

## **APPENDIX C: REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES IN PRO BONO CASES IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

### **I. ELIGIBILITY FOR REIMBURSEMENT**

When an attorney has been appointed to represent an indigent party in a civil case before this Court, that attorney shall be allowed to petition the Court for reimbursement of certain expenses, incurred in the preparation and presentation of the case, subject to these regulations. The limit applicable to such expenses, unless otherwise requested by counsel and approved by the Court's Attorney Admissions Committee, is ~~five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00)~~ **[ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00)]**.

### **II. RESTRICTIONS ON ELIGIBILITY**

Any costs that are either waived or recoverable under the provisions of Title 18, U. S. Code or Title 28, U.S. Code or which have been otherwise recovered shall not be reimbursed from the Admissions Fund.

In no case shall an appointed attorney for a party who has been awarded costs and/or fees pursuant to a judgment in a suit before this Court be eligible for reimbursement of those costs and/or fees from the Admissions Fund.

Only those costs associated with the preparation or presentation of a civil action in the United States District Court for the District of Maryland shall be approved for reimbursement. No costs associated with the preparation or presentation of an appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals or the U.S. Supreme Court shall be reimbursed from the Admissions Fund.

### **III. PROCEDURES FOR PETITIONING FOR REIMBURSEMENT**

A. Within thirty (30) days of the entry of a judgment, the appointed attorney shall file with the Judge a request for reimbursement of costs on a form approved by the Court and available from the Clerk. Where it is considered necessary and appropriate, the Judge may approve an interim reimbursement of extraordinary and substantial expenses.

In cases in which an appointed attorney has withdrawn or has been dismissed prior to the entry of a judgment, that attorney shall file a request for reimbursement within thirty (30) days of such withdrawal or dismissal. Any work product obtained with expenditures from the Admissions Fund shall