

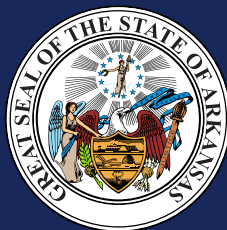


"We are fortunate in the United States to have a stable and a durable democratic government. But we can't be complacent in assuming this good fortune will continue... It is the citizens of our nation who must preserve our system of government, and we cannot forget that."

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor

ARKANSAS JUDICIARY

ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICE OF THE
COURTS



ANNUAL REPORT
2025-2026

OUR MISSION

As an equal and independent branch of government, the Arkansas Judiciary, acting with integrity, shall provide a safe, accessible, transparent, efficient, and impartial system of justice by fairly resolving disputes, protecting the public interest, and preserving individual rights while maintaining respect for the rule of law.

OUR VISION

The Arkansas Judiciary will embody integrity, transparency, and accountability to the public, which it serves.



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MARTY SULLIVAN
STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
OF THE COURTS

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

My Fellow Arkansans,

It is my privilege to present the 2026 Annual Report of the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). I have often said that the AOC is the greatest public service organization in the state, and I continue to believe that. The dedicated professionals at the AOC work every day to support our courts and improve the administration of justice in Arkansas. As I continue my service with the agency, I remain deeply honored to work alongside such talented and committed professionals who bring their expertise, creativity, and dedication to everything they do.

Over the past year, we have continued to listen to the judges, court staff, and other partners who serve our communities every day. Their experience and feedback continue to shape our work. Whether developing new technology, providing training and resources, improving court security, expanding access to justice, or supporting the important work of specialty courts, our focus remains the same: finding practical ways to help our courts serve Arkansans more effectively.

This year, we made significant progress in that work. Our Court Information Systems Division continued the development of our new case management system and deployed the first Minimum Marketable Release to three pilot district courts. This represents an important step toward a modern, cloud-based system designed specifically to meet the needs of Arkansas courts. At the same time, our technology teams continued to strengthen our cybersecurity to ensure the safety of all court records.

Innovation is not limited to technology. Across the AOC, we are finding new ways to improve the services we provide. We completed the transition of our Regional Court Administrators to the new Court Operations Specialist model, bringing specialized expertise and more consistent support to courts across the state. We expanded educational opportunities for judges and court staff, increased public use of the Civics Education Center, and welcomed thousands of visitors to the Justice Building during the past year. We also continued to expand language access, strengthen specialty courts, support juvenile courts, and provide resources to help children and families involved in the judicial system.

One of the things I am most proud of is the willingness of our team to look beyond traditional approaches and ask how we can do things better. The Arkansas Pre-Detention Assessment Tool is one example of that spirit of innovation and collaboration. Developed by the Commission on Children, Youth, and Families and the AOC Juvenile Division, this first-of-its-kind tool is helping improve decision-making and data collection at the earliest point of contact with juveniles. Initiatives like this demonstrate what is possible when dedicated people come together with a shared purpose.

We also understand that supporting the courts means investing in the people who make our judicial system work. Through education, training, grants, technical assistance, and day-to-day support, the AOC continues to provide the resources our judges and court staff need to do their jobs well. Last year, the AOC managed more than \$20 million in state and federal grants and subgrants supporting court technology, specialty courts, juvenile justice, access to justice, training, and other important programs throughout Arkansas.

As we look ahead, we will continue to build on this progress. The work of the Administrative Office of the Courts is ultimately about people: the judges, court staff, attorneys, law enforcement officers, families, and citizens who depend on our courts. Our responsibility is to make sure they have the tools, resources, and support necessary to ensure that justice is accessible, fair, and efficient for every Arkansan.

I am humbled every day by the opportunity to serve as your State Court Administrator, and I am grateful for the many partnerships that make this work possible. Together, we are building a stronger and more effective judicial system for Arkansas.

I look forward to continuing this important work with all of you in the years ahead.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Sullivan'.

Marty Sullivan
State Court Administrator
Administrative Office of the Courts

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) is the Judicial Branch agency that supports all state courts. The agency provides administrative and legal support to Arkansas's judges and court employees as well as assists attorneys and members of the public to ensure our state courts are accessible, efficient, and impartial. Additionally, the agency serves as a resource to the Arkansas General Assembly and Executive Branch agencies.

DIVISION DIRECTORS



KRISTIN CLARK

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DIVISION



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COURT INFORMATION
SYSTEMS DIVISION



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DIVISION



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DIVISION

DIVISIONS

LEGAL SERVICES	COURT INFORMATION SYSTEMS	JUVENILE SERVICES	FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION	APPLICATIONS SUPPORT TEAM	ATTORNEY AD LITEM PROGRAM	ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT
COURT INTERPRETATION	ARCOURTS READINESS TEAM	COURT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	COURT SECURITY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
COURT OPERATIONS SPECIALISTS	BUILD ACCOUNTING TEAM	JUVENILE JUSTICE PROGRAM	FINANCE
JUDICIAL EDUCATION	BUILD CASE MANAGEMENT TEAM	JUVENILE LEGAL SERVICES	HUMAN RESOURCES
LEGAL	BUILD IDENTITY TEAM	STATE CASA OFFICE	
OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND JUSTICE STATISTICS	BUILD PLATFORM AND DATA TEAM		
SPECIALTY COURTS PROGRAM	CIS LEADERSHIP TEAM		
	OPERATIONS TEAM		

LEGAL SERVICES DIVISION

The Legal Services Division plays a vital role in supporting the judiciary and ensuring the smooth operation of the courts through its comprehensive legal services and departments.

*Legal Department:
Krystal Mann, Dawn Thompson, and Jackson Taylor (back from left);
Nathan McCarroll, Kristin Clark, Laura Calhoun, and Lauren Ford (front from left)*



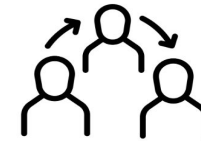
LEGAL DEPARTMENT

The Legal Department provides essential legal and administrative support to the Arkansas Judiciary and the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). Staff attorneys serve as a resource to the Arkansas Supreme Court, circuit and district courts, AOC divisions, and other judicial partners on a broad range of court-related legal matters. Their work helps support the efficient administration of justice and promotes consistency in the interpretation and application of laws, court rules, and administrative procedures.

Staff attorneys support the work of Arkansas Supreme Court committees and legislative task forces by contributing legal expertise on special projects, and other matters of statewide importance. Staff attorneys also prepare and contribute to resources used by judges and court personnel, including appellate updates, legislative summaries, and other materials designed to keep the judiciary informed about changes in the law and court procedures.

The department also supports judicial education and professional development. Staff attorneys frequently serve as faculty for educational programs involving judges, clerks, trial court administrators, and court reporters, as well as specialized training programs related to alternative dispute resolution, court interpreting, and Domestic Relations / Probate attorney ad litem qualifications.

The AOC Trial Court Assistant provides additional administrative and operational support to multiple divisions within the Administrative Office of the Courts and the Judicial Branch. The AOC Trial Court Assistant helps coordinate special judge assignments and substitute court reporter coverage. Additionally, she provides support for the county juror reimbursement program and the Domestic Relations / Probate attorney ad litem program. Together, the staff attorneys and the AOC Trial Court Assistant provide centralized resources, administrative support and other services that strengthen the day-to-day operations of Arkansas courts.



Staff Attorneys and
Trial Court Assistant
Provide Support
Statewide

OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND JUSTICE STATISTICS

The Office of Research and Justice Statistics (ORJS) supports the Arkansas Judiciary, employees of the Judicial Branch, attorneys, and members of the public by providing relevant, accessible, and reliable court data. The office's work is focused on using data to help improve the efficiency, accessibility, and fairness of Arkansas's court system. ORJS plays an important role in ensuring that court information is collected, maintained, analyzed, and presented in ways that support informed decision-making throughout the judicial branch.

A primary service of ORJS is improving the quality and consistency of court data. The office develops and maintains the Arkansas State Court Guide to Statistical Reporting, which establishes guidance for the reporting of court statistics. ORJS also provides statistical reports to local courts and responds to requests for court data from judges, court personnel, attorneys, researchers, and members of the public. Through these services, the office helps ensure that Arkansas court data can be used effectively to understand caseloads, identify trends, and evaluate the operation of the court system.

ORJS also provides public access to court statistics through the Arkansas Judiciary's statistical reporting resources. Its interactive Statistical Supplement allows users to examine summarized court data by issue area, judicial circuit, county, date range, and, for certain criminal matters, charge code. The tool provides information across civil, criminal, domestic relations, juvenile, and probate matters and allows users to download and share summarized information. These resources make court statistics more accessible to policymakers, court professionals, researchers, and members of the public.

In addition, ORJS works directly with researchers who use Arkansas court data and serves as the Arkansas Judiciary's liaison with the National Center for State Courts' Court Statistics Project. Through research support, data requests, statistical reporting, data-quality initiatives, and collaboration with national court statistics organizations, ORJS contributes to a stronger data infrastructure for Arkansas courts. Collectively, these services provide the judiciary and the public with information that can be used to better understand court operations, support evidence-based decisions, and promote a more efficient, accessible, and fair justice system.



Develops the Arkansas State Court
Guide to Statistical Reporting



ORJS Provides Public
Access to Court Statistics

SPECIALTY COURTS PROGRAM

Specialty courts address the root causes of justice system involvement through specialized dockets, multidisciplinary teams, and a non-adversarial approach. Offering evidence-based treatment, judicial supervision, and accountability, specialty courts provide individualized interventions for participants, thereby improving public safety, reducing recidivism, restoring lives, and promoting confidence and satisfaction with the justice system process.

The past year brought significant achievements in furthering training, support, and resources for Arkansas's specialty courts (also called treatment or problem-solving courts). In April, more than 400 practitioners gathered in Little Rock for the annual Specialty Court Conference, where Carolyn Hardin, All Rise's Chief of Research and Training, shared updates on national best-practice standards. The conference also recognized the state's longest-serving specialty court team members, several with 20 or more years in the field. In addition to the training offered at the annual conference, work also began on a virtual training library, with the first four videos now completed.

Additionally, AOC arranged for fifty specialty court practitioners to receive Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT) training, backed by more than \$40,000 in MRT workbooks and materials distributed statewide. Roughly 20 to 25 certified peer specialists were placed in specialty courts through DHS funding under a statewide SAMHSA grant, adding meaningful recovery-support capacity to the system. Courts across the state also received over \$50,000 in enhanced drug-screening supplies.

Grant development and funding expansion were a major focus as well. AOC provided tens of thousands of dollars directly to juvenile drug court programs and spent more than \$150,000 for participant treatment – including inpatient and residential care – for individuals who didn't qualify for opioid-settlement funding. Also, AOC contracted with a former BJA/DOJ technical assistance provider, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, to guide Arkansas courts through the state's first-ever Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) funding cycle and provide direct, one-on-one assistance to specialty courts seeking funding.

