

# CASE ASSIGNMENT HISTORY

New Case Assignments and Amounts Paid to IDC Attorneys												
FY14/15												
Case Type	PD	LD	IDC Attys	TOTAL Cases Assigned	Amount Paid to IDC Attys	CONFLICT			OVERLOAD			
						PD & LD	PD only	LD only	PD & LD	PD only	LD only	
Felony	309	264	113	686	\$434,502	Felony	114	185	167	0	0	0
PTR	90	89	12	191	\$ 8,702	DEP	97	161	155	1	2	21
Misdemeanor	69	1	1048	1118	\$189,413	SEV	2	4	6	0	0	0
Appeal	1	1	11	13	\$ 26,313							
Rule 32	0	5	44	49	\$ 63,327							
Extradition	59	1	1	61	\$ 150							
Mental Health	86	0	0	86	\$ -							
Delinquency	166	121	8	295	\$ 8,415							
Dependency	68	52	111	231	\$263,426							
Severance	6	2	2	10	\$ 3,459							
Other	0	0	1	1	\$ 1,264							
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>1351</b>	<b>2741</b>	<b>\$998,971</b>							
FY13/14												
Case Type	PD	LD	IDC Attys	TOTAL Cases Assigned	Amount Paid to IDC Attys	CONFLICT			OVERLOAD			
						PD & LD	PD only	LD only	PD & LD	PD only	LD only	
Felony	270	220	106	596	\$277,855	Felony	102	158	153	0	0	1*
PTR	116	77	1	194	\$ 400	DEP	120	185	181	16	37	50
Misdemeanor	78	102	982	1162	\$190,800	SEV	4	19	20	2	10	12
Appeal	0	7	15	22	\$ 47,319							
Rule 32	1	12	61	74	\$ 70,829							
Extradition	73	1	0	74	\$ -							
Mental Health	51	0	0	51	\$ -							
Delinquency	160	147	20	327	\$ 15,249							
Dependency	61	54	171	286	\$315,479							
Severance	18	15	17	50	\$ 10,411							
Other	0	0	3	3	\$ 4,955							
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>1376</b>	<b>2839</b>	<b>\$933,296</b>							
FY12/13												
Case Type	PD	LD	IDC Attys	TOTAL Cases Assigned	Amount Paid to IDC Attys	CONFLICT			OVERLOAD			
						PD & LD	PD only	LD only	PD & LD	PD only	LD only	
Felony	259	217	101	577	\$297,857	Felony	92	149	139	0	0	0
PTR	165	112	0	277	\$ -	DEP	93	136	148	15	27	15
Misdemeanor	36	160	869	1065	\$172,397	SEV	1	12	13	2	4	6
Appeal	0	3	29	32	\$ 36,552							
Rule 32	0	3	69	72	\$101,686							
Extradition	64	0	0	64	\$ -							
Mental Health	69	0	0	69	\$ -							
Delinquency	185	149	36	370	\$ 14,017							
Dependency	52	52	115	219	\$318,131							
Severance	12	11	7	30	\$ 10,316							
Other	1	0	2	3	\$ 1,536							
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>843</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>1228</b>	<b>2778</b>	<b>\$952,492</b>							

Felony Amounts Paid include Capital felony case expenses

The Cochise County Indigent Defense Coordinator's Office, Public Defender, and Legal Defender, provide legal counsel in all cases where a person is constitutionally entitled to an attorney and the court has determined that they are indigent and do not have the financial ability to hire one. These cases include criminal felony, misdemeanor, extradition and appellate cases, juvenile delinquency and dependency cases, and mental health commitment cases.

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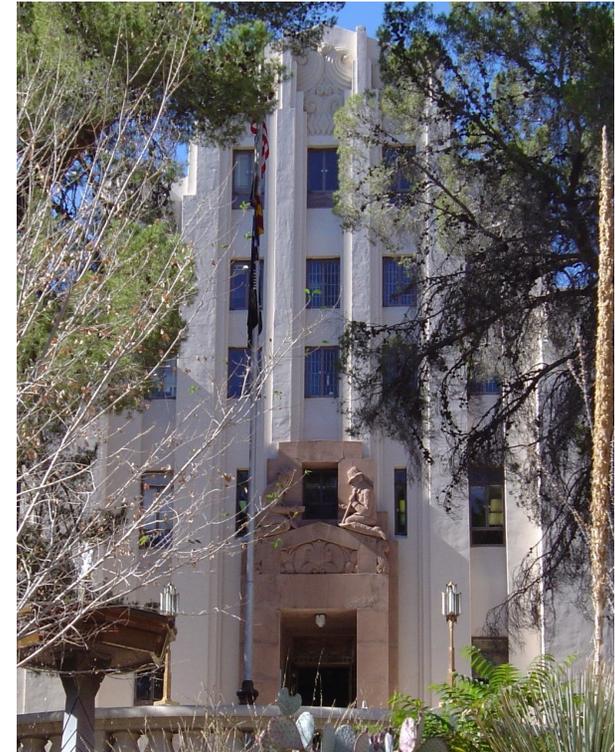
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# Cochise County INDIGENT DEFENSE

Indigent Defense Coordinator  
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**ANNUAL REPORT**  
Fiscal Year 2014/2015

# NEW CASE ASSIGNMENTS

There were 2,741 new cases assigned in FY14/15, a decrease of 98 cases compared to the previous fiscal year. The PD and LD attorneys handled 83% of all new felony cases. All felony cases assigned to private IDC attorneys were cases in which both offices had significant legal conflicts.

