

Special Report

Arkansas Legislative Audit

Information Regarding the Arkansas Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and Circuit Courts

For the Period January 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015



INTRODUCTION

This report is issued to provide information regarding the Arkansas Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and Circuit Courts (i.e., trial and appellate courts, excluding District Courts). The information provided includes the history of the courts, caseloads, and financial data. Overall, for the period reviewed, annualized revenues for the State's trial and appellate courts totaled \$166.2 million, while annualized expenditures totaled \$201.8 million. The deficit is primarily absorbed at the county level through the counties' general funds.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this review were to:

- Provide the structure and history of the Arkansas court system's trial and appellate courts.
- Categorize caseloads by judicial district.
- Describe how funds flow between state government and local governments.
- Compile a listing of revenues by source, by judicial district.
- Provide salary expenditures by judicial district.
- Provide additional county- and state-funded expenditures by judicial district.

SCOPE AND METHODOLOGY

The information provided in the report was obtained from the Arkansas Administrative Statewide Information System (AASIS), Arkansas Code, relevant reports from various state agencies, and information from local government entities that was requested by Arkansas Legislative Audit (ALA) staff. Due to differences in reporting periods, the information for state government is for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015; the information for local governments is for the calendar year ended December 31, 2014; and the information for prosecuting attorneys is for the calendar year ended December 31, 2013.

The methodology used in conducting this review was developed uniquely to address the stated objectives; therefore, this review was more limited in scope than an audit or attestation engagement performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

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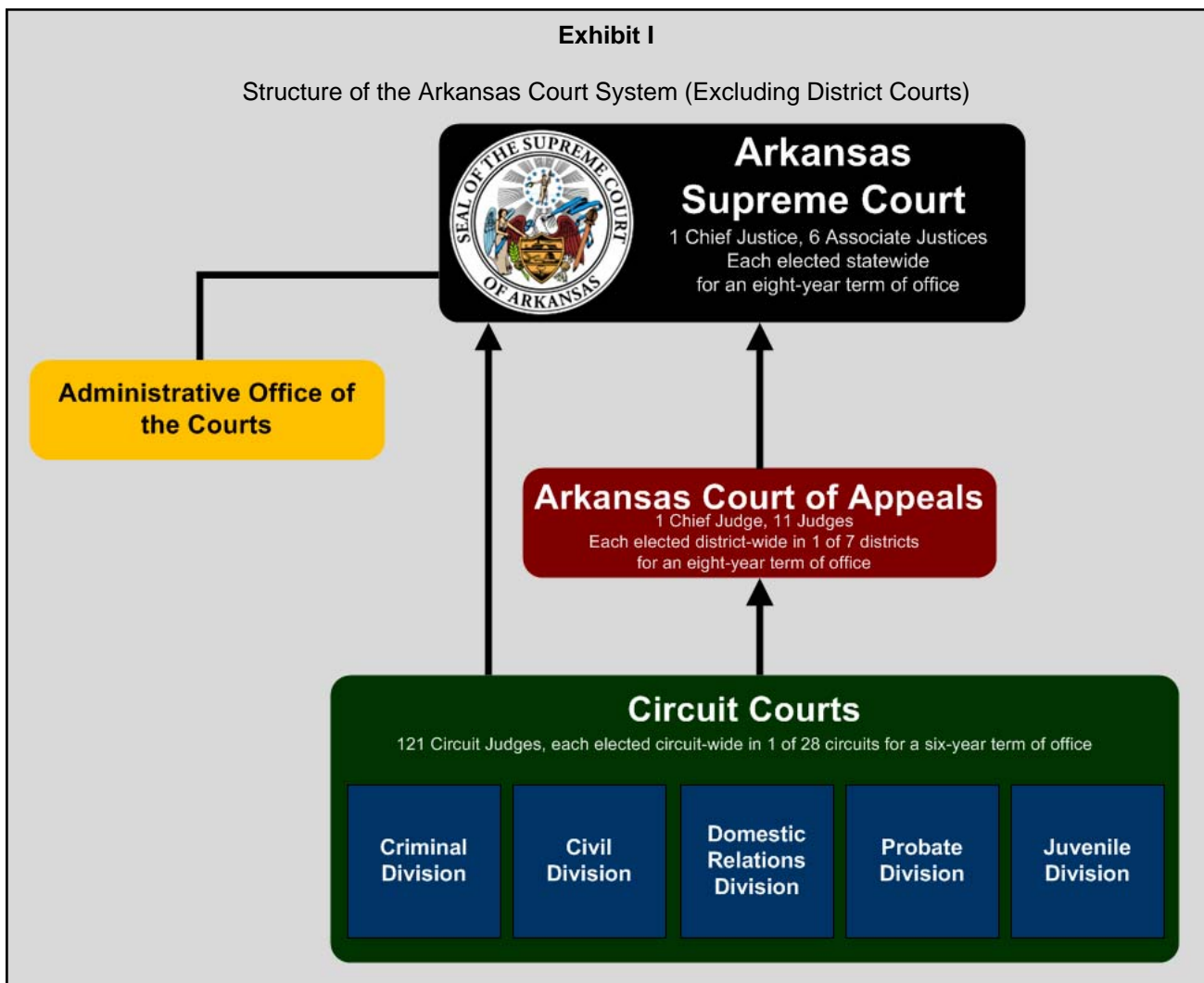
STRUCTURE AND HISTORY OF THE COURTS

The current structure of the Arkansas court system is provided in **Exhibit I**. This report focuses primarily on the trial and appellate court levels of the Arkansas court system.

