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Mark W. Rutherford, Chair
Indiana Commission on Court Appointed Attorneys
c/o Thrasher, Buschmann & Voelkel, P.C.
8440 Woodfield Crossing Boulevard, Suite 310
Indianapolis, Indiana 46240

Re: 2027 Hourly Rate for appointed trial counsel in capital cases

Dear Mr. Rutherford:

Criminal Rule 6.1(C)(1) requires me to review and adjust the hourly rate for appointed counsel in death penalty cases every two years. The change in hourly rate is calculated by using the Implicit Price Deflator for the preceding two years as announced in the United States Department of Commerce.

The Bureau of Economic Analysis, an agency of the Department of Commerce, publishes an Implicit Price Deflator table. A copy of the table is attached showing the Implicit Price Deflator for 2023 was 122.390 and for 2025, the Implicit Price Deflator was 128.979. This represents an increase of 5.38% over the two-year period.

The current hourly rate for appointed counsel in death penalty cases is \$151.00. Beginning January 1, 2027, the hourly rate in death penalty cases filed or remanded after appeal will increase from \$151.00 to \$160.00. This rate will remain in effect until further notice.

Any questions about this change should be directed to my attention.

Sincerely,

Aaron V. Hood
Interim Chief Administration Officer

Enclosure

cc: Bernice Corley, Executive Director, Indiana Public Defender Council
Amy Karozos, Indiana State Public Defender
Derrick Mason, Executive Director, Indiana Commission on Court Appointed Attorneys

Table 1.1.9. Implicit Price Deflators for Gross Domestic Product

[Index numbers, 2017=100]

Last Revised on: April 30, 2026 - Next Release Date May 28, 2026

Line		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Line								
1	Gross domestic product	103.979	105.377	110.186	118.023	122.390	125.428	128.979
2	Personal consumption expenditures	103.509	104.666	108.972	116.100	120.511	123.666	126.917
3	Goods	100.426	99.666	104.599	113.639	115.037	114.538	115.331
4	Durable goods	97.686	96.814	102.182	108.792	107.979	105.751	106.183
5	Nondurable goods	101.848	101.150	105.830	116.269	118.956	119.493	120.505
6	Services	104.965	107.088	111.044	117.130	123.091	128.119	132.639
7	Gross private domestic investment	102.900	104.002	107.661	115.757	119.059	121.001	123.204
8	Fixed investment	102.961	104.245	108.039	116.507	120.036	122.085	124.358
9	Nonresidential	101.406	101.970	103.147	109.323	112.793	114.324	116.045
10	Structures	105.261	106.852	110.427	128.372	135.028	134.698	135.886
11	Equipment	99.982	99.461	99.908	106.065	110.865	113.173	115.723
12	Intellectual property products	100.736	101.897	102.609	103.551	104.419	106.144	107.353
13	Residential	108.600	112.510	125.161	141.779	145.415	149.655	154.264
14	Change in private inventories	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
15	Net exports of goods and services	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Suggested citation: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, "Table 1.1.9. Implicit Price Deflators for Gross Domestic Product" (accessed Monday, May 18, 2026).