Finally, the Specialty Courts Program broadened its direct services and partnerships. A new contract with UAMS aims to provide telehealth and other behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment statewide, and the Division signed its first contract with a defense attorney. AOC also hosted a second Specialty Court Judges' Retreat in September 2025 to provide role-specific training to judges presiding over treatment courts. Taken together, it was a year that pushed forward on nearly every front – training, treatment access, program quality, and statewide coordination.



\$50K

Enhanced Drug Screening
Supplies to Courts Across
the State



400+

Practitioners Trained



\$150K

Juvenile Treatment
Access



New UAMS Contract for
Behavioral Health and
Substance Use Treatment

Carolyn Hardin, Chief of Training and Research at All Rise, speaking at the Annual Specialty Court Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas.



COURT OPERATIONS SPECIALISTS

ADVANCING CONSISTENT STATEWIDE SUPPORT

During the past year, the Administrative Office of the Courts completed the transition of Regional Court Administrators (RCAs) to the newly established Court Operations Specialist (COS) model. This organizational change was designed to strengthen the support provided to courts by shifting from geographically assigned staff to teams organized by subject matter expertise.

Under the new structure, Court Operations Specialists work collaboratively in pairs alongside a staff attorney to provide specialized support in areas including civil, criminal, specialty courts, domestic relations, juvenile, probate, and district court matters. This approach has expanded the resources available to courts while promoting greater consistency in the interpretation of procedures, training, and operational support across the state.

Court Operations Specialists continue to serve as subject matter experts on AOC-supported applications and court business processes. Throughout the year, the COS team has provided training on case management systems, electronic filing, and statistical reporting; assisted courts with data quality, accounting, and workflow improvements; partnered with other AOC divisions on statewide initiatives; and conducted on-site visits to provide technical assistance and individualized support.

The transition has fostered increased collaboration among AOC staff, allowing Court Operations Specialists to share knowledge, leverage specialized expertise, and respond more effectively to the evolving needs of Arkansas courts. By emphasizing teamwork and subject matter specialization, the COS model has enhanced the quality, consistency, and timeliness of services provided to judges, clerks, trial court administrators, and other court personnel.

As the model continues to evolve, the Administrative Office of the Courts remains committed to providing responsive, knowledgeable, and innovative support that helps courts operate efficiently and effectively while delivering high-quality service to the public.

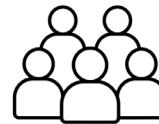
DISTRICT COURT CLERK

ORIENTATION

To better support district court clerks, the Administrative Office of the Courts expanded its training opportunities by offering District Court Clerk Orientation four times annually. Providing the orientation on a quarterly basis allows new clerks to receive timely training rather than waiting for a single annual session, enabling them to become effective in their roles more quickly.

The orientation introduces participants to the essential responsibilities of the district court clerk and provides an overview of court operations, district court accounting, statutory requirements, financial responsibilities, case management, and AOC resources. Staff attorneys serve as faculty for the training, sharing their legal expertise and providing guidance on the laws, rules, and procedures that impact district court operations. Participants also receive instruction on best practices, available support services, and the tools needed to navigate the day-to-day responsibilities of their offices.

By increasing the frequency of this foundational training, the AOC has strengthened its commitment to equipping district court clerks with the knowledge and resources necessary to serve their courts and communities effectively. The quarterly orientation also fosters early connections between new clerks, AOC staff, and staff attorneys, encouraging ongoing collaboration and support throughout their careers.



Established Court
Operations Specialist
Model to Strengthen
Court Support



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District Court Clerk
Orientations

OFFICE OF COURT INTERPRETER SERVICES

EXPANDING INTERPRETER CAPACITY THROUGH TIERED CERTIFICATION

Following guidance from the National Center for State Courts' Council of Language Access Coordinators (CLAC), the Arkansas Office of Court Interpreter Services (OCIS) introduced a new interpreter classification, Conditionally Approved Interpreter, in 2025. This new credential creates an additional pathway for qualified interpreters to begin accepting court assignments while continuing to progress toward full certification. By expanding the pool of available interpreters, this initiative helps address the growing demand for language access services and increases the courts' ability to provide timely interpreter coverage throughout Arkansas.

EXPANDING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

In 2025, OCIS hosted its first Court Interpreting Orientation in Jonesboro, expanding access to interpreter training beyond Central Arkansas. Twelve participants attended the orientation and are actively progressing through Arkansas's court interpreter certification process. Offering training in a new region supports the recruitment and development of qualified interpreters and helps build a stronger statewide network of language access professionals.

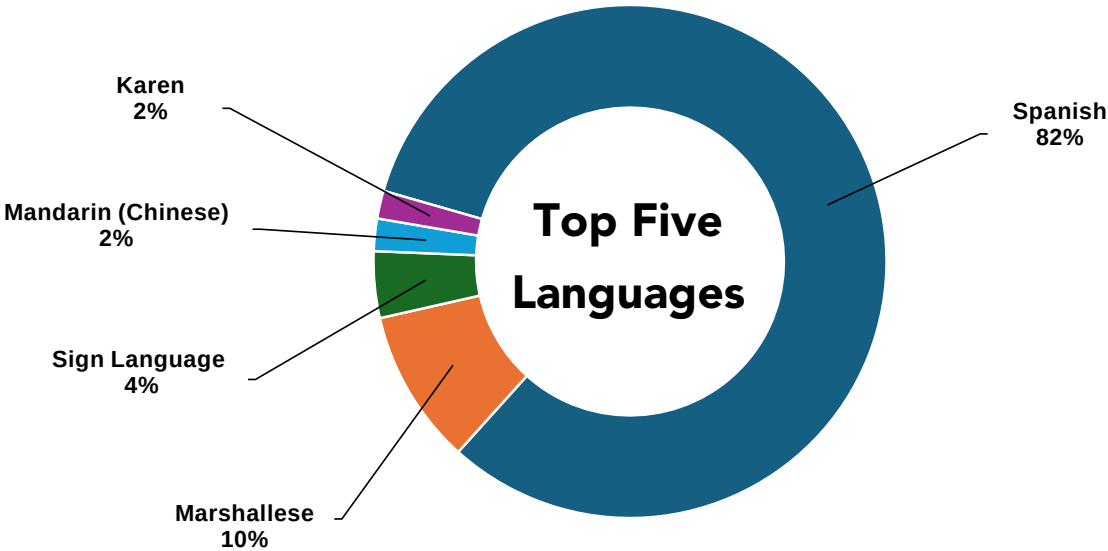


Court Interpreter Orientation for prospective candidates in Jonesboro, AR. Pictured: Presenters Karla Eppinette, SCCI (standing), Ines Fernandez, SCCI (sitting), and ASL Interpreter Beth Johnson (standing by board).

OFFICE OF COURT INTERPRETER SERVICES

MEETING STATEWIDE LANGUAGE ACCESS NEEDS

The demand for court interpreting services remained strong throughout 2025. OCIS coordinated 7,559 interpreter requests representing 63 different languages, reflecting both the diversity of Arkansas court users and the critical role interpreters play in ensuring equal access to the judicial system. Through the coordination of certified, registered, and qualified interpreters, OCIS continues to support courts across the state in meeting their constitutional and statutory obligations to provide meaningful language access.



7,559

Interpreter Requests

63 LANGUAGES

American Sign Language	Croatian	Karen	Pashtu	Spanish Sign Language
Amharic	Dari	Kazakh	Pohnpeian	Swedish
Arabic	Dutch	Kekchi	Polish	Tagalog
Bengali	Farsi	Kiche	Portuguese-Brazil	Thai
Bo	Filipino	Kinyarwanda	Portuguese-Portugal	Tigrinya
Burmese	French	Swahili	Punjabi	Turkish
Cambodian	Georgian	Korean	Qanjobal	Ukrainian
Cantonese	German	Kosraean	Romanian	Urdu
CART (captioning service)	Hindi	Laotian	Russian	Uzbek
Central Pashto	Hmong	Mandarin (Chinese)	Sgaw Karen	Vietnamese
Chin/Haka Chin	Igbo	Marshallese	Somali	Yapese
Chuukese	Indonesian	Mongolian	Spanish	Zomi
Creole (Haitian)	Japanese	Nepalese		

JUDICIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



JENNIFER TAYLOR

DIRECTOR

JUDICIAL EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT

*Judicial Education Department:
Jennifer Taylor, Danyell Crutchfield Cummings,
Wendy Rogers, and Anna Rogers (from left)*



The Judicial Education Department provides comprehensive education and training for appellate, circuit, and district judges, as well as trial court administrators, court reporters, district court clerks, and court security officers. Through these efforts, the department supports professional development, strengthens court administration, and promotes the effective delivery of justice throughout Arkansas.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR JUDGES AND STAFF

During the past year, the department coordinated 12 annual conferences and programs for judges and court staff, as well as offering specialized training for circuit judges on Handling Capital Murder Cases. This focused program provided guidance and resources for managing the complex legal and procedural issues involved in capital cases.

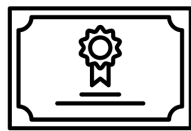
COURT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The department also continued to offer six courses annually through the Certified Court Manager Program, enabling court staff from across the state to pursue professional certification and develop the leadership and management skills needed to serve their courts effectively.

EMBRACING TECHNOLOGY

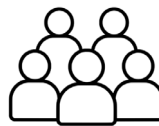
Technology continued to improve the accessibility and efficiency of the department's educational programs. In the past year, the department overhauled and streamlined meeting registration processes by utilizing on-site sign-in kiosks to simplify participant check-in and print name badges featuring QR codes that provide convenient access to agendas and program materials.

The department also expanded its use of paperless meetings and dedicated meeting webpages. These webpages serve as a central resource where participants can register and access logistical information, agendas, and educational materials before and during each event.



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Conferences for
Judges and Court
Staff



1,384

People Attended Trainings



Streamlined
Registration Process
with New Kiosk

PUBLIC EDUCATION

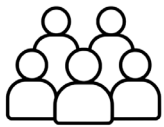
In addition to educating members of the judiciary, the Public Education department provides learning opportunities for the public, including school groups, religious and community organizations, civic groups, and other visitors.

During the past year, 51 groups totaling more than 1,900 people toured the Justice Building and visited the Civics Education Center. Visitors included students from elementary school through college, members of community organizations, and international dignitaries from the Philippines, Tajikistan, and New Guinea. These visits offered participants a firsthand look at the judicial system and a greater understanding of the courts' role in state government.

CIVICS EDUCATION CENTER

The past year brought a significant increase in the use of the new Civics Education Center, reflecting growing public interest in learning about the judiciary. The center is a key component of the Judicial Branch's efforts to educate the public about the role of the judicial branch and its relationship to the legislative and executive branches.

With state-of-the-art educational and meeting spaces, the center provides an ideal setting for educational programs, professional development, and public meetings. During the year, 116 programs and meetings were held in the facility. Of these, 26 were hosted by external groups, including government agencies and civic organizations.



1,900+

People Toured the Civics
Education Center



116

Programs and Meetings
Held in the Civics
Education Center



Students from local schools (above).
Members of the New Guinea Parliament (below): the
Honorable Rufina Peter (second from the left) and
the Honorable Robert Naguri (third from the left) with
advisors.