Arkansas Supreme Court

Approved in the general election of 1924, Amendment 9 to the Arkansas Constitution provided that the Arkansas Supreme Court (Supreme Court) consist of five judges, with two additional judges to be added by the General Assembly if needed. In 1925, the General Assembly added the two judges, bringing the total to seven. This number was later affirmed by Amendment 80 to the Arkansas Constitution, passed in the 2000 general election.

Currently, the Supreme Court is composed of one Chief Justice and six Associate Justices, each of whom is elected to an eight-year term in a non-partisan race. The Supreme Court has statewide appellate jurisdiction (i.e., typically hearing appealed cases that originated in trial courts) and general superintending control over all lower courts of Arkansas (i.e., having authority to make inferior courts act, decide whether to hear an appeal from a lower court, etc.). Additionally, the Supreme Court has original jurisdiction over certain matters as defined by Amendment 80 to the Arkansas Constitution.



Source: Arkansas Administrative Office of the Courts

Arkansas Court of Appeals

The Arkansas Court of Appeals (Court of Appeals) was created when Amendment 58 to the Arkansas Constitution was ratified in 1978. In 1979, the General Assembly provided for the selection of 6 judges, which was increased to 9 in 1995 and then to 12 in 1997. The Court of Appeals hears appeals of civil and criminal cases, and there is a constitutional right to appeal to the Court of Appeals from the Arkansas Circuit Courts, which are discussed below.

Currently, the Court of Appeals is composed of 12 judges, each of whom is elected to an eight-year term in a non-partisan race, similar to the Supreme Court. The State is divided into seven districts for election of these judges.

Arkansas Circuit Courts

Prior to 2001, the State maintained separate courts of law and courts of equity,¹ resulting in confusion regarding proper jurisdiction. Effective July 1, 2001, Amendment 80 eliminated the separate courts of law and equity. As a result, Circuit Courts became the general jurisdiction trial courts for the State, hearing civil and criminal cases not exclusively belonging to another court. Based on its authority over lower courts, the Supreme Court required the Circuit Courts to establish five subject matter divisions in each county: criminal, civil, domestic relations, probate, and juvenile (see **Exhibit I on page 2**).

Currently, the State has 28 judicial districts (see **Exhibit II**) with 121 judges who serve six-year terms and are elected in non-partisan races.

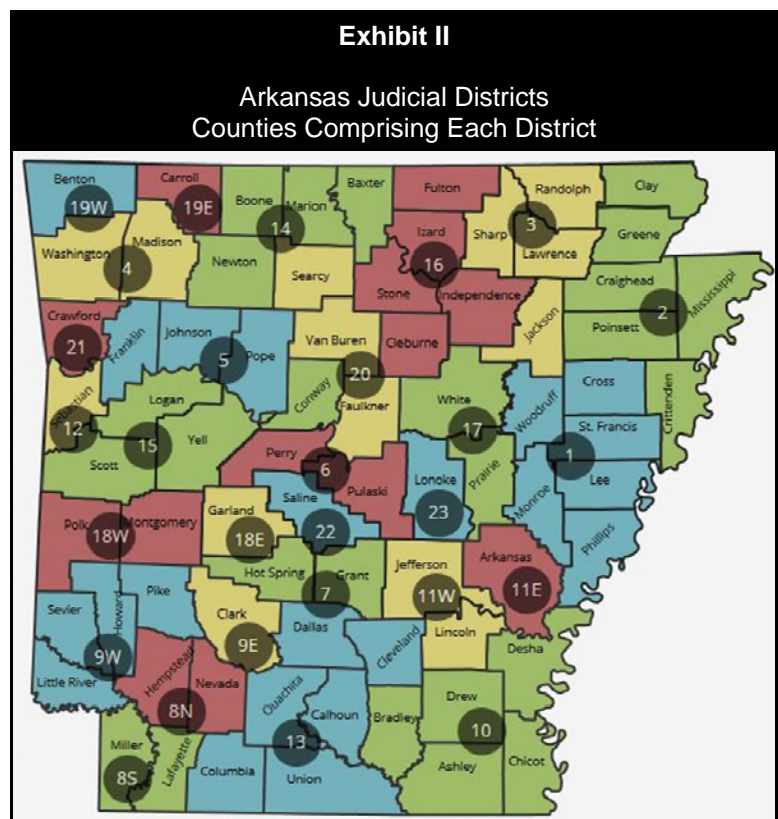
Arkansas District Courts

Even though Circuit Courts are the general jurisdiction courts for the State, some matters are assigned to District Courts. District Courts are limited jurisdiction courts, which means they can only hear certain issues (e.g., traffic violations, civil cases involving contracts or damage to personal property less than \$25,000, etc.). The State's 84 District Courts are served by 110 judges. In 2015, the General Assembly adopted a proposal for an interim study on the financial condition of the District Courts, to be conducted by the Senate Committee on City, County, and Local Affairs. To avoid duplicating this work, District Courts are not discussed in this report.

