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NOTICE

TO CJA PANEL ATTORNEYS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS

The Administrative Office of the United States Courts has announced that effective November 5, 2012, all CJA payments will be referred to the Treasury Offset Program (TOP) database for offset of any debts due to the government and then subsequently disbursed through the Department of Treasury.

The TOP collects delinquent debt owed to federal agencies pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3716 (c). Under the TOP, the case attorneys and service providers are notified of the debt and provided due process to dispute the claims prior to being entered into the TOP database. Payment recipients will be notified again, when a payment is withheld or reduced.

CJA panel attorneys and service providers that have inquiries regarding a payment not being received or a payment that is less than the approved voucher amount, should contact the

TOP Call Center at (800) 304-3107