SPEAKER SERIES

The Civics Education Center also serves as the location of a speaker series presented in conjunction with the Arkansas Bar Association. The series features distinguished legal leaders who have been inducted into the Legal Hall of Fame, giving attendees the opportunity to learn from individuals whose careers and contributions have made a lasting impact on the Arkansas legal profession.



*Honorable Joyce Williams Warren (above)
and former U.S. Secretary of Transportation
Rodney Slater (below)*



ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

The Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Commission regulates and certifies mediators, provides training and education, offers technical assistance, administers the Access and Visitation Family Mediation Program, and awards grants that support alternative dispute resolution programs throughout Arkansas. Staff support, facilities, and operational assistance for the Commission are provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts.

MEDIATOR CERTIFICATION

The Commission serves as the regulatory authority for the certification and professional discipline of Arkansas certified mediators. Individuals who wish to mediate eligible cases must be certified by the Commission and meet established standards for certification, professional conduct, and discipline to be included on the Arkansas Roster of Certified Mediators. To maintain certification, mediators are required to complete six hours of continuing mediation education annually.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

The Commission remains committed to advancing the quality of mediation services across the state through comprehensive training and educational opportunities. During the past year, the Commission offered a 40-Hour Civil Mediation Training and a 40-Hour Domestic Relations Mediation Training, equipping new mediators with the knowledge and skills necessary for certification. The Commission also hosted the ADR Conference, bringing together attendees from across Arkansas to learn from a diverse group of state and national presenters.

ACCESS AND VISITATION FAMILY MEDIATION PROGRAM

The Arkansas Access and Visitation Program is a statewide mediation program serving residents of the state who would like to mediate issues of custody, visitation, and child support for their minor children. Mediation services are provided to participants at a reduced rate based on the participant's income. The program has been in operation since 1998 and has served thousands of Arkansas families.

During the last federal fiscal year, the program provided services to 444 parents and guardians and 365 children. Mediation services were provided to 309 participants, resulting in the completion of 152 parenting plans. To support the continued success of the program, the Commission hosted an Orientation Session for prospective mediators interested in serving families through the Access and Visitation Program.

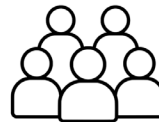
ADR GRANTS

Each year, the Commission awards grants to promote and expand alternative dispute resolution programs throughout Arkansas.

The Commission has determined these funds may be used for programs including, but not limited to, the following district, circuit, and appellate court ADR programs, school conflict resolution programs, general community ADR programs, mediation education and training, and other programs promoting/using ADR

Eligible recipients include courts, state and local government agencies, educational institutions, or non-profit agencies using or promoting ADR for the benefit of the general public.

In the past year, the Commission awarded \$25,000 in ADR grant funding to district and circuit courts to support the implementation and expansion of court connected mediation programs, increasing access to effective and efficient dispute resolution services for Arkansas citizens.



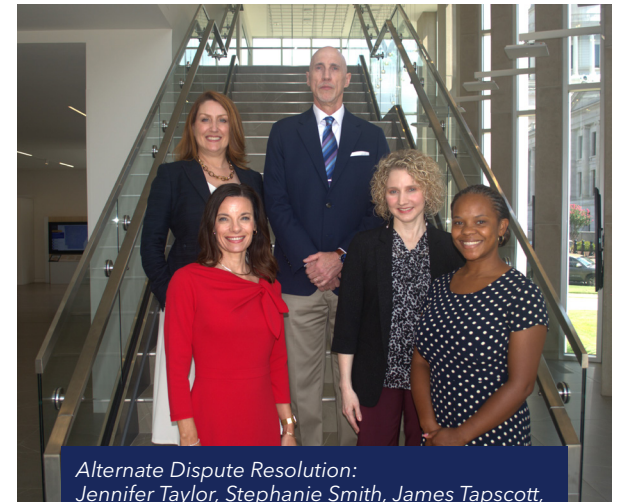
1,118

People Served



\$25K

Awarded to District
and Circuit Courts



*Alternate Dispute Resolution:
Jennifer Taylor, Stephanie Smith, James Tapscott,
Krista Petty, and Ashley Faust (from left)*

COURT INFORMATION SYSTEMS DIVISION

The Court Information Systems (CIS) Division's vision is to provide innovative technology supporting access to justice anytime, anywhere, on any device. The Division is working to realize this vision through an agile mindset innovating through continuous improvement and continuous delivery.

Court Information Systems Division



The Court Information Systems (CIS) Division is on a mission to provide technology to ensure justice. In furtherance of our mission and vision, our primary focus in 2025 was to build a modern cloud-native court management system while supporting our customers using our legacy systems.

ARCOURTS DEVELOPMENT

During 2025, the CIS focused on preparing courts and staff for the first phase of beta testing the new ARCourts case management system. Building on the previous year's release of Search ARCourts, this work centered on ensuring courts were ready to participate in early testing by reviewing needs, coordinating access, sharing initial training materials, and communicating expectations. CIS held a formal Beta Kickoff with participating courts where we provided an overview of the program and established how courts would give feedback throughout the process. By the end of 2025, courts and CIS were aligned on the goals of beta participation, setting the foundation for meaningful engagement and feedback in the year ahead.

The first Minimum Marketable Release (MMR-1) for ARCourts was deployed at the end of 2025. It provides key features for district courts, allowing users to efficiently manage traffic and criminal cases from start to finish. The development strategy has been to focus on the

most complicated work, such as district court accounting, so that the speed of development may increase after the hardest parts are built.

EDUCATION

Technology education is key to achieving our vision. Through our Tech Tuesday training program, the Arkansas Court Automation Programs (ACAP) Systems Conference, and working with Judicial Education, we provided practical training on Microsoft Office applications, artificial intelligence tools, and other commonly used software to hundreds of court staff. These sessions provide an opportunity to learn useful features, improve technical skills, and become more comfortable using everyday applications.

Education and training are not limited to the classroom. CIS also created an electronic filing course in a learning management system that eliminated the need for vendor-provided training. The team handled the entire production process, from developing scripts and organizing the content to editing, testing,

and implementing final revisions. AI-generated actors and voice-overs were used to present the material in a clear and consistent format. The videos were also designed in short, modular sections, making them easier to update as processes and requirements change.

INNOVATION

CIS innovation is not limited to building the new court management system. The Division designed, developed, tested, and implemented the Arkansas Constitution Kiosk for the Civics Education Center. After outside vendors indicated that the requested solution would either be prohibitively expensive or could not be completed as envisioned, the team created the entire solution internally. CIS also collaborated with other Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) divisions to identify opportunities for innovation, including development of guidelines for the use of Artificial Intelligence, and safely testing the capabilities of the new tools to identify opportunities to improve skills and speed development of new software.



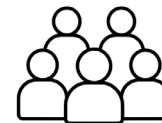
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Training Sessions



331

People Completed
Online eFlex Training



287

People Attendees at the 2025
ACAP Systems Conference

CYBERSECURITY

One of the CIS Division's most important responsibilities is managing security for court systems both old and new. In 2025, we completed enhancement of the Security Operations Center to better manage and monitor security activities in our systems. The team continues to provide training and awareness opportunities and to improve the security posture of legacy and new systems to secure court information. Proudly, our team has a reputation for competence and innovation that extends beyond our state's borders.

In 2025, AOC continued to demonstrate national leadership in court cybersecurity through the development and delivery of Cybersecurity Tabletop Exercises that were adopted across multiple jurisdictions. Building on collaboration with the National Center for State Courts, AOC staff contributed to the creation and refinement of the tabletop curriculum and helped rehearse and facilitate scenarios. AOC staff participated in the delivery of the first exercise for the Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA) Western Region, then sent a team to participate in the Southern Region session ensuring courts nationwide could strengthen their disaster recovery and continuity of operations readiness. As these nationally delivered resources matured, AOC began tailoring and adopting the same tabletop frameworks for Arkansas courts, ensuring that local judicial partners benefit directly from the nationally recognized tools and training approaches Arkansas helped create.

CUSTOMER SUPPORT

The CIS Division takes care of thousands of court system users and public users of AOC-supported systems including case, jury, and attorney management, electronic filing, online payment, online public access and desktop support for agency and appellate court employees. In 2025, the team handled more than 8,000 support requests. Most requests are resolved on the same day. To better serve our courts, we are always seeking feedback. Through our ticket management system, team feedback ratings stayed consistently high throughout the year with an average score of 4.76 out of 5. In the spirit of continuous improvement, CIS is always looking for opportunities to improve by increasing self-service and finding ways to more quickly resolve simpler customer problems.

PROGRESS

The CIS Division's sustained dedication to innovation, education, customer support, and cybersecurity continues to transform Arkansas courts. By adopting advanced technologies and promoting interdepartmental collaboration, CIS enables court staff, enhances the user experience, and ensures the integrity and security of critical information. 2025 was a landmark year demonstrating that the Court Information Systems Division remains unwavering in its commitment to continuous improvement continuous delivery to support the courts, judicial partners, and the public.



8,000+
Resolved Support Requests



Development and Delivery of
Cybersecurity Tabletop
Exercises with the
National Center for State Courts
Across Multiple Jurisdictions



4.76
Out of 5 Customer
Satisfaction Rating

JUVENILE SERVICES DIVISION

The Juvenile Services Division is responsible for providing juvenile judges and juvenile stakeholders with the resources, education, and support needed to better serve children and families of Arkansas.

*Juvenile Services Division:
Allison Busick, Moshelle Helms, Daniel Muniz, Kevin Hoffman, Jonathan Sheets (back row from left); Kurt Meredith, Ashley Figueroa, Brooke Steen, Janet Bledsoe, Lauren Geier, and Makeisha Davis (front row from left)*

