. Future allocations will be made on an annual basis at the discretion of the Court.

2. The Court will reimburse the following categories of expenses:

    1. Mileage for necessary travel beyond 100 miles from the courthouse at the location of court at which the case is pending at the then-current Government mileage rate.

    2. Copying at cost or $.15 per page, whichever is less, but no reimbursement will be made for copying cases or articles.

    3. Court reporter attendance fees for depositions of essential witnesses, and transcription fees for such depositions if approved in advance by the Court.

    4. Necessary long distance telephone calls and postage.

    5. Expert witness fees if approved in advance by the Court.

    6. Interpreters' fees and expenses.

    7. Investigative services, if approved in advance by the Court.

8. Lay witness fees for attendance at depositions and mileage.

3. The Court will not reimburse expenses for any other category of expenses, including without limitation the costs of lodging and meals or computerized research expenses.

4. The maximum allowable reimbursement per case is $300 without prior Court approval. Requests for reimbursement must be accompanied by an explanation for their necessity and proof that they were incurred.

5. Amounts reimbursed must be repaid to the Expense Reimbursement Fund if the case is settled with a payment of money, if fees and costs are awarded under 28 U.S.C. §1988 or any other fee-shifting statute, or if plaintiff is awarded monetary damages.

6. No reimbursement is available under this Order for expenses incurred by *pro se* litigants or for expenses which are reimbursable under the Criminal Justice Act.

7. The Court initially allocates $2,200 to the Cincinnati location of court, $2,100 to the Dayton location of court, and $5,700 to the Columbus location of court.

February 18, 2000.

Walter Herbert Rice, Chief Judge
United States District Court

Herman J. Weber
United States District Judge

James L. Graham
United States District Judge

George C. Smith
United States District Judge

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United States District Judge

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