



BUDGET PRESENTATION

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

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WHAT WE DO

- ▶ Adult Felony cases
- ▶ Death Penalty cases
- ▶ Adult Misdemeanor cases
- ▶ Juvenile cases
- ▶ Probation violations, Parole violations, Realignment violations
- ▶ Sexually violent predators
- ▶ Mental Health cases – Not guilty by reason of insanity, Incompetent to stand trial, conservatorships
- ▶ Clean slate petitions
- ▶ Specialty court representation – drug court, behavioral health court, domestic violence court

CURRENT ATTORNEY STAFFING

73.5 ATTORNEYS

- 7** MANAGEMENT
- 32.5** FELONY CASELOADS
- 12** MISDEMEANOR CASELOADS
- 10** JUVENILE CASELOADS
- 2.5** ARRAIGNMENT COURTS AND EARLY DISPOSITION
- 3** MENTAL HEALTH UNIT
- 1.5** SPECIALTY CALENDARS
- 1** FORENSICS ATTORNEY
- 1** DUTY CALENDAR ATTORNEY
- 2** PROBATION AND PAROLE CASES
- 1** REENTRY SPECIALIST

OTHER STAFF

- 16 CLERICAL SUPPORT
- 9 PARALEGAL/LEGAL ASSISTANTS
- 11 INVESTIGATORS
- 2 IT SUPPORT
- 2 ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT
- 2 SOCIAL WORKERS
- 4 POST-BAR LAW CLERKS

WORKLOAD TRENDS

- ▶ INCREASE IN FELONY FILINGS
- ▶ INCREASE IN DEATH PENALTY CASES
- ▶ MISDEMEANOR FILINGS – fluctuating
PROP 47 MAY CAUSE AN INCREASE
- ▶ DECREASE IN JUVENILE FILINGS

DEPARTMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ▶ INVESTIGATOR WORKLOAD MATRIX
- ▶ FORMATION OF ATTORNEY/INVESTIGATOR TEAMS
- ▶ IMMIGRATION SUPPORT
- ▶ MENTAL HEALTH UNIT
- ▶ YOUTH JUSTICE INITIATIVE – JAG GRANT

PROPOSITION 47 CHALLENGES

NEW BURDENS ON THE DEPARTMENT, BEGINNING NOVEMBER 5, 2014

REQUIRES RESENTENCING FOR PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF FELONIES FOR LOW LEVEL THEFT CASES AND SIMPLE DRUG POSSESSION CASES

- ▶ Resentencing for persons in prison and local jail – **COMPLETED**
- ▶ Resentencing for persons on probation – IN PROGRESS – **NEED STAFF!**
- ▶ Reduction of prior convictions to misdemeanor status – **NEED STAFF!**

THE NUMBERS ON PROP 47 CASES GOING FORWARD

- ▶ NUMBER OF CLIENTS CURRENTLY ON PROBATION WHO NEED TO HAVE PETITIONS FILED:

OVER 1200 on probation caseloads

Several thousand more on court probation

- ▶ NUMBER OF CLIENTS WITH PRIOR CONVICTIONS THAT NEED TO HAVE PETITIONS FILED: **OVER 25,000 over the next 3 years**

- ▶ **STAFFING REQUEST**

One entry-level attorney position – to represent clients in court and oversee the case filings

Two paralegal positions – to do community outreach and prepare petitions.

THE END