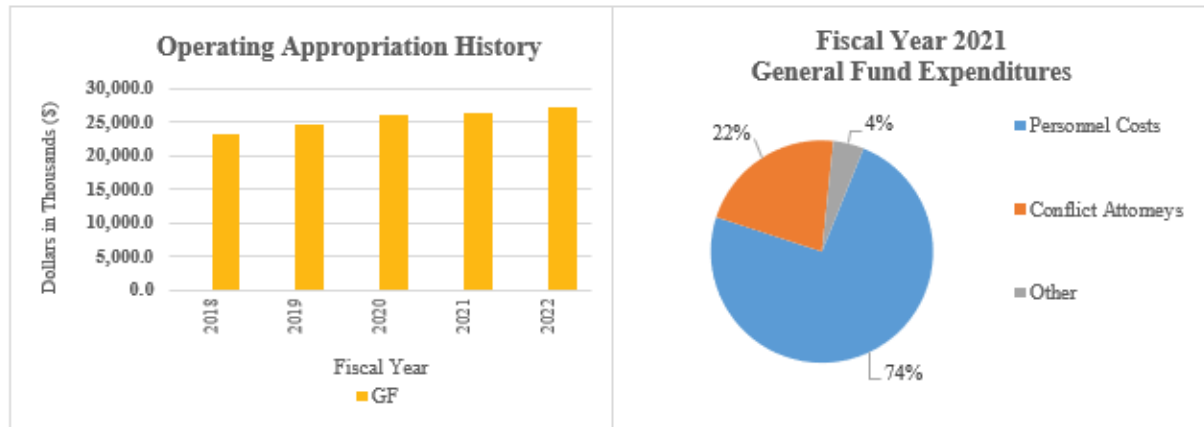


Office of Defense Services



At a Glance

- Provide effective and conflict-free counsel to every indigent person accused of a crime in Delaware.



Overview

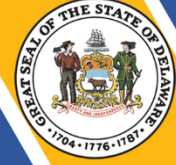
The primary mission of the Office of Defense Services (ODS) is to provide effective and conflict-free assistance of counsel to its clients by utilizing a business model that consolidates the management of the Public Defender's Office (PDO) and Office of Conflicts Counsel (OCC), via ODS' Central Administration.

Composed of three divisions, the ODS is divided into Central Administration, PDO and OCC. Central Administration handles non-case related functions, including intake, information technology, fiscal, payroll, human resources, and staff development. The PDO is a full-service law firm providing representation to a substantial majority of the people accused of crimes in Delaware. The OCC is a network of lawyers who are independent contractors and represent clients ineligible for representation by PDO due to legally recognized conflicts of interest.

On the Web

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Performance Measures

IPU	Performance Measure Name	Fiscal Year 2021 Actual	Fiscal Year 2022 Budget	Fiscal Year 2023 Governor's Recommended
15-02-02 Public Defender*				
	# of appeals closed statewide	32	40	70
	Average # of cases per attorney per year:			
	Superior Court	248	389	441
	Court of Common Pleas	328	463	894
	Family Court	150	208	320
	# of client service items produced per Forensic Social Specialist	51	86	122
	# of days from imprisonment to intake interview for incarcerated clients	3.8	3.0	2.5
	# of days from interview to date client file is opened	1.3	1.0	0.86
	Partners For Justice Advocates:			
	# of cases supported	**	487	487
	% of service goals successfully met	**	60%	65%
*Performance results have been impacted by COVID-19.				
**New performance measure, no data available for FY21.				
15-02-03 Office of Conflicts Counsel*				
	Total # of conflict cases per year:			
	Family Court	1,247	1,441	1,500
	Court of Common Pleas	2,362	1,963	2,100
	Superior Court	1,434	1,114	1,125
	# of Rule 61 post-conviction cases	27	35	35
	# of capital and non-capital cases	13	13	15
*Performance results have been impacted by COVID-19.				