

The following is the July 27, 2007, opinion of the Justice Administrative Commission regarding rates of compensation for appointments made prior to July 1, 2007.

“The JAC interpretation of Senate Bill 1088 (Chapter 2007—62, Laws of Florida) and the new Agreement regarding the applicable rates for cases to which an attorney was appointed prior to July 1, 2007 is as follows:

The bill envisions that court-appointed attorneys will be compensated at the rate in effect at the time of their appointment...[sic] This applies to both hourly and flat rate billing structures. For appointments before May 24, 2007, ISC rates in effect at the time of appointment will apply to the end of the case. For appointments from May 24, 2007 through June 30, 2007, the ISC rates apply if compensation sought is less than the statutory cap. For appointments from May 24, 2007 through June 30, 2007, where compensation sought is in excess of the statutory cap, rates in s. 27.5304(12), F.S., will apply, if the ISC rates are greater than those rates.

Please refer to Senate Bill 1088 – Questions and Answers on our website at <http://www.justiceadmin.org> for further discussion of the effects of Senate Bill 1088.”