State Legal Personnel

Prosecuting Attorneys

The State's 28 prosecuting attorneys, who are state officials, are elected to four



Source: Arkansas Administrative Office of the Courts

¹Often called chancery courts, courts of equity handled lawsuits and petitions requesting remedies other than damages, such as writs, injunctions, and specific performance (<http://dictionary.law.com>).

-year terms. Each prosecuting attorney serves one judicial district. Detailed revenue and expenditure information for prosecuting attorneys is provided, by judicial district, in **Appendices K and L**.

Deputy prosecuting attorneys provide assistance to, are appointed by, and may be removed by the elected prosecuting attorney. After being traditionally paid by counties, deputy prosecuting attorneys became state employees in 1999, with each county becoming responsible for a portion of the cost of regular salaries and matching benefits as of January 1, 2000. For fiscal year 2015, the State employed 274 full- and part-time deputy prosecuting attorneys spread among the 28 judicial districts.

Public Defenders

Until 1953, appointed public defenders for indigent defendants served without compensation. The entire cost of indigent defense became the responsibility of counties until 1985, when a series of Arkansas Supreme Court cases determined that the State was responsible for paying for the attorneys of indigent defendants, leading to the creation of the Arkansas Public Defender Commission (Commission) in 1993.

Currently, the Commission is responsible for the payment of public defender salaries, support staff, and certain other expenses for indigent defendants, as listed in Ark. Code Ann. § 16-87-212. Public defenders paid by the Commission are either state employee attorneys or contract attorneys. Contract attorneys are needed when multiple defendants are all represented in the same trial by the Commission. Expert witnesses, private investigators, and interpreters for indigent defendants are also paid for by the Commission. For fiscal year 2015, the Commission employed 336 full- and part-time individuals.

Court Administration

Administrative Office of the Courts

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) was established in 1965 as the Arkansas Judicial Department and renamed in 1989. The purpose of the AOC is to provide general support to the judicial branch for all non-judicial business through its four divisions: finance and administration, legal services, court information systems, and court services. These divisions include functions such as human resource management, research and statistics, drug court coordination, court interpretation, court technology administration, management of the Supreme Court Library, and judicial continuing education. Additionally, the following functions and services managed by the AOC are used in Circuit Court proceedings:

- *Attorneys Ad Litem* – State employee or contract attorneys compensated by the State to perform an independent investigation and represent the interests of children in dependency-neglect cases or domestic relations cases.²
- *Parent Counsel* – Contracted attorneys who provide legal representation to indigent parents and custodians in dependency-neglect cases.
- *Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)* – Primarily nonprofit entities that recruit, train, and support volunteers to represent the best interests of abused and neglected children in the courtroom and other settings.
- *Court Interpreters* – Individuals who provide interpretation for limited English speakers, hearing-impaired individuals, or mute individuals in the courtroom.

²Dependency-neglect cases typically result when the Department of Human Services is intervening in the treatment of children by a guardian or parent. Domestic relations cases typically arise when custody is an issue (e.g., divorce) and the judge determines that an attorney is needed to protect the rights of the child (see Ark. Code Ann. § 9-13-106).

Other Court Personnel

In addition to the offices described above, many additional parties contribute to the operation of the court system in Arkansas:

- *Court Reporters* record and create the official transcript of court proceedings, depositions, or administrative hearings. For fiscal year 2015, 127 full- and part-time court reporters were paid from the State's Administration of Justice (AOJ) Fund.
- *Trial Court Administrators* assist judges in the administration and management of the Circuit Courts. For fiscal year 2015, 136 full- and part-time trial court administrators were paid from the State's AOJ Fund.
- *Circuit/County Clerks* are elected to two-year terms, and their duties include recording judgments, rules, orders, and other proceedings of the courts.
- *Drug Court Juvenile Intake and Probation Officers*, who are state employees, and *Juvenile Intake and Probation Officers*, who are county employees, assist the court with cases involving delinquent juveniles, dependent-neglected juveniles, or families in need of services (e.g., truant, disobedient, or runaway minors). Duties include supervising the case in both judicial and non-judicial matters and could include administering drug screenings to juveniles and families if ordered by the court. Counties receive reimbursement from the State for one-half of juvenile probation and intake officers' county salaries up to \$15,000 per position, as provided under Ark. Code Ann. §§ 16-13-327 – 16-13-328. During fiscal year 2015, the State employed 15 full- and part-time Drug Court Juvenile Intake and Probation Officers.
- *Adult Drug Court Counselors and Probation Officers* assist judges in the administration and management of the Drug Courts. For fiscal year 2015, the State employed 163 full- and part-time Adult Drug Court Counselors and Probation Officers.