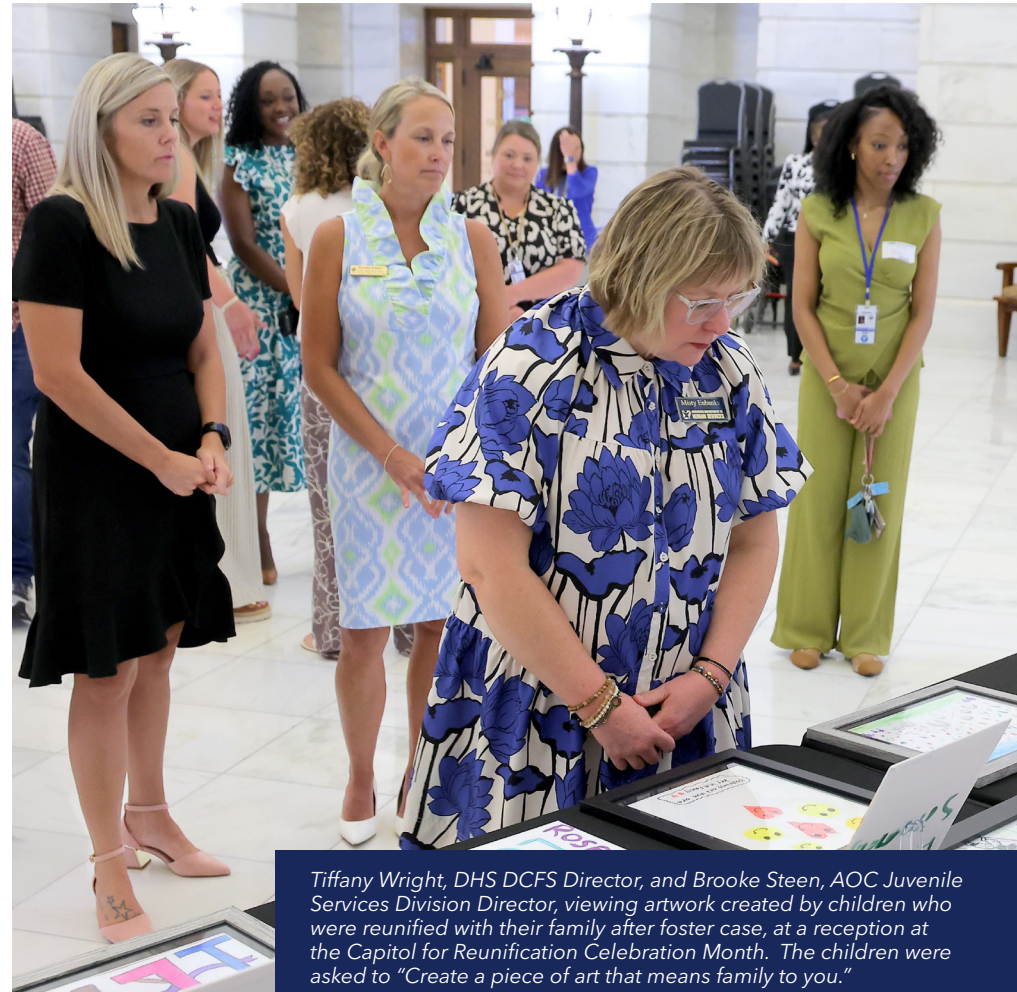


The Juvenile Services Division includes the Attorneys ad Litem Program, which employs more than 60 attorneys who provide quality representation for children involved in the child welfare system. The Division also houses the Juvenile Justice Program, which trains more than 250 juvenile intake and probation officers statewide and reimburses counties for a portion of these officers' salaries. Lastly, the Division includes staff attorneys to support the juvenile courts across the state, the State Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Program to support local CASA programs, the Court Improvement Program to improve outcomes in child welfare cases, and the Statewide Behavioral Health Administrator to address behavioral health issues that arise with court participants.

STRENGTHENING STATEWIDE AND NATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

The Juvenile Division serves as the judicial liaison and is the judicial voice on numerous statewide and national boards, committees, and organizations. Serving in these capacities is essential to the Division's work because it strengthens collaboration and ensures the judicial perspective is considered during initiatives and projects. The Division is an active participant on the Arkansas Supreme Court Commission for Children, Youth, and Families, the Commission's Advisory Council, the Child Advocacy Centers Oversight Committee, the Safe Babies Court State Advisory Committee, the Arkansas Juvenile Officer Association, the Department of Human Services (DHS) Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Review Team, the DHS Child Fatality Review Committee, the ARBEST Advisory Committee, the State CASA Funding Committee, the Family Peace Center, Every Child Arkansas, and the Board of Directors for the National Association of Counsel for Children.

The Division is proud of the relationships it has built and the meaningful accomplishments that have resulted from these groups. These partnerships have created a lasting foundation for increased opportunities to address the needs of our state more effectively, to share valuable resources, to increase collaboration, and to develop solutions that will continue to have a positive impact for Arkansas families for many years.



Tiffany Wright, DHS DCFS Director, and Brooke Steen, AOC Juvenile Services Division Director, viewing artwork created by children who were reunified with their family after foster case, at a reception at the Capitol for Reunification Celebration Month. The children were asked to "Create a piece of art that means family to you."

ENHANCING CAPACITY THROUGH EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Providing education and training to stakeholders is a vital investment and motivation across the Juvenile Division. In the last year, the Division has trained around more than 1,000 stakeholders on legal updates, best practices, and numerous other topics to enhance their ability to serve Arkansas families. The Division seeks input from stakeholders to increase training opportunities when necessary, as well as to identify educational needs for upcoming conferences thereby developing sessions that are relevant and responsive to their needs. The Division continues to use federal grant funding to support stakeholders attending national seminars and conferences, and more importantly, to bring nationally recognized experts every year to Arkansas to share emerging best practices and educational opportunities that would not otherwise be available in our state.

PROMOTING CONSISTENCY THROUGH LEGAL RESOURCES

The Juvenile Services Division has continued creating practical tools that support judges, attorneys, and other stakeholders on legal processes and best practices. Most recently was the Division's collaboration with DCFS in the development of the Dependency-Neglect Benchcard, a resource that incorporates DCFS practices alongside legal timelines and requirements for attorneys and judges. By bringing this information together in a single, user-friendly resource, the Benchcard helps ensure that all stakeholders have access to the same information, fostering a shared understanding of roles, responsibilities, and expectations. This promotes greater transparency, encourages consistent application of legal and procedural standards, improves collaboration across disciplines, and ultimately supports more equitable and effective outcomes for children and families involved in the dependency-neglect system.

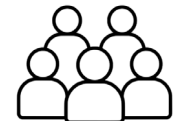


Juvenile Services Division Staff Attorney, Kurt Meredith, teaching the basics of dependency-neglect law to juvenile officers becoming qualified to work in our state.



250+

Juvenile Intake and
Probation Officers
Trained Statewide



1,000+

Stakeholders Trained to
Serve Arkansas Families

STRENGTHENING STAKEHOLDERS THROUGH GRANT FUNDING

As funding opportunities have become increasingly limited, the Juvenile Services Division's federal grants have become more critical than ever in helping courts and other stakeholders sustain essential services, implement innovative programs, and address needs that might otherwise go unmet. Over the last year, the Division has used federal funding to provide considerable support to our stakeholders; a few of these opportunities are emphasized below:

- More than \$100,000 in Court Improvement Program Funding awarded to all juvenile courts to support improvements in dependency-neglect proceedings, aimed at improving timelines, legal representation, and resources
- More than \$100,000 awarded to delinquency courts to strengthen juvenile officer's productivity, education, and court-based programming
- In collaboration with the Specialty Court Program, more than \$100,000 awarded in Juvenile Drug Court Subgrants

In addition, because the Division manages both state-appropriated funds for county reimbursements for juvenile officer salaries and other pass-through funding, it has worked to streamline application and reporting processes. These improvements have helped reduce the administrative burden on the counties and other stakeholders that receive and manage this funding. As a result, the Division can process funding more efficiently, allowing recipients and stakeholders to receive these relied-upon funds more quickly.



\$100K+
Awarded to Juvenile
Courts



\$100K+
Awarded in Juvenile Drug
Court Subgrants



\$100K+
Awarded in Delinquency
Courts

COMMISSION ON CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES



ASHLEY FIGUEROA

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMISSION ON CHILDREN,
YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

The Commission on Children, Youth, and Families works closely with the Juvenile Services Division of the AOC to prioritize and create resources for the children and families who become court-involved. The outcome of their efforts over the past year are documented below.

THE ARKANSAS PRE-DETENTION ASSESSMENT TOOL (APDAT)

The Commission and the AOC Juvenile Division created the Arkansas Pre-Detention Assessment Tool (APDAT). It is a first-of-its-kind web-based juvenile pre-detention assessment tool for use by officers who make detention decisions. It focuses on real-time decision making during an officer's first contact with a juvenile.

The Commission facilitated more than thirty meetings involving the Commission Administrator, AOC staff, development teams, and subject-matter experts to ensure the application remained practical, efficient, and user-centered. Today, APDAT stands as one of the Commission's most transformative initiatives after many years of collaborative planning.

Also, APDAT contains a secure backend administrative dashboard that provides critical juvenile-detention data. The dashboard allows authorized administrators to review statewide trends, including common offenses, point of contact (school, home, or community), runaway status, recommendation outcomes, and mitigating-factor trends. This data allows Arkansas to lead in data collection at this first point-of-contact.

APDAT PILOT ROLLOUT AND STATEWIDE TRAINING

In October 2025, the Commission launched APDAT pilot programs. Our pilot sites include Faulkner County Juvenile Court, Conway School Resource Officers, Conway Police Department Field Officers, Garland County Juvenile Court, and Fort Smith Police Department. The Commission Administrator facilitated the APDAT training with approximately seventy-five users.

VALIDATION PARTNERSHIP WITH UMASS CHAN MEDICAL SCHOOL

Recognizing that validation is critical to assessment tools, the Commission established a research partnership with the Law & Psychiatry Program at UMass Chan Medical School. The UMass team will evaluate APDAT's validity. The research team will analyze APDAT's psychometric properties, implementation success, and overall effectiveness in juvenile recidivism while providing recommendations for refinement and statewide expansion.

COMMISSION RETREAT

The Commission hosted its first strategic planning retreat. The retreat brought together Commissioners, advisory council members, stakeholders, and partners to engage in strategic planning and long-term vision development. The National Center for State Courts facilitated the retreat. We had all stakeholders represented, along with a special guest, Representative Carol Dalby, Chair of the House Judiciary Committee. The retreat marked a significant milestone in strengthening collaboration, strategic alignment, and long-term planning efforts for the Commission.



Created the first-of-its-kind Juvenile Pre-Detention Assessment Tool



Strengthened Collaboration Among Stakeholders for Student Success



Wrote Study on Juvenile Justice Lack of Data

ADOPTION OF THE NEW STRATEGIC PLAN

Following the retreat, the Commission adopted a new strategic plan. The four strategic pillars are improving juvenile-justice data, expanding public education and outreach, fostering Commission partnerships, and student success. The plan reflects the Commission's commitment to collaborative system improvement, data-driven policy development, public engagement, and long-term juvenile justice reform.

REFINEMENT OF THE STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE

The Student Success Committee strengthens collaboration between schools, courts, and community stakeholders. Committee goals include developing statewide protocols for school-based court referrals; providing educational resources on effective school-court partnerships; and defining truancy and statewide truancy best practices. The Arkansas Department of Education actively participates with the committee.

IMPROVING JUVENILE JUSTICE DATA COMMITTEE INITIATIVES

The Improving Juvenile Justice Data Committee identified significant inconsistencies in how juvenile intake information is entered and tracked statewide. It also added 5 more jurisdictions to its pilot collection program. The committee's work has significantly elevated conversations about juvenile-justice data consistency, accountability, and operational modernization. Additionally, Justice Rhonda Wood and Committee Chair Drew Shrover wrote *Why Don't We Have Data? A Study of Culture, Processes, and Challenges of Collecting Data in Juvenile-Delinquency Cases in Arkansas*, soon to be published in the Bowen School of Law's Law Review. They were asked to represent the Commission and present at Bowen's Spring Law Review Juvenile-justice Symposium.

COMMISSION PARTNERSHIPS AND PUBLIC OUTREACH

The Commission significantly expanded partnerships across judicial, legislative, executive, educational, and community sectors. With support from Committee Chair Representative Zack Gramlich, Court Improvement Program funding, and the Administrative Office of the Courts Juvenile Division, the Commission hosted its first Legislative Drop-In Lunch at the Justice Building. This event welcomed over 50 legislators and their staff.

