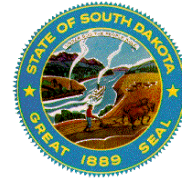




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Mr. Paul Cremer
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111 W. Capitol Avenue, #1
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RE: 2026 Court-Appointed Attorney Fees and Mileage

Dear Mr. Cremer:

Please publish the following announcement in the December 2025 issue of the State Bar Newsletter:

“Court-appointed attorney fees for 2026 will be \$122 per hour pursuant to UJS policy which provides that these fees increase in an amount equal to any cost of living increase approved for state employees by the Legislature. Mileage for court-appointed attorneys will be paid at the rate of \$1.00 per mile.”

Note: This is for trial level services but should be utilized for appellate work as well pending adoption of rules promulgated by the Commission on Indigent Legal Services.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Greg Sattizahn".

Greg Sattizahn
State Court Administrator

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