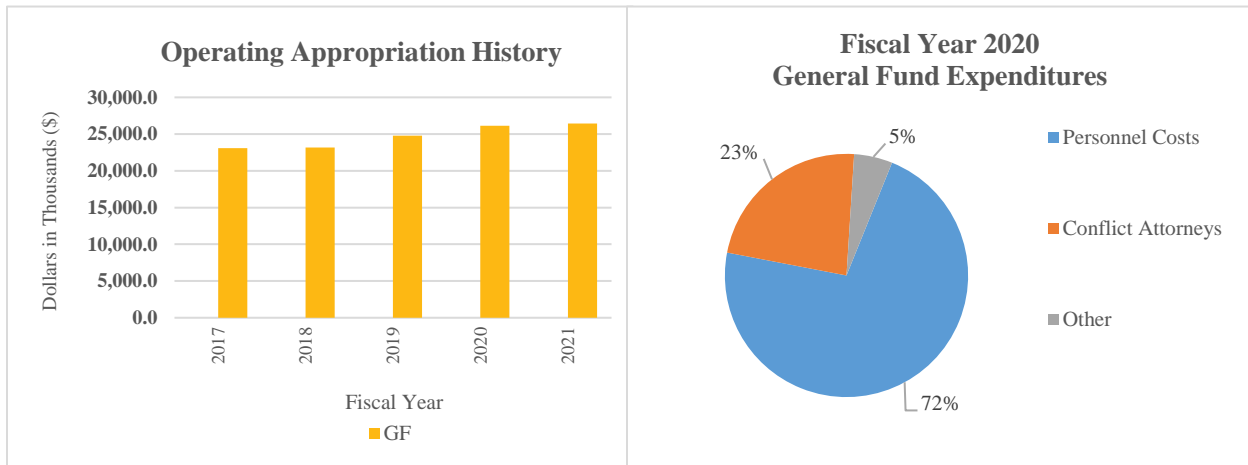


At a Glance

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



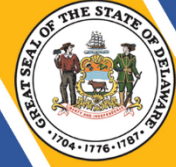
Overview

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 2020 Actual	Fiscal Year 2021 Budget	Fiscal Year 2022 Governor's Recommended
15-02-02	<i>Public Defender</i>			
	# of appeals closed statewide	14	14	14
	Average # of cases per attorney per year:			
	Superior Court	389	389	389
	Court of Common Pleas	463	463	163
	Family Court	208	208	208
	# of client service items produced per Psycho-Forensic Evaluator	86.5	86.5	86.5
	# of days from imprisonment to intake interview for incarcerated clients	2.4	2.4	2.4
# of days from interview to date client file is opened	1.2	1.2	1.2	
15-02-03	<i>Office of Conflicts Counsel</i>			
	Total # of conflict cases per attorney per year:			
	Family Court	1,441	1,441	1,441
	Court of Common Pleas	1,963	1,963	1,963
	Superior Court	1,114	1,114	1,114
	# of Rule 61 post-conviction cases	35	35	35
# of capital and non-capital cases	13	13	13	