It provided an opportunity to share the Commission's mission, strategic priorities, and ongoing reform initiatives while fostering stronger collaborative relationships. We hope to make this an annual event.

WHAT COMES NEXT: PARENT RESOURCE VIDEO (CLOCK IS TICKING REPLACEMENT)

The Commission worked with the Juvenile Division and the Department of Children and Family Services to replace the outdated "Clock is Ticking" video with What Comes Next: A Parent's Guide to the Child Welfare Process. This project replaces an out-of-date court video used in dependency-neglect cases. The new video incorporated input from parents who have experienced removal and reunification. Now, this resource is being used statewide in court settings to improve a parent's understanding of the child welfare process.



Commission members and partners gather for the inaugural Fostering Commission Partnerships Legislative Luncheon

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

The Finance and Administration Division is responsible for maintaining the day-to-day operations of the AOC and supporting administrative, court security, financial, and human resources needs throughout the Arkansas Judiciary.

From providing security to resolving personnel disputes to keeping the lights on, the staff of the Finance and Administration Division play a crucial role in supporting the courts.

*Finance and Administration Division:
Lakesha Middleton, Melody Crutchfield, Clorissa Prince, Sam Kauffman, Knaudia Harris, Amanda
Duarte, Mary Moseley, and Krystle Collier (from left)*



The Finance and Administration Division is comprised of four departments. Each serves the courts with a specialized purpose.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT DEPARTMENT

The Administrative Support Department provides administrative coordination and logistical support for the AOC, Arkansas Judicial Council, and District Judges Judicial Council. The department supports key agency projects, manages essential administrative functions, and serves as a central point of coordination to promote efficient and consistent operations.

COURT SECURITY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DEPARTMENT

The Court Security and Emergency Preparedness Department is responsible for creating an emergency preparedness plan for the Judicial Branch and for helping local agencies and governments develop security plans for their circuit and district courts. The department develops security training programs for court personnel and administers state-funded grants for court security improvements.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

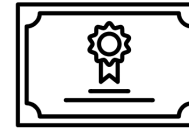
The Finance Department oversees fiscal operations for the AOC, including budgeting, accounting, financial reporting, grant management, and procurement. It ensures compliance with state and federal regulations and provides financial guidance to court personnel. The department plays a critical role in safeguarding public funds while supporting the AOC's ability to operate efficiently and transparently.

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

The Human Resources Department manages personnel administration for the AOC and offers significant assistance throughout the Judiciary, including with recruitment, onboarding, employee relations, benefits administration, performance management, and compliance with employment laws. The department works to attract and retain a qualified and competent workforce while fostering a professional and supportive work environment.

DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

- Launched a comprehensive employee training program for AOC staff covering topics including financial procedures, anti-harassment, human resources, procurement, workplace professionalism, and other operational best practices.
- Strengthened public service by ensuring callers to the Administrative Office of the Courts are greeted by a live staff member rather than an automated system.
- Expanded courthouse security efforts by conducting security assessments and audits at courthouses across Arkansas to identify vulnerabilities and recommend safety improvements.
- Successfully completed the annual financial audit with no reportable findings, reflecting the Division's commitment to strong internal controls, accountability, and sound financial stewardship.
- Enhanced the capabilities of the Supreme Court Police Department through the acquisition of additional non-lethal safety equipment.
- Distributed millions of dollars in state funding to support Arkansas courts and counties, including county juror reimbursements, juvenile officer funding, court security grants, interpreter reimbursements, and other judicial programs.
- Initiated development of the Administrative Office of the Courts' 2027-2031 Strategic Plan, establishing long-term goals and priorities to strengthen services, improve operational effectiveness, and support Arkansas's judicial branch.
- In the coming months, the Division will launch new agency-wide training that will provide insight on day-to-day functions, information on the latest HR best practices, and promote professional development for all AOC staff.



Comprehensive
Employee Training
Program



Successful
Financial Audit



Provided Police
Safety Equipment



\$20M+
Grants and Subgrant
Managed

GRANTS AND SUBGRANTS OVERVIEW

The AOC manages 15 federal and state-funded grants and subgrants totaling over \$20 million. These funds support a wide range of judicial initiatives, including statewide technology and case management improvements, specialty court services, access to justice programs, and court personnel training. Below is a summary of current grant-funded programs.

GRANTS

Grants directly administered by the AOC to support statewide judicial infrastructure and programming:

JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT GRANT

Supports reforms to improve outcomes for children and families in the Arkansas justice system. Emphasis is placed on data-driven practices, diversion programs, and interagency collaboration.

JUVENILE DRUG TREATMENT COURT GRANT

Provides funding specifically for juvenile drug treatment courts across Arkansas. These grants support evidence-based treatment programs, case management, and recovery services designed to reduce substance use and improve long-term outcomes for justice-involved youth.

ADULT SPECIALTY COURT ENHANCEMENT GRANT

Dedicated to expanding and strengthening Arkansas's adult specialty courts, this grant support operational improvements, treatment services, and evidence-based practices.

VETERANS TREATMENT COURT SUPPORT GRANT

Supports specialized courts that serve justice-involved veterans by funding peer mentorship, behavioral health services, and community reintegration support.

COURT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANTS

The Court Improvement Program (CIP) is comprised of rolling formula grants that provide funding, technical assistance, and training opportunities to courts to help them better respond to the needs of children and families involved in child welfare cases. Through the CIP, courts have been able to implement best practices, improve data collection and analysis, and promote collaboration with other agencies involved in the child welfare system.

STATE ACCESS AND VISITATION PROGRAM GRANTS

Supports mediation services for separated or divorced parents to help resolve visitation and custody issues, encouraging cooperative parenting and reducing court conflict for families.

NCHIP (NATIONAL CRIMINAL HISTORY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM) GRANTS

Improves the quality, completeness, and accessibility of criminal history records through technology upgrades and data integration projects within the Arkansas court system.

CDLPI GRANT (COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION) FROM FMCSA

Supports the Arkansas court system's implementation and compliance with federal Commercial Driver's License (CDL) program requirements, improving coordination with licensing agencies and enforcement efforts.

SUBGRANTS

Funds administered by the AOC and passed through to local courts or partner organizations:

COURT-APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES (CASA) FUNDING

State-allocated funding administered by the AOC provides support to local CASA programs to ensure children in dependency cases have trained volunteers advocating for their best interests in court.

PEER SUPPORT SPECIALISTS SUBGRANT (FROM ARKANSAS DHS)

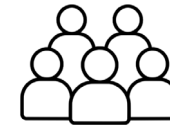
A pass-through subgrant from the Arkansas Department of Human Services to support the placement of certified peer support specialists in drug courts. These professionals assist participants in recovery, offering lived-experience mentorship and helping reduce relapse and recidivism.

HIGHWAY SAFETY ADJUDICATION TRAINING PROJECT (FROM ARKANSAS STATE POLICE)

A subgrant from the Arkansas State Police provides training to judges and court personnel on adjudicating cases related to highway safety, impaired driving, and traffic offenses. The project promotes consistency in case handling and supports broader statewide traffic safety goals.

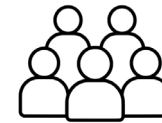
COURT SECURITY SUBGRANTS

Supports local courts in enhancing physical security measures—such as entry screening equipment, surveillance systems, and facility improvements—to ensure the safety of court staff and visitors.



100+

Trained CASA Volunteers
Funded



21

Peer Support Specialist
Placement Funded



1

Two-Day Highway Safety
Conference Funded for
District Court Judges

COURT SECURITY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



BRENT SCOTT

DIRECTOR

COURT SECURITY AND
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
DEPARTMENT

Every person who uses the state's courthouses is entitled to a safe environment. This includes people who appear for court, judges and their staff, and for all other employees and members of the public who conduct business in courthouses throughout Arkansas. Act 576 of 2007 established the Director of Security Emergency Preparedness to create measures that promote safe environments.

The Director of Security Emergency Preparedness is responsible for creating an emergency preparedness plan for the Judicial Branch and for helping local agencies and governments develop security plans for their circuit and district courts. The director also develops security training programs for court personnel and administers state-funded grants for court security improvements.

With two of the three primary responsibilities being the certification of Court Security Officers and conducting Courthouse Threat Assessments, there is a constant need for travel to courts all over the state. This requires thousands of miles of traveling each year. Regarding our ongoing effort to certify every Court Security Officer in Arkansas, there have been 10 classes held in various locations around the state. There are currently many more already scheduled. These classes serve to bring every officer into compliance with the requirement that all Court Security Officers attend the 8-hour in-person certification course. In addition, the director speaks at conferences and trainings sessions for other court stakeholders too. Most of these presentations serve to address the safety of groups who work inside the courts, and how their specialties can contribute.

In addition, threat assessments are a major part of keeping our courts as safe as possible. This year 19 different counties have requested threat assessments for their courthouses. There have been more than 35 assessments, between circuit and district courts. These assessments address everything from the security apparatus to the building infrastructure, as well as suggesting new policies & procedures. The whole process, from the on-site assessment to the final recommendations, is a targeted effort to create the safest courtroom environment possible. The resulting recommendations can help support local security committees with their annual requests for grant funding.

This year, the Committee on Security & Emergency Preparedness awarded \$500,000 in court security grants to local district and circuit courts. This funding comes from the Arkansas State Legislature each year, who recently increased the funding from \$250,000 to \$500,000 annually. Each county could apply for up to \$20,000 of grant funding. A total of 33 counties across Arkansas received individual grant awards to support their efforts enhancing local court security.

Projects funded through this grant cycle included a wide variety of security related enhancements, such as the installation of new camera systems, upgrading existing camera systems, new radios, security doors, walk-through metal detectors, a generator transfer switch, secure transaction windows for clerks, a credential system, Tasers, courtroom window tinting, upgraded holding cell, hand-held security wands, electronic door access panels, panic button systems, new medical/trauma supplies, compact X-ray scanner, and the upgrade of physical court infrastructure.



