



# JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

## AGENCY PURPOSE

- To uphold the laws of the state by determining the guilt or innocence of persons accused of crimes.
- To interpret state statutes and to determine whether a challenged law is unconstitutional.
- To resolve disputes involving civil or personal rights.
- To create and sustain a full range of alternatives to incarceration for both pre- and post-conviction adult and juvenile populations.
- To advocate for victims of crime and arrange for or provide services and financial compensation.
- To effectively resolve family and interpersonal conflicts through a comprehensive program of negotiation, mediation, evaluation and education.
- To supervise probationers in the community and to promote improvement in their conduct and condition.
- To provide safe and secure custody, treatment and rehabilitative services for children and families through the juvenile justice system.
- To ensure the principles of fair and reasonable bail by interviewing all detained criminal defendants to determine whether they should remain incarcerated while their cases are pending.
- To enforce, review and adjust child support orders.
- To maintain secure and safe conditions in courthouses and other Judicial Branch facilities.
- To provide for the transportation of prisoners between courthouses and places of confinement.

## RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

- New security procedures for Judicial Branch facilities were developed to ensure the safety of all judges, employees and members of the public. As a part of this effort, state-of-the-art security equipment was purchased and installed at several court locations and training was conducted.
- The Centralized Registry of Protective Orders was established to enhance the safety of victims by providing state and local police with timely information about the existence of protective, restraining and no-contact orders. Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, state and local law enforcement agencies throughout Connecticut can access the registry to obtain information on all such orders, including conditions imposed by the court.
- Seven new Superior Court and two new Appellate Court judges were appointed, while fifty-five Superior Court judges, senior judges and judge trial referees were re-appointed.
- The Judicial Branch website was enhanced to provide attorneys with the ability to complete the mandatory annual attorney registration on-line and to mark motions via the website. In addition, the public may now electronically access information about housing cases and may check to see if they need to appear for jury service via the website.
- The 250,000 square foot Stamford-Norwalk Judicial District Courthouse was opened, which features 22 state-of-the-art courtrooms, a full-service law library and a court service center designed to provide information and services to members of the public and the bar, including access to computers, copy machines, fax machines and publications.
- Cost efficiencies were achieved through the merger of G.A. 6 (New Haven) and G.A. 8 (New Haven) into the newly created G.A. 23 (New Haven). In addition, G.A. 16 (West Hartford) was merged into G.A. 14 (Hartford). The Community Court session in Hartford began accepting cases from former G.A. 16 towns.

## RECOMMENDED SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

	<b>2003-2004</b>	<b>2004-2005</b>
<b>Reductions to Current Services</b>		
• Annualization of FY 03 Reductions	-7,268,847	-7,268,847
• Remove Inflation	-3,388,925	-6,762,698
• Transfer Equipment to CEPF	-3,010,940	-2,070,159
• Layoffs Necessitated by Failure to Achieve Concessions <i>Authorized position count not adjusted for 197 affected staff.</i>	-8,861,263	-8,861,263
• Eliminate Funding for Unsettled Collective Bargaining Contracts	-11,261,896	-19,565,955
• Remove Accruals Pursuant to Governor's Early Retirement Incentive Plan	-980,000	-1,005,000
• Reduce Trial Activity in the Courts <i>No new jury trials initiated during the holiday weeks of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years.</i>	-300,000	-300,000
• Annualization of FY 03 Reductions - Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund	-75,000	-75,000
<b>Within Current Services</b>		
• Annualize Staff and Facility Costs from FY 03 <i>Staff costs for 25 Juvenile Probation Officers and 63 staff and facility costs for the Hartford</i>	3,289,579	3,289,579

Budget Summary

*Detention Center.*

- Bridgeport Detention Center 0 3,632,191  
*Operating costs for 49 staff and facility related costs for occupancy July 2004.*

**Reallocations or Transfers**

- Transfer Funding to DCF for Forensic Psychiatric Services -1,227,000 -1,227,000  
*Funding for 6 beds for services provided at Riverview Hospital for children in detention. Agencies have agreed to continue the Memorandum of Understanding for bed availability only.*
- Reallocate Funding from OPM for General Fund Pickup of Federal Grants 251,760 251,760  
*Funding from OPM's Drug Enforcement Program grant will cover a portion of the Intensive Supervision of Sex Offenders program in Hartford - 3 Adult Probation Officers and total other expenses.*