CASELOAD INFORMATION

Caseload information for the Circuit Courts, public defenders, Court of Appeals, and Supreme Court is presented by judicial district in **Appendix N**. The information for the public defenders, Court of Appeals, and Supreme Court is for fiscal year 2015, and the information for the Circuit Courts is for calendar year 2014.

In addition, per capita caseload (calculated by ALA staff) and caseload count for filed and terminated (i.e., closed) cases in the Circuit Courts are presented by judicial district in **Appendices O and P**, respectively. Per capita caseload (calculated by ALA staff) and caseload count for public defenders are presented in **Appendices Q and R**, respectively.

FLOW OF STATE-LEVEL COURT FUNDING

State-level funding support for operation of the Arkansas courts system comes from a variety of sources, which are discussed in the sections that follow. A chart depicting the flow and amounts of court-related funding can be found in **Appendix A**. Portions of **Appendix A** are also provided as **Exhibits III through VIII**. Overall, for the period reviewed, annualized revenues for the State's trial and appellate courts totaled \$166.2 million, while annualized expenditures totaled \$201.8 million, as shown in **Exhibit IX on page 10**. Due to differences in reporting periods, the information for state government is for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015; the information provided for local governments is for the calendar year ended December 31, 2014; and the information for prosecuting attorneys is for the calendar year ended December 31, 2013. Further detail is provided in **Appendices B through F**.

STATE FUNDING FOR COURTS

Uniform Filing Fees and Court Costs

At the various Circuit Courts throughout the State, uniform filing fees and court costs totaling \$165 are collected based on Ark. Code Ann. §§ 21-6-403 and 16-10-305, respectively.

From the collection amount for uniform filing fees (\$150 per filing), \$40 is remitted directly to the Arkansas State Treasurer by the courts and distributed as follows: \$15 is split evenly between the State's two law schools, and \$25 is paid to the State Crime Laboratory. The remaining \$110 of the filing fee and the other filing fees and court costs are reported monthly to the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) and are primarily deposited into the AOJ Fund (see **Exhibit III** and **Appendix A**). For fiscal year 2015, these deposits into the AOJ Fund totaled \$4.4 million.

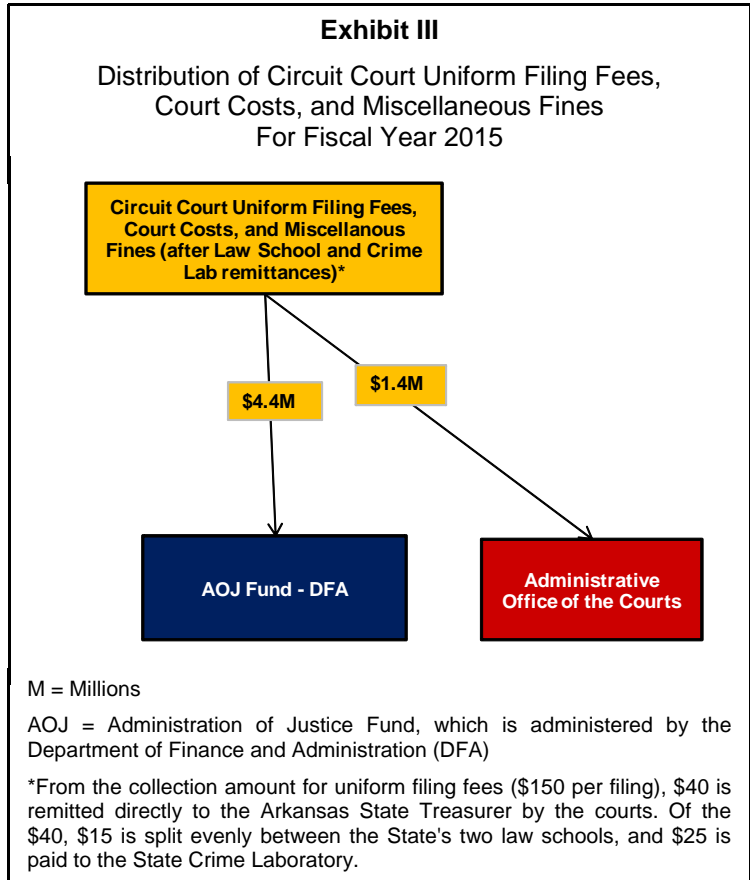
Additionally, Ark. Code Ann. § 21-6-416 requires a \$15 court technology fee per filing, and Ark. Code Ann. § 16-13-704 requires an installment fee of \$5 per month from each person authorized to pay court fines on an installment basis. All of the court technology fee and one-half of the installment fee collected are deposited into the Judicial Fine Collection Enhancement Fund, a state fund administered by AOC. For fiscal year 2015, these deposits totaled \$1.4 million, as shown in **Exhibit III**. From revenues deposited into the Fund, AOC is authorized to purchase computer hardware that is made available to designated entities responsible in each county for assisting with the assessment, collection, and reporting of the fines. AOC is also authorized to use the Judicial Fine Collection Enhancement Fund to purchase or develop computer software to provide for the uniform assessment, collection, management, and reporting of fines.

