Conflict Attorneys (Court Appointed Counsel)

Mission

To provide for the payment of court costs ordered against indigent defendants as determined by Florida Statutes 27.52.

Business Strategy

Court costs are to be paid by the County per Florida Statute. Payment is provided to court-appointed attorneys for indigent defendants where the Public Defender experiences conflict in representation as set forth under Florida Statute 27.53(3) relative to criminal proceedings and Florida Statute 39.0134 relative to juvenile proceedings. Compensation is calculated per Florida Statute 925.036 and Administrative Orders 96-33, 00-23-S, and 01-07-S. Seminole County contracts with eight conflict attorneys. Special conflict attorneys are appointed for capital cases, dependency cases and other cases where the Court finds a conflict.

Chapter 39 of the Florida Statutes requires that attorneys be appointed for each parent in dependency cases where allegations have been made that a child has been abandoned, abused or neglected.

In addition, the State provides funding relief through the "Child Dependency Program." The grant-in-aid agreement disburses quarterly payments to Seminole County.

Objectives

Comply with Florida Statutes and Administrative Orders in providing indigent defendants with legal representation.

Department: JUDICIAL — ***Seminole County***
Division: — ***FY 2003/04***
Section: COURT APPOINTED COUNSEL — ***FY 2004/05***

	2001/02 Actual Expenditures	2002/03 Adopted Budget	2003/04 Adopted Budget	Percent Change 2003/04 Budget over 2002/03 Budget	2004/05 Approved Budget	Percent Change 2004/05 Budget over 2003/04 Budget
EXPENDITURES:						
Personal Services	0	0	0		0	
Operating Services	1,596,163	1,644,000	1,267,500	-22.9%	1,725,000	36.1%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0		0	
Debt Service	0	0	0		0	
Grants and Aid	0	0	0		0	
Reserves/Transfers	0	0	422,500	100.0%	0	-100.0%
Subtotal Operating	**1,596,163**	**1,644,000**	**1,690,000**	**2.8%**	**1,725,000**	**2.1%**
Capital Improvements	0	0	0		0	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**1,596,163**	**1,644,000**	**1,690,000**	**2.8%**	**1,725,000**	**2.1%**
FUNDING SOURCE (S)						
General Fund	1,596,163	1,644,000	1,690,000	2.8%	1,725,000	2.1%
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCE (S)	**1,596,163**	**1,644,000**	**1,690,000**	**2.8%**	**1,725,000**	**2.1%**
Full Time Positions	0	0	0		0	
Part-Time Positions	0	0	0		0	

New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2003/04

These funds cover court-appointed attorneys for indigent defendants where the Public Defender experiences conflict in representation as set forth under Florida Statute 27.53(3).

Reserves reflect 25% of the total budget, excluding computers and communications equipment, due to the implementation of Article V in July of 2004.

New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2004/05

Capital Improvements	**2003-04**	**2004-05**	**2005-06**	**2006-07**	**2007-08**
Total Project Cost	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operating Impact	0	0	0	0	0

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