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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**  
**ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION RATE FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS PURSUANT TO**  
**MINN. STAT. 504B.268, SUBD. 3**

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**Whereas**, Minn. Statute 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 appointment by the court...', and

**Whereas**, Minn. Statute 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 attorneys fees and costs associated with the representation of a defendant under subdivision 1,' and

**Whereas**, the fees established shall be paid by the Third District County in which the case is venued,

**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 in calendar year 2025 for attorneys representing defendants in the Third Judicial District in eviction actions under sections 504B.281 to 504B.371 alleging breach of lease under 504.B.171 or 504B.285, shall be \$150 per hour plus reimbursement for any necessary costs and expenses reasonably incurred.
2. Compensation shall not exceed a total of \$5000.00 exclusive of costs and expenses reasonably incurred unless payment in excess of \$5000.00 is certified by the Chief Judge of the Third Judicial District as necessary to provide fair compensation for services of an unusual character or duration.
3. This compensation rate is effective on January 1, 2025, and shall remain in full force and effect until further order of this Court.

**BY THE COURT:**

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Hon. Joseph A. Bueltel  
Chief Judge  
Third Judicial District