Administration of Justice Fund

Remittances To

Counties are allowed to keep a designated, DFA-certified amount of the uniform filing fee and court costs reported to DFA to fund their county-level administration of justice fund.³ In addition, county treasurers are allowed to keep a commission charge. The following are remitted to DFA by the Circuit Courts and deposited into the AOJ Fund:

- Amounts collected in excess of the DFA-certified amount.⁴



Source: Arkansas Administrative Statewide Information System (AASIS; unaudited by Arkansas Legislative Audit)

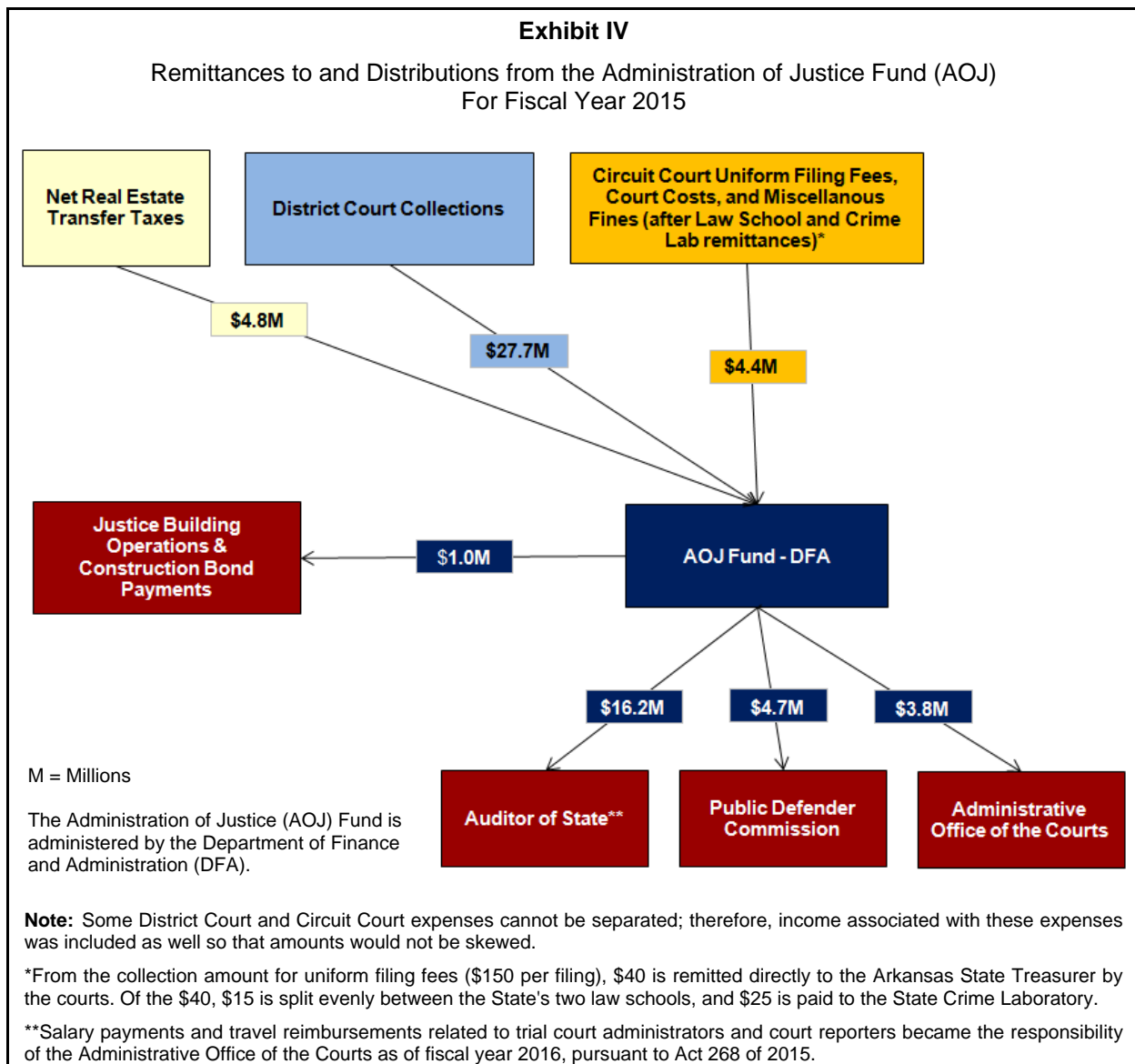
³The designation amount is set forth in Ark. Code Ann. § 16-10-307 and certified by DFA annually.

⁴For example, if the Circuit Clerk collects \$5,500 for the month of July, the County Treasurer takes a 2% commission of \$110; the County's designated amount to retain is \$4,000; and the County Treasurer sends \$1,390 (the net amount collected in excess of the designated amount) to DFA.

- Fees assessed by Circuit Courts under domestic abuse proceedings and court record sealings.

Other miscellaneous fees are remitted by the Circuit Courts to DFA and then deposited into various other funds that do not flow through the AOJ Fund. For example, Judicial Fine Collection Enhancement Fund collections deposited into the Administrative Office of the Courts account by DFA are included in this report because they directly benefit the courts; however, other funds remitted by the courts that do not directly benefit the Circuit Court system are not included in this report. **Appendix F** shows the remittance amounts to the AOJ Fund for the Circuit Courts by judicial district.

