

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

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In Re: Adoption of Amendment to the Plan)
for Appointment of Counsel for) Admin. Order No. 2015-07
Indigent Parties in Civil Cases of)
the United States District Court for)
the Western District of Tennessee)

This Administrative Order amends the current *Plan for Appointment of Counsel for Pro Se Indigent Parties in Civil Cases of the United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee* ("Pro Bono Plan") to provide for payment of mediation fees and for appointment of counsel to serve in an advisory capacity for pro se litigants participating in mediation. The following has been approved for inclusion in the Plan:

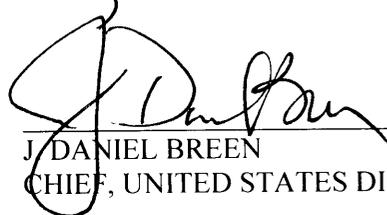
1. **MEDIATION FEES.** A pro se party who has applied to the Court and has been relieved of the obligation to pay his, her or their *pro rata* share of the Mediator's fee in court-ordered mediation may have their share of mediation fees paid from the Pro Bono Expense Fund. Payment of mediation fees from the Pro Bono Expense Fund shall be in accordance with the provisions as set forth in the Court's *Mediation Plan for Pro Se Civil Cases with Parties Granted In Forma Pauperis Status* ("Mediation Plan"). Under the Mediation Plan, mediators shall be compensated at the rate of \$250.00 per hour and mediation compensation is "capped" at four (4) hours of compensated time, including both the time needed for preparing as well as the time needed for conducting mediation. (See *Mediation Plan for Pro Se Civil Cases with Parties Granted In Forma Pauperis Status* available on the Court's web site.)

Plan for Appointment of Counsel for Pro Se Indigent Parties in Civil Cases of the United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee, Section III(C)(10).

2. **PRO SE CASES (IN GENERAL).** In order to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of mediations involving *pro se* parties, the Court may appoint legal counsel to serve as an advisory counsel only to *pro se* parties participating in mediations. Counsel appointed in this capacity shall be compensated at the rate of \$150.00 per hour for up to four (4) hours of mediation assistance. Counsel so appointed shall render no other legal services to the *pro se* party in regard to the case being mediated, and counsel shall receive no direct compensation from the *pro se* party being assisted with respect to the case being mediated. Fees payable under this appointment shall be processed as provided for under the terms and provision of this Plan."

Plan for Appointment of Counsel for Pro Se Indigent Parties in Civil Cases of the United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee, Section III(C)(11)(b).

IT IS SO ORDERED this 7th day of May, 2015.



J. DANIEL BREEN
CHIEF, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE