
IN RE: Compensation Rate for Attorney’s Fees and Costs Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 504B.268, subd. 3

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 504B.268, subd. 1 requires that “a defendant in public housing subject to an eviction action under sections 504B.281 to 504B.371 alleging breach of lease under section 504B.171 or 504B.285 who is financially unable to obtain counsel has the right to counsel appointed by the court...;” and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 504B.268, subd. 3 requires that “[b]y January 15, 2024, and every year thereafter, the chief judge of the judicial district, after consultation with public housing attorneys, legal aid attorneys, and members of the private bar in the district, shall establish a compensation rate for attorney fees and costs associated with the representation of a defendant under subdivision 1;” and

WHEREAS, the fees established shall be paid by Ramsey county.

NOW, THEREFORE, after consultation with public housing attorneys, legal aid attorneys, and members of the private bar in the district, the Court makes the following:

ORDER

1. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 504B.268, subd. 3, the compensation rate for the calendar year 2025 for attorneys representing defendants in the Second Judicial District in eviction actions under sections 504B.281 to 504B.371 alleging breach of lease under section 504B.171 or 504B.285, shall be \$135.00 per hour plus reimbursement for any necessary costs and expenses reasonably incurred.
2. Compensation shall not exceed a total of \$5,000 exclusive of costs and expenses reasonably incurred unless payment in excess of \$5,000 is certified by the chief judge of the Second Judicial District as necessary to provide fair compensation for services of an unusual character or duration.
3. The compensation rate is effective immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until further order of this court.

January 10, 2025

By the Court:

Sara Grewing
Chief Judge of District Court