In addition to the fees collected by the Circuit Courts, real estate transfer taxes collected at revenue offices across the State are deposited into the AOJ Fund. Also, uniform filing fees and court costs, as well as other miscellaneous fees or fines assessed by District Courts, are deposited into the AOJ Fund (see **Exhibit IV** and **Appendix A**). For fiscal year 2015, the total amounts deposited into the AOJ Fund from net real estate transfer taxes and district court collections were \$4.8 million and \$27.7 million, respectively.



Source: Arkansas Administrative Statewide Information System (AASIS; unaudited by Arkansas Legislative Audit)

Distributions From

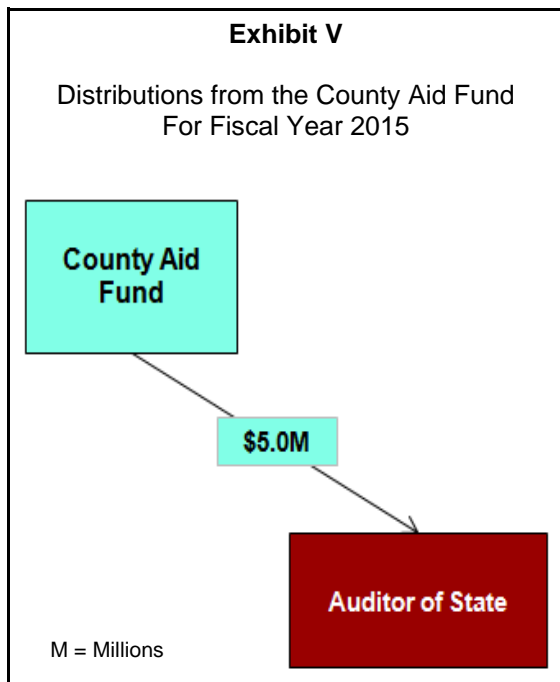
Monthly distributions are made from the AOJ Fund to various other state and non-state entities, as prescribed by Ark. Code Ann. § 16-10-310. Because of past shortfalls in the fund balance, preference has been legislated to pay court reporters, trial court administrators, and the Arkansas District Judges Council at 100% of required funding. In fiscal year 2015, \$16.2 million was paid by the Auditor of State with AOJ funds for court reporter and trial court administrator salaries, benefits, and travel expenditures. Additionally, bond requirements provide for preferential payments to the Justice Building Construction Fund. Distributions outside of these preferential categories are proportionately reduced in equal percentages. Only those distributions from the AOJ Fund associated with the operation of trial and appellate courts in Arkansas are presented in **Exhibit IV on page 7**.

County Aid Fund

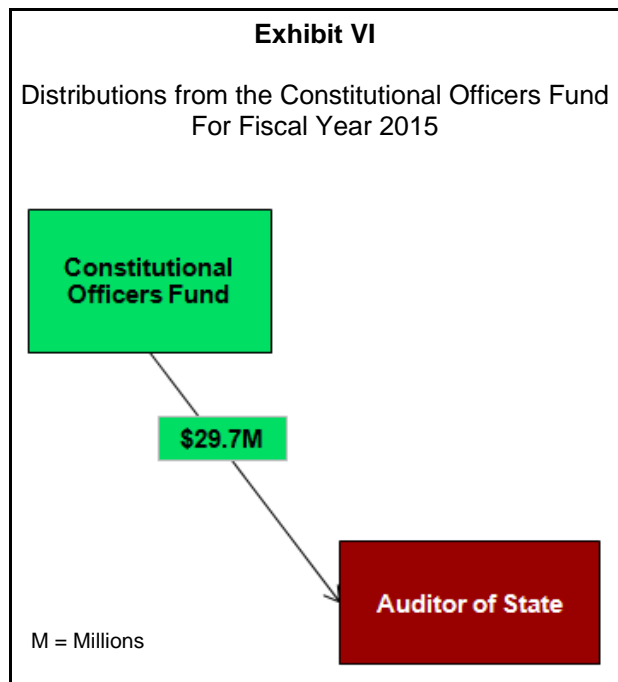
Throughout the year, funds are transferred from the County Aid Fund to the Auditor of State for payment of deputy prosecuting attorney salaries. This amount totaled approximately \$5.0 million in fiscal year 2015 (see **Exhibit V** and **Appendix A**).

Constitutional Officers Fund

Sufficient amounts are transferred from the Constitutional Officers Fund to the Auditor of State to pay salaries, benefits, and travel expenses of judges and salaries and benefits of prosecuting attorneys. In fiscal year 2015, these transfers totaled \$29.7 million, as presented in **Exhibit VI** and **Appendix A**.



Source: Arkansas Administrative Statewide Information System (AASIS; unaudited by Arkansas Legislative Audit)



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Public Defender User/Attorney and Bond Issuance Fees

In addition to funds received from the State Central Services Fund and AOJ Fund, the Public Defender Commission receives fees paid by indigent defendants for the use of public defenders and funds via professional bail bondsman fees, as defined by Ark. Code Ann. § 17-19-301. These amounts were \$1.0 million and \$1.1 million, respectively, for fiscal year 2015 as presented in **Exhibit VII** and **Appendix A**.

State Central Services Fund

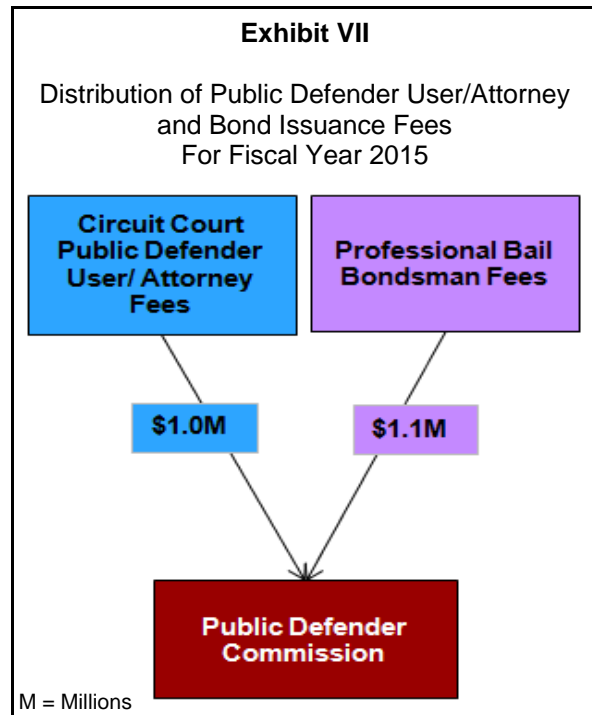
In addition to the funds from the AOJ Fund, much of the state-level support of court operations comes from the State Central Services Fund, which is comprised of special revenues, a share of certain fees calculated on general and special revenues, and service charges from agencies with cash funds. The 2015 pertinent distributions in relation to the operation of the trial and appellate courts totaled \$50.4 million, as listed below and shown in **Exhibit VIII on page 10** and **Appendix A**:

- \$16.1 million to the Public Defender Commission.
- \$15.9 million to the Auditor of State.
- \$ 9.2 million to the Administrative Office of the Courts.
- \$ 4.2 million to the Arkansas Supreme Court.
- \$ 4.0 million to the Court of Appeals.
- \$ 1.0 million to the Office of the Prosecutor Coordinator.