## 686 FELONY CASES ASSIGNED

90 More Cases Than In FY13/14

- PD: 45% (309 cases)
- LD: 38% (264 cases)
- IDC Attorneys: 17% (113 cases)

## 1,118 MISDEMEANOR CASES ASSIGNED

44 Fewer Cases Than In FY13/14

- PD: 6% (69 cases)
- LD: 0% ( 1 case)
- IDC Attorneys: 94% (1,048 cases)

## 295 DELINQUENCY CASES ASSIGNED

32 Fewer Cases Than In FY13/14

- PD: 56% (166 cases)
- LD: 41% (121 cases)
- IDC Attorneys: 3% (8 cases)

## 231 DEPENDENCY CASE ASSIGNMENTS

55 Fewer Cases Than In FY13/14

- PD: 29% (68 cases)
- LD: 23% (52 cases)
- IDC Attorneys: 48% (111 cases)

## 10 SEVERANCE CASE ASSIGNMENTS

40 Fewer Cases Than In FY13/14

- PD: 60% (6 cases)
- LD: 20% (2 cases)
- IDC Attorneys: 20% (2 cases)

# FY14/15 BUDGET

## GENERAL FUND

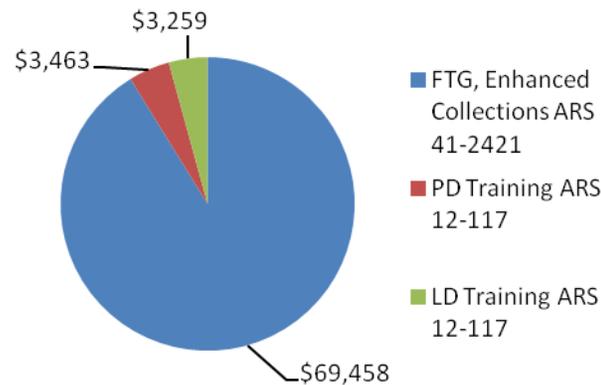
	Adopted Budget	Total Expenses	Salary Savings	Vacancy Savings
IDC	\$ 1,032,207	\$ 1,232,449	\$ -	\$ -
PD	\$ 1,418,742	\$ 1,327,193	(\$6,000)	\$ 50,200
LD	\$ 895,032	\$ 871,131	\$ -	\$ 16,042
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 3,345,981</b>	<b>\$ 3,430,773</b>	<b>(\$6,000)</b>	<b>\$ 66,242</b>

TOTAL BUDGET LESS EXPENSES: **(\$84,792)**

IDC expenses include over \$250,000 for expenses incurred in 1 capital and 8 non-capital murder cases assigned to private attorneys due to conflicts in the PD and LD offices. IDC's budget shortfall was covered by transfers from General Fund contingency, PD and LD vacancy savings, and the PD expert witness budget.

## FY14/15 SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Indigent defense used \$76,180 in special revenue funding to avoid expense to the general fund. Fill the Gap funds were used to support case tracking software upgrades and programming for the PD, LD and IDC, and to partially fund an investigator for LD and a paralegal for PD. Training funds paid for mandatory CLE credits for PD and LD staff.



# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## ATTORNEY FEE ASSESSMENTS

- ◆ \$68,122 collected by Courts (PD revenue)

## PD/LD FELONY CASE AGING

*Days from arraignment to disposition*  
Excluding diversion, withdrawals, extraordinary trial (i.e. multiple continuances, retrial) cases

- ◆ PD: 236 felony cases concluded
  - 77% within 100 days
  - 94% within 180 days
- ◆ LD: 180 felony cases concluded
  - 74% within 100 days
  - 93% within 180 days

## FELONY TRIALS

- ◆ PD: 4 Trials
- ◆ LD: 1 Trial
- ◆ IDC: 8 Trials

## COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMS

- ◆ Early Resolution Court (ERC): Indigent Defense continues to play an integral part in the ERC program
- ◆ Court Assisted Recovery Program (CARE): A new diversion program in which the PD plays a central role by representing persons with mental health issues who are charged with misdemeanor offenses
- ◆ Jail Review Team: PD participates in discharge management for jail inmates with behavioral health needs
- ◆ Attorney Fee Assessment Program: IDC provides support and calculations for the Superior Court attorney fee assessment program