**Revenues**

- Increase in Various Court Fees 4,700,000 4,700,000  
*Increase certain civil entry fees as well as establish several new court application fees.*

**New or Expanded Services**

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| • Increase Private Provider rates by 1.5% effective January 1, 2004  | 429,397          | 858,794          | 858,794          |
| • General Fund Pickup of Expiring Federal Grants   | 279,950          | 655,623          | 658,263          |
| <i>Costs for Juvenile Justice Centers in Danielson and Middletown; Alternative Sanctions and Services for Court Involved Girls and the balance of the Intensive Supervision for Sex Offenders in Hartford.</i> |                  |                  |                  |

**AGENCY SUMMARY**

<b>Personnel Summary</b>	2002-2003	2003-2004	2003-2004	2004-2005	2004-2005
	Total Authorized	Change From 2002-2003	Total Recommended	Change From 2003-2004	Total Recommended
<u>Permanent Full-Time Positions</u>					
General Fund	4,005	7	4,012	49	4,061
<u>Other Positions Equated to Fulltime</u>					
General Fund	157	0	157	0	157
<b>Financial Summary</b>	2002-2003	2003-2004	2003-2004	2004-2005	2004-2005
	Estimated	Current Services	Total Recommended	Current Services	Total Recommended
Personal Services	234,274,517	257,238,508	236,177,930	270,910,776	241,547,494
Other Expenses	58,850,598	67,107,801	64,407,843	74,798,413	70,515,140
<u>Capital Outlay</u>					
Equipment	1,987,363	4,929,758	1,698,000	4,478,977	2,188,000
<u>Other Current Expenses</u>					
Alternative Incarceration Program	30,930,399	35,819,067	31,798,291	36,822,001	32,381,842
Justice Education Center, Inc.	197,484	226,752	200,156	233,101	201,646
Juvenile Alternative Incarceration	19,632,806	24,129,842	20,223,871	24,805,478	20,383,555
Juvenile Justice Centers	2,580,984	2,963,055	2,615,040	3,046,020	2,634,507
Truancy Services	327,137	375,677	331,565	386,196	334,033
TOTAL - Other Current Expenses	53,668,810	63,514,393	55,168,923	65,292,796	55,935,583
TOTAL - General Fund	348,781,288	392,790,460	357,452,696	415,480,962	370,186,217
<u>Other Current Expenses</u>					
Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund	1,425,000	1,500,000	1,425,000	1,500,000	1,425,000
TOTAL - Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund	1,425,000	1,500,000	1,425,000	1,500,000	1,425,000
<u>Additional Funds Available</u>					
Special Funds, Non-Appropriated	111,185,667	102,296,848	102,296,848	102,296,848	102,296,848
Bond Funds	141,225	0	0	0	0
Federal Contributions	7,673,348	0	0	0	0
Private Contributions	5,219,589	4,955,672	4,955,672	4,955,672	4,955,672

TOTAL - All Funds Net

<u>474,426,117</u>	<u>501,542,980</u>	<u>466,130,216</u>	<u>524,233,482</u>	<u>478,863,737</u>
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# PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION

## AGENCY PURPOSE

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- Ensure the constitutional administration of criminal justice within the state criminal court system, by maintaining a public defender office at all court locations throughout the state.
- Provide legal representation to indigent accused in criminal trials and appeals, extradition proceedings, habeas corpus proceedings arising from a criminal matter, delinquency matters and Psychiatric Security Review Board cases.
- Provide social work services to clients to assist them in addressing and resolving personal and social problems which lead to arrest and prosecution within the criminal justice system.
- Contribute to crime prevention by participation in specialized programs, including Domestic Violence Courts, Community Courts, Diversionary Programs, Alternatives to Incarceration and Team Case Management.
- Provide a balanced perspective within the criminal justice community by participation on state policy boards, task forces, and committees involved in addressing criminal justice issues.
- Fulfill the State's constitutional obligation to provide counsel for indigent accused in a professional, effective and cost efficient manner.

## RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

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- In 2001-02 the Division of Public Defender Services experienced an increase of caseloads at all levels. Judicial District caseloads increased overall by 8%, Geographical Area caseloads by 18% and Juvenile caseloads by 11%.
- Public Defender Offices for New Haven GA6 and GA8 were merged to form New Haven GA23, and the West Hartford GA16 office was merged into Hartford GA14 as a result of the Judicial Branch's closing of two courts. Staff at both locations were combined to meet caseload requirements.
- In July 2002, the Division completed a major initiative to staff all Juvenile Matters venues with full-time personnel. This initiative was commenced in 1999 and was completed through an award of federal grant funds to staff the Rockville Juvenile Matters office. The Division now has a public defender office assigned to all 13 Juvenile Matters venues.
- The Juvenile Post-Conviction & Re-Entry Unit expanded its ability to effectively serve juvenile clients committed to the Department of Children and Families through the addition of a second attorney and social worker to represent juveniles during the duration of any court-ordered commitment or period of probation. Funding for these positions was provided through the federal Byrne Grant.
- The Division's Social Worker program continued to focus on crime prevention by assisting clients in addressing substance abuse, mental illness, employment, housing and other issues that have contributed to their involvement in the criminal justice system.
- The Division made further improvements to its Special Public Defender program in the areas of compensation, training and litigation support for private attorneys appointed by the court to handle conflict of interest cases on a contractual and non-contractual basis.
- The Division's information technology capabilities were enhanced by providing all employees with criminal justice data base access, email and internet. Attorneys also now have on-line legal research capability and electronic access to legal periodicals.
- The Division continued to rank amongst the highest in total federal grant dollars received by a statewide indigent defense program. In 2002-03, the Division will receive \$1.51 million in federal Byrne Grant funds and \$647,500 in Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant funds. In total, the Division was awarded \$2.16 million for team case management and Juvenile program expansion.

## RECOMMENDED SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

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### **Reductions to Current Services**

	<b><u>2003-2004</u></b>	<b><u>2004-2005</u></b>
• Annualization of FY 03 Reductions	-338,415	-338,415
• Remove Inflation	-209,441	-440,005
• Transfer Equipment to CEPF	-406,215	-382,203
• Layoffs Necessitated by Failure to Achieve Concessions	-1,013,850	-1,013,850
• Eliminate Funding for Unsettled Collective Bargaining Contracts	-1,311,948	-2,411,639
• Remove Accruals Pursuant to Governor's Early Retirement Incentive Plan	-348,671	-269,134

## AGENCY SUMMARY

<b>Personnel Summary</b>	2002-2003	2003-2004	2003-2004	2004-2005	2004-2005
	Total Authorized	Change From 2002-2003	Total Recommended	Change From 2003-2004	Total Recommended
<u>Permanent Full-Time Positions</u>					
General Fund	362	-17	345	0	345
Federal Contributions	29	-14	15	0	15
<u>Other Positions Equated to Fulltime</u>					
General Fund	3	0	3	0	3
<b>Financial Summary</b>	2002-2003	2003-2004	2003-2004	2004-2005	2004-2005
	Estimated	Current Services	Total Recommended	Current Services	Total Recommended
Personal Services	26,563,469	28,610,783	25,936,314	29,962,850	26,268,227
Other Expenses	1,327,749	1,392,505	1,332,339	1,429,193	1,332,339
<u>Capital Outlay</u>					
Equipment	69,859	410,891	1,000	386,879	1,000
<u>Other Current Expenses</u>					
Special Public Defenders - Contractual	1,927,645	2,257,425	2,099,155	2,453,100	2,231,622
Spec Public Defenders - NonContractual	2,861,222	3,469,700	3,234,779	3,707,776	3,375,703
Expert Witnesses	1,025,896	1,110,128	1,025,896	1,141,212	1,025,896
Training and Education	80,283	86,874	80,283	89,306	80,283
TOTAL - Other Current Expenses	5,895,046	6,924,127	6,440,113	7,391,394	6,713,504
TOTAL - General Fund	33,856,123	37,338,306	33,709,766	39,170,316	34,315,070
<u>Additional Funds Available</u>					
Special Funds, Non-Appropriated	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000
Federal Contributions	1,720,189	1,255,852	1,255,852	818,516	818,516
Special Funds, Non-Appropriated	90,000	0	0	0	0
Private Contributions	441,306	279,519	279,519	125,393	125,393
TOTAL - All Funds Net	36,197,618	38,963,677	35,335,137	40,204,225	35,348,979