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Arkansas Counties
Received Individual Grants



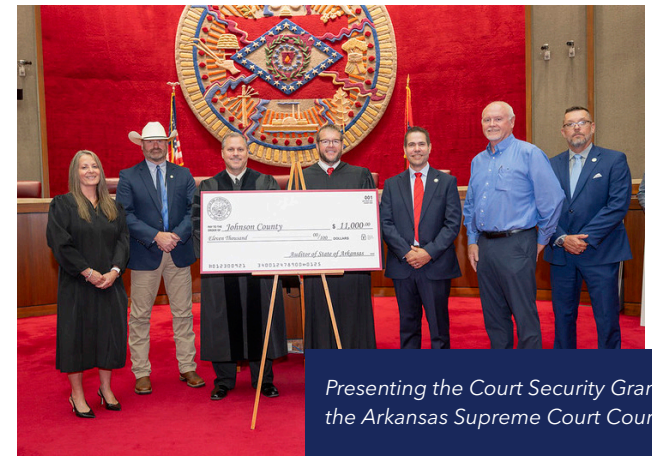
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Threat Assessments



\$500K

Court Security Grants



Presenting the Court Security Grant awards in the Arkansas Supreme Court Courtroom



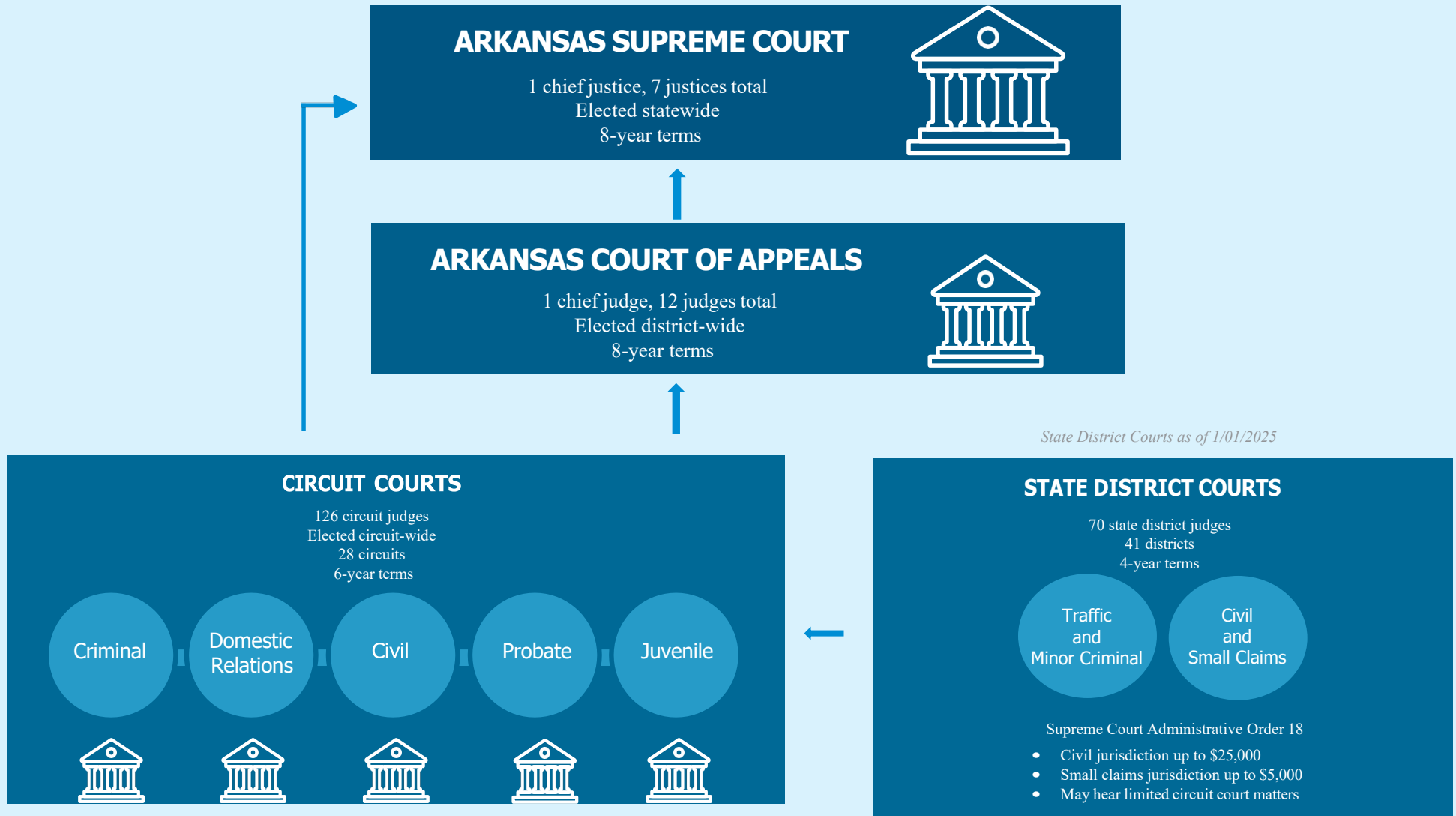
Brent Scott teaches the Court Security Officers class at ALETA-Central

COUNTY	PROJECT	AMOUNT
ARKANSAS	UPGRADE CAMERAS, ELECTRONIC DOOR LOCKS	\$19,990.23
BAXTER	GENERATOR TRANSFER SWITCH	\$15,000.00
CALHOUN	EXPAND CAMERA SYSTEM, NEW AED MACHINE	\$9,639.43
CLARK	UPGRADE CAMERAS	\$20,000.00
CLAY	UPGRADE CAMERAS	\$20,000.00
COLUMBIA	TWO NEW METAL DETECTORS	\$8,000.00
CRAWFORD	CAMERAS AND DOORS FOR DISTRICT COURT	\$8,532.58
DALLAS	UPGRADE CAMERAS	\$20,000.00
FRANKLIN	PANIC ALERT SYSTEM	\$20,000.00
CRAIGHEAD	COMPACT X-RAY SCANNER	\$15,000.00
GRANT	PANIC ALERT SYSTEM	\$20,000.00
GREENE	NEW METAL DETECTOR, SECURITY STATION	\$15,000.00
HOT SPRING	BULLET RESISTANT DOORS	\$11,942.94
INDEPENDENCE	NEW CAMERAS, BULLET RESISTANT FILM, CONTROLLED DOOR ACCESS	\$19,051.00
IZARD	NEW CAMERAS, CREDENTIAL SYSTEM	\$11,843.12
JACKSON	UPGRADE CAMERAS, UPGRADE HOLDING CELL, EMPLOYEE ACCESS SYSTEM	\$10,388.34
JOHNSON	ELECTRONIC DOOR ACCESS FOR COURT RELATED DOORS	\$11,000.00
LAWRENCE	SECURITY DOOR AND RECEPTION WINDOW FOR CLERK	\$7,951.01
LINCOLN	PANIC ALERT SYSTEM	\$19,818.66
LONOKE	METAL DETECTOR, NEW BATTERIES FOR PANIC SYSTEM	\$7,262.21
MADISON	SECURITY DOOR, METAL DETECTOR, 2 SECURITY WANDS	\$13,427.75
MARION	NEW CAMERA, KEY PAD ACCESS, 3 FIRE RESISTANT DOORS	\$18,699.99
MISSISSIPPI	UPGRADE CAMERAS	\$20,000.00
MONTGOMERY	UPGRADE CAMERAS	\$20,000.00
NEVADA	UPGRADE CAMERAS, UPGRADE HOLDING CELL	\$13,146.00
PIKE	NEW CAMERA SYSTEM	\$20,000.00
POPE	BADGE ACCESS SYSTEM, METAL DETECTOR	\$18,093.24
PRAIRIE	UPGRADE PHYSICAL COURT INFRASTRUCTURE	\$15,250.00
RANDOLPH	METAL DETECTOR	\$5,000.00
SALINE	UPGRADE CAMERAS	\$6,086.29
SEARCY	SECURE ENTRANCE	\$19,877.21
SHARP	ADDITIONAL CAMERAS, NEW LOCKS, 2 TASERS, 2 RADIOS, WINDOW TINT	\$20,000.00
YELL	UPGRADE CAMERAS	\$20,000.00

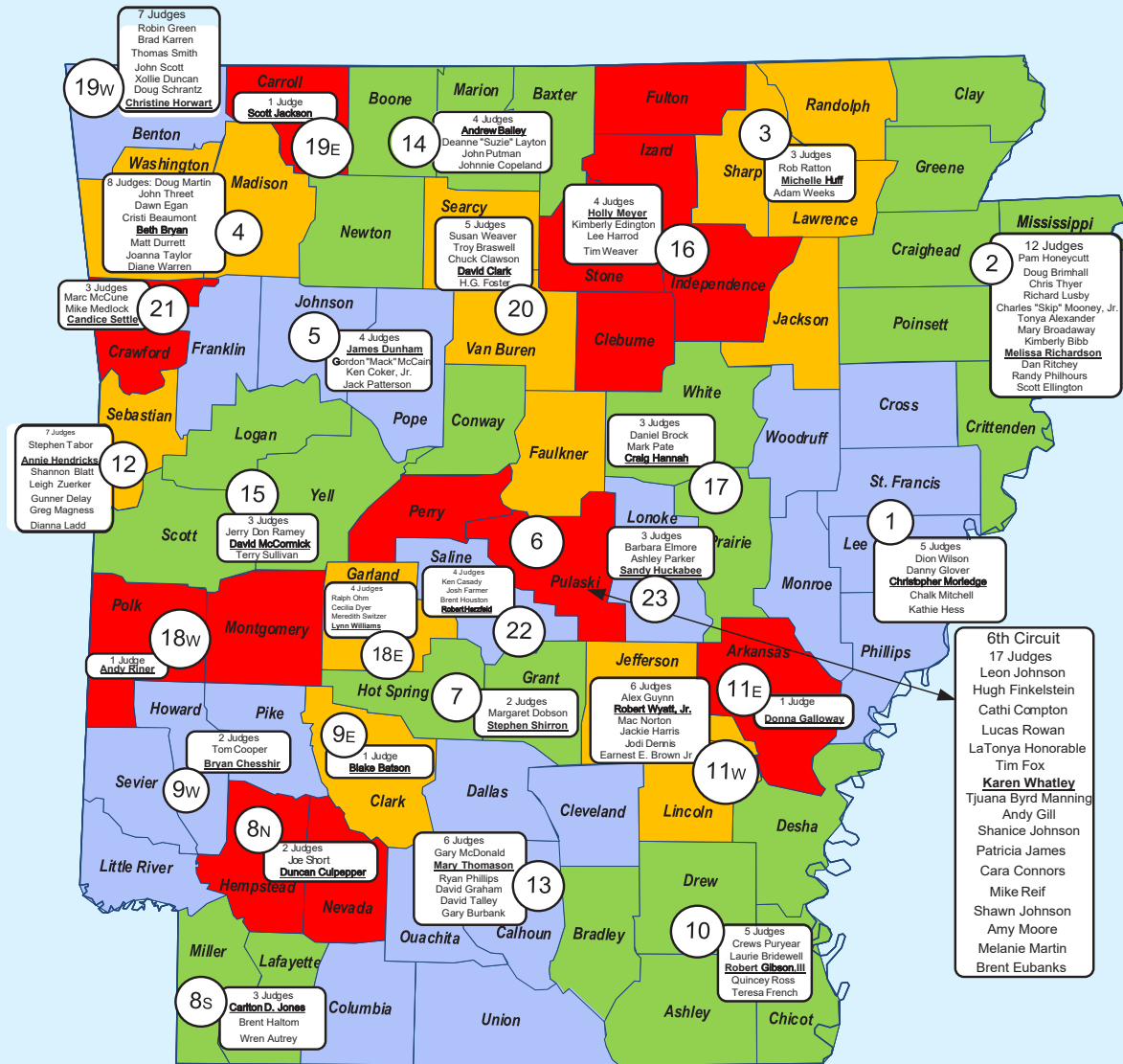
TOTAL \$500,000.00

ARKANSAS COURTS

ARKANSAS COURT STRUCTURE



ARKANSAS CIRCUIT COURTS



28 JUDICIAL CIRCUITS
126 CIRCUIT JUDGES

THE ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF EACH
CIRCUIT IS INDICATED IN BOLD AND
UNDERLINED TEXT.

UPDATED: AUGUST 26, 2026

ARKANSAS DISTRICT COURTS



**41 JUDICIAL DISTRICTS
70 DISTRICT JUDGES**

UPDATED: JANUARY 1, 2025

CASELOADS 2025

SUPREME COURT

99.0%

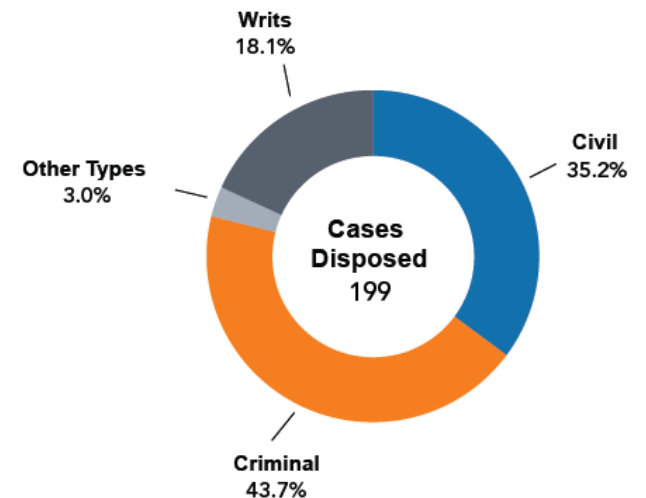
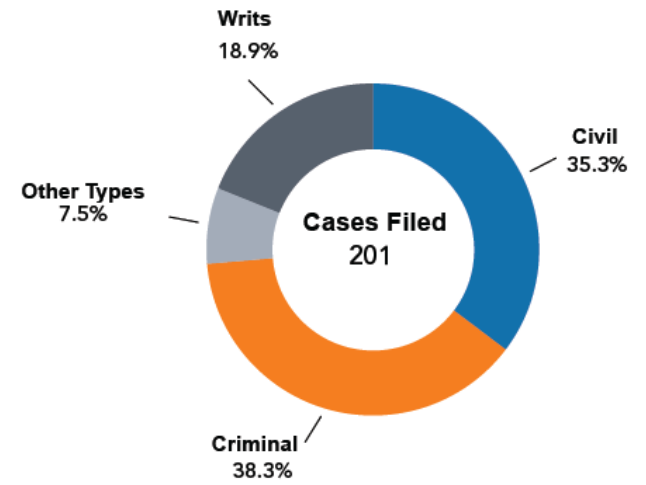
Clearance Rate

FILINGS

CRIMINAL	77
APPEAL BY STATE	3
APPELLATE FELONY	22
CAPITAL LIFE W/O PAROLE	6
POST CONVICTION APPEAL	46
CIVIL	71
CIVIL APPEAL ADMINISTRATIVE	2
CIVIL APPEAL CIRCUIT	31
INCARCERATED CIVIL APPEAL	38
WRITS	38
APPELLATE WRIT - OTHER - CV	2
WRIT OF CERTIORARI - CR	6
WRIT OF CERTIORARI - CV	7
WRIT OF MANDAMUS - CR	2
WRIT OF MANDAMUS - CV	10
WRIT OF PROHIBITION - CR	4
WRIT OF PROHIBITION - CV	7
OTHER TYPES	15
DEPT WORKFORCE SERVICE	1
INTERLOCUTORY APPEAL	6
JUVENILE DELINQUENCY APPEAL	0
ORIGINAL ACTION	4
PROBATE APPEAL	3
WORKER'S COMPENSATION	1

DISPOSITIONS

CRIMINAL	87
APPEAL BY STATE	1
APPELLATE FELONY	18
CAPITAL LIFE W/O PAROLE	15
POST CONVICTION APPEAL	53
CIVIL	70
CIVIL APPEAL ADMINISTRATIVE	0
CIVIL APPEAL CIRCUIT	25
INCARCERATED CIVIL APPEAL	45
WRITS	36
APPELLATE WRIT - OTHER - CV	2
WRIT OF CERTIORARI - CR	7
WRIT OF CERTIORARI - CV	8
WRIT OF MANDAMUS - CR	2
WRIT OF MANDAMUS - CV	8
WRIT OF PROHIBITION - CR	3
WRIT OF PROHIBITION - CV	6
OTHER TYPES	6
DEPT WORKFORCE SERVICE	0
INTERLOCUTORY APPEAL	2
JUVENILE DELINQUENCY APPEAL	1
ORIGINAL ACTION	3
PROBATE APPEAL	0
WORKER'S COMPENSATION	0



COURT OF APPEALS

112.7%

Clearance Rate

FILINGS

CRIMINAL 248

APPELLATE FELONY	191
APPELLATE MISDEMEANOR	9
JUVENILE DELINQUENCY APPEAL	4
POST CONVICTION APPEAL	44

CIVIL 257

CIVIL APPEAL ADMINISTRATIVE	6
CIVIL APPEAL CIRCUIT	232
INCARCERATED CIVIL APPEAL	18
JUVENILE CIVIL APPEAL	1

OTHER TYPES 293

DEPT WORKFORCE SERVICE	186
DHS JUVENILE APPEAL	58
INTERLOCUTORY APPEAL	18
PROBATE APPEAL	22
WORKER'S COMPENSATION	9

DISPOSITIONS

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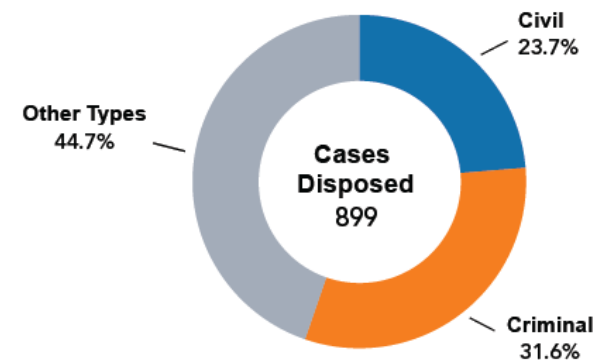
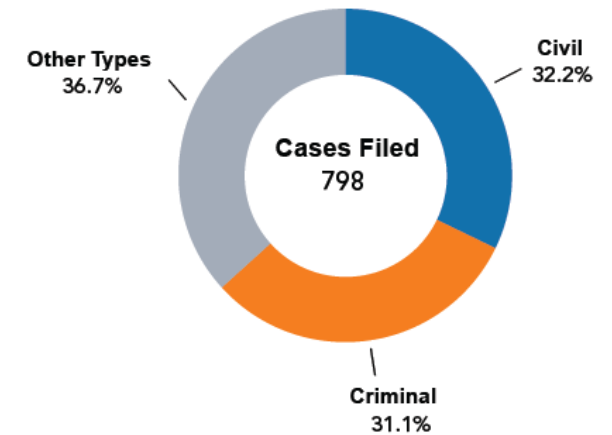
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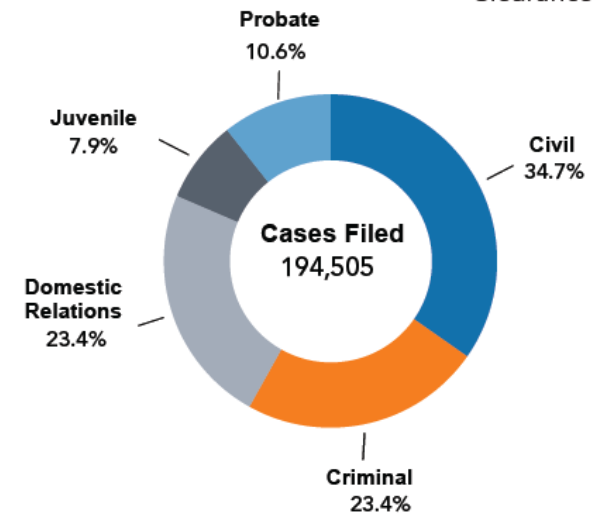
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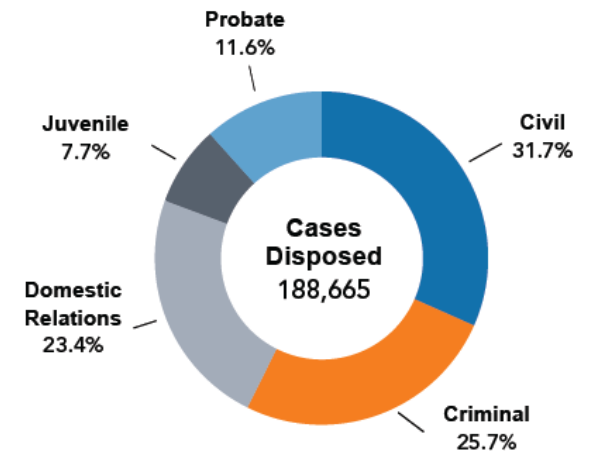
Clearance Rate

ALL AREAS	194,505
CIVIL	67,553
CRIMINAL	45,446
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	45,446
JUVENILE	15,365
PROBATE	20,695



DISPOSITIONS

ALL AREAS	188,665
CIVIL	59,726
CRIMINAL	48,456
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	44,060
JUVENILE	14,453
PROBATE	21,970



CIRCUIT COURT CHARGES FILED

CIRCUIT	FELONY CLASS A	FELONY CLASS B	FELONY CLASS C	FELONY CLASS D	FELONY CLASS Y	FELONY UNCLASSIFIED	MISDEMEANOR CLASS A	MISDEMEANOR CLASS B	MISDEMEANOR CLASS C	MISDEMEANOR UNCLASSIFIED	REVOCATION	VIOLATION	STATEWIDE TOTAL
1ST	26	414	377	810	268	27	454	82	123	205	30	182	2,998
2ND	147	1,556	1,781	3,809	326	54	1,558	207	381	410	1,338	280	11,847
3RD	55	399	409	891	94	5	322	37	74	134	338	17	2,775
4TH	95	626	1,264	2,434	210	48	1,111	63	79	187	974	44	7,135
5TH	39	263	627	866	67	14	324	62	84	89	501	38	2,974
6TH	289	1,484	2,599	6,097	896	167	2,853	116	440	242	1,880	79	17,142
7TH	15	102	264	410	48	8	148	9	14	12	90	3	1,123
8TH NORTH	7	63	104	251	17	3	23	2	0	23	175	6	674
8TH SOUTH	27	365	306	627	108	3	28	1	2	2	587		2,056
9TH EAST	3	63	61	166	11	2	43	1	1	2	66		419
9TH WEST	18	119	145	369	44	3	123	8	12	14	126	8	989
10TH	23	172	179	563	67	9	177	3	10	13	218	6	1,440
11TH EAST	15	131	157	471	33	4	134	5	20	14		3	987
11TH WEST	43	511	344	979	130	15	270	17	16	15	261	7	2,608
12TH	46	213	275	866	82	7	334	21	41	63	1,042	16	3,006
13TH	45	310	440	1,255	147	18	390	30	52	56	348	25	3,116
14TH	27	247	453	921	111	2	564	62	152	223	237	70	3,069
15TH	34	98	220	615	35	7	225	25	49	61	244	17	1,630
16TH	32	257	385	728	61	6	276	47	75	74	190	55	2,186
17TH	22	185	743	788	213	9	247	19	30	19	288	10	2,573
18TH EAST	52	403	941	1,021	120	10	499	45	118	184	250	157	3,800
18TH WEST	7	26	59	177	12		99	10	14	13	31	1	449
19TH EAST	7	26	99	168	30	1	67	5	5	15	91	4	518
19TH WEST	53	304	722	1,517	97	24	595	54	89	113	1,473	33	5,074
20TH	79	347	790	1,680	127	6	806	96	179	451	488	125	5,174
21ST	48	342	533	459	59	4	257	28	46	112	188	43	2,119
22ND	12	159	495	774	39	8	271	12	23	50	459	6	2,308
23RD	28	156	350	552	57	4	238	6	12	15	212	4	1,634
STATEWIDE TOTAL	1,294	9,341	15,122	30,264	3,509	468	12,436	1,073	2,141	2,811	12,125	1,239	91,823

CIRCUIT COURT CHARGES DISPOSED

CIRCUIT	FELONY CLASS A	FELONY CLASS B	FELONY CLASS C	FELONY CLASS D	FELONY CLASS Y	FELONY UNCLASSIFIED	MISDEMEANOR CLASS A	MISDEMEANOR CLASS B	MISDEMEANOR CLASS C	MISDEMEANOR UNCLASSIFIED	REVOCATION	VIOLATION	STATEWIDE TOTAL
1ST	34	409	352	978	130	10	591	77	167	201	99	175	3,223
2ND	177	1,449	2,885	4,229	476	65	1,692	223	383	433	1,483	267	13,762
3RD	45	354	426	855	111	11	359	46	67	127	320	15	2,736
4TH	116	498	1,850	3,300	250	45	1,519	95	150	256	1,348	47	9,474
5TH	47	132	576	881	76	10	336	58	73	99	502	36	2,826
6TH	327	1,712	2,857	6,412	801	140	3,035	143	470	197	1,963	64	18,121
7TH	12	98	127	372	51	3	120	4	15	9	110	5	926
8TH NORTH	13	56	128	258	16	5	36	4	3	15	157	4	695
8TH SOUTH	23	188	415	710	96	5	24	1	1	5	611	4	2,083
9TH EAST	5	31	136	186	10	2	50	2	4	3	81	0	510
9TH WEST	21	198	161	377	36	2	120	3	7	8	117	4	1,054
10TH	28	175	211	504	82	10	201	4	10	26	216	7	1,474
11TH EAST	23	163	138	521	34	2	145	4	18	7	2	1	1,058
11TH WEST	43	755	542	1,026	136	6	263	19	17	2	194	2	3,005
12TH	51	221	283	858	102	18	329	16	37	54	1,356	22	3,347
13TH	36	308	506	1,255	130	12	382	28	55	49	352	19	3,132
14TH	33	215	334	934	63	4	641	54	156	216	255	96	3,001
15TH	34	123	272	736	45	13	236	23	56	62	157	14	1,771
16TH	24	236	705	722	89	4	382	58	79	89	196	47	2,631
17TH	34	179	488	751	53	9	235	15	20	18	250	20	2,072
18TH EAST	33	197	437	709	68	8	359	23	90	110	166	78	2,278
18TH WEST	2	33	101	162	24	0	87	9	17	35	47	5	522
19TH EAST	2	18	117	172	6	0	87	9	11	20	90	6	538
19TH WEST	83	364	967	2,096	106	27	837	63	114	158	1,522	46	6,383
20TH	50	240	796	1,483	163	8	809	85	183	462	465	108	4,852
21ST	41	238	335	611	102	6	310	27	66	126	205	40	2,107
22ND	17	153	604	1,000	27	8	395	14	27	55	439	6	2,745
23RD	24	113	198	504	46	3	231	5	13	30	125	3	1,295
STATEWIDE TOTAL	1,378	8,856	16,947	32,602	3,329	436	13,811	1,112	2,309	2,872	12,828	1,141	97,621

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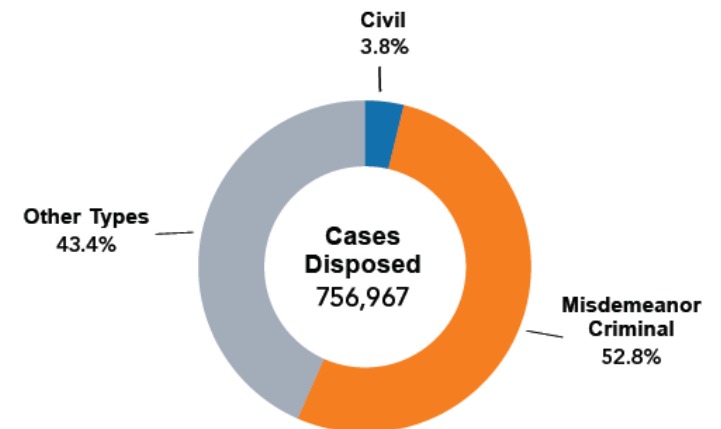
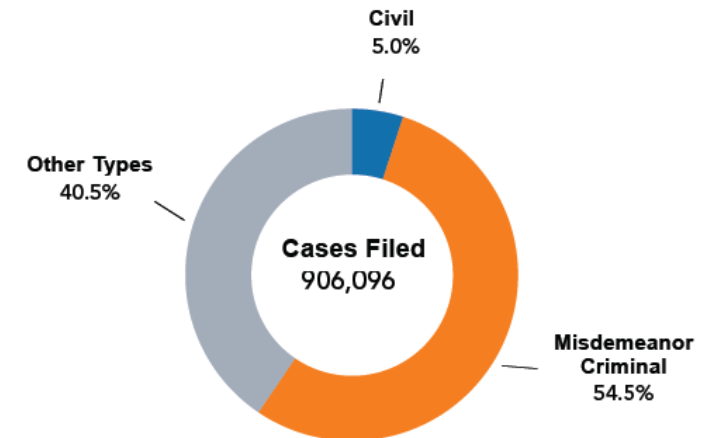
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MISDEMEANOR CRIMINAL	493,680
DWI	15,898
MISDEMEANOR - DRUG	13,999
MISDEMEANOR - DV	8,623
MISDEMEANOR - OTHER	267,135
MISDEMEANOR - PERSON	4,802
MISDEMEANOR - PROPERTY	12,686
MISDEMEANOR - PUBLIC ORDER	24,261
MISDEMEANOR - WEAPON	2,321
TRAFFIC MISDEMEANOR	143,955
CIVIL	45,359
CIVIL - OTHER	7,781
CONTRACTS	8,024
DAMAGE TO PERSONAL PROPERTY	65
DEBT COLLECTION	24,755
RECOVERY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY	16
SMALL CLAIMS	4,718
OTHER TYPES	367,057
APPEALS	525
LOCAL ORDINANCE	46,427
PARKING	1,175
TRAFFIC VIOLATION	265,754
VIOLATION - OTHER	53,176

DISPOSITIONS

MISDEMEANOR CRIMINAL	399,838
DWI	14,125
MISDEMEANOR - DRUG	11,983
MISDEMEANOR - DV	7,226
MISDEMEANOR - OTHER	194,811
MISDEMEANOR - PERSON	3,912
MISDEMEANOR - PROPERTY	12,128
MISDEMEANOR - PUBLIC ORDER	19,230
MISDEMEANOR - WEAPON	2,256
TRAFFIC MISDEMEANOR	134,167
CIVIL	28,776
CIVIL - OTHER	4,118
CONTRACTS	5,682
DAMAGE TO PERSONAL PROPERTY	47
DEBT COLLECTION	16,791
RECOVERY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY	25
SMALL CLAIMS	2,113
OTHER TYPES	328,353
APPEALS	465
LOCAL ORDINANCE	42,558
PARKING	885
TRAFFIC VIOLATION	233,849
VIOLATION - OTHER	50,596



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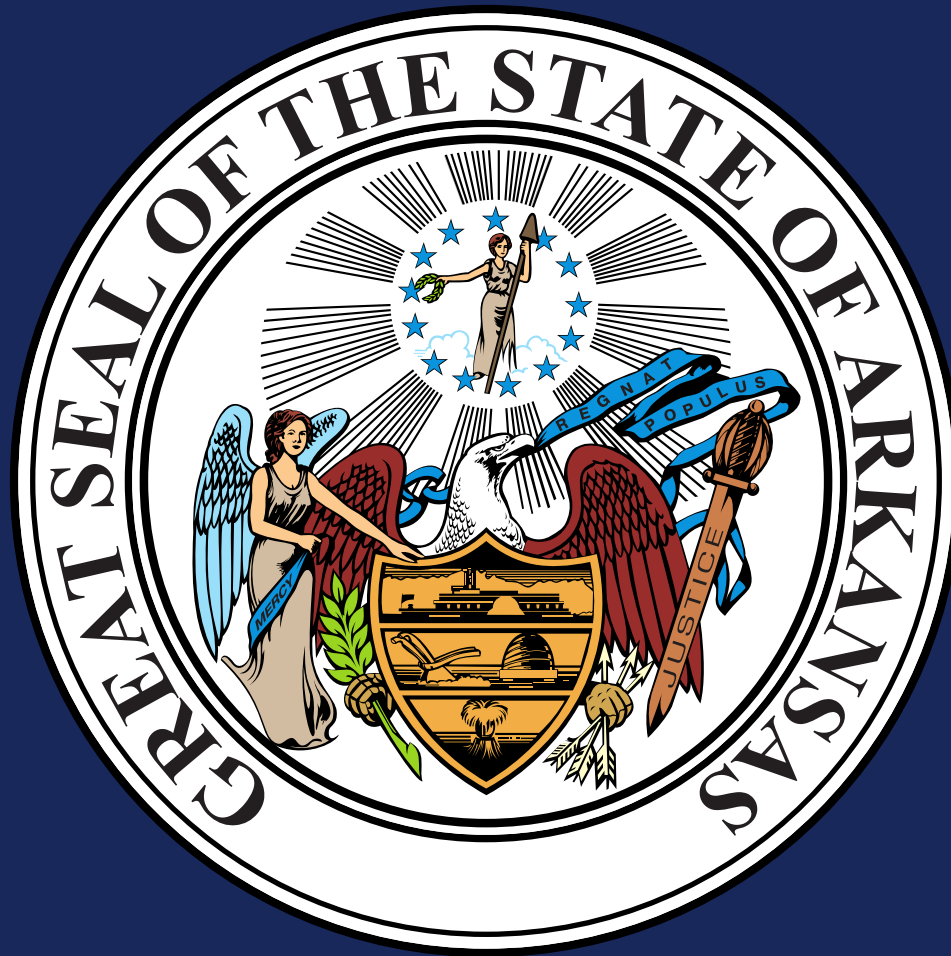
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