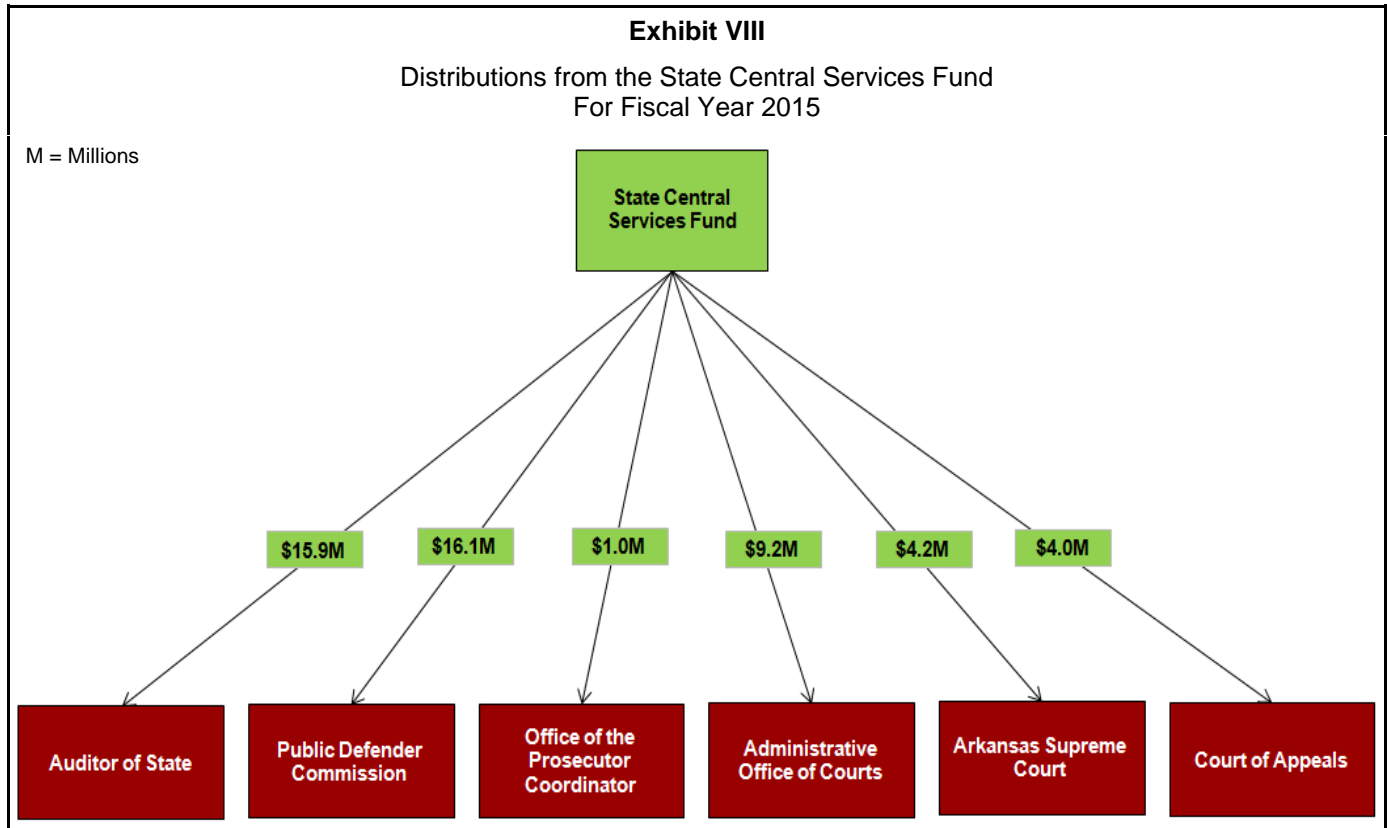
Funds from Other Sources

Funds from additional sources flow into the court system to support operations. Some of the major funds include federal grants received by the Department of Human Services (DHS) and AOC, probation and parole fees received by Arkansas Community Correction (ACC), general revenue received by DHS and ACC, and licensing fees received by the Arkansas Supreme Court for attorneys and court reporters. Those relevant amounts are presented in **Appendix A**.

A summary of annualized trial and appellate court-related revenues and expenditures is provided in **Exhibit IX on page 10**.



Source: Arkansas Administrative Statewide Information System (AASIS; unaudited by Arkansas Legislative Audit)



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Exhibit IX
Annualized Trial and Appellate Court-Related Revenues and Expenditures

	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
State	\$ 142,633,153	\$ 132,781,697
County	18,379,069	64,060,086
Prosecuting Attorney	5,138,795	4,997,944
Total	\$ 166,151,017	\$ 201,839,727

Note: The deficit is primarily absorbed at the county level through the counties' general funds.

Source: Summarized information from Appendices B and C (unaudited by Arkansas Legislative Audit)

COUNTY FUNDING FOR COURTS

Like state-level funding, county-level funding support for operation of the Arkansas courts system comes from a variety of sources. Certain fees that produce this funding support, as established by Arkansas Code, are described below:

- *Bail Bond Fee* of \$20 is remitted to the Public Defender Commission. Of each \$20 fee, \$3 is remitted quarterly to the county to defray the operating expenses of the public defender office (Ark. Code Ann. § 17-19-301).
- *Circuit Court Installment Fees* are to be used to fund Circuit Court-related technology and to defray the cost of fine collection (Ark. Code Ann. § 16-13-704).

- *Court Costs, Fees, and Fines for the Juvenile Division of the Circuit Court* are to be used to provide services and supplies to juveniles at the discretion of the Juvenile Division (Ark. Code Ann. §§ 9-27-367, 16-13-326).
- *Program User Fees* set by Drug Court judges are to be used for the administration of the Drug Court Program (Ark. Code Ann. § 16-98-304).

Additional funding comes from the Court Security Grant Program, which is administered by the AOC to provide financial assistance to local governments for implementation of physical security and emergency preparedness plans for Circuit and District Courts (Ark. Code Ann. § 16-10-1006).

In addition, Ark. Code Ann. § 16-10-307 established county administration of justice funds, which finance the following county agencies and programs with the court costs established in Ark. Code Ann. § 16-10-305:

- Prosecuting Attorney Fund.
- Prosecuting Attorney's Victim-Witness Program Fund.
- Public Defender/Indigent Defense Fund and Public Defender Investigator Fund.
- County Law Library Fund.

County revenues reported to ALA staff totaled \$18.4 million for calendar year 2014. This amount includes \$13.7 million in Circuit Court fines, fees, and costs retained by the counties; \$1.8 million in prosecuting attorney-related fees and costs; and \$1.5 million in fees and costs related to public defenders. Counties reported to ALA staff expenditures totaling \$64.1 million for the same period. This amount includes \$48.1 million in county resources for Circuit Courts, \$12.6 million for prosecuting attorneys, and \$3.2 million for public defender-related costs. Summaries of revenues and expenditures by county are provided in **Appendices I and J**, respectively.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY FUNDING FOR COURTS

Prosecuting attorney revenues consist primarily of hot check fees allowed by Ark. Code Ann. § 21-6-411 and drug control funds authorized by Ark. Code Ann. § 5-64-505. Also, Ark. Code Ann. § 16-90-307 authorizes the circuit judges of each judicial district to establish a restitution fund to be administered by the circuit judge, prosecuting attorney, or probation agency, whichever the circuit judge designates. The circuit judge may levy additional fines against criminal defendants to be placed in the restitution fund. Application for restitution may be made by victims of crime by written petition to the circuit judges. Ark. Code Ann. § 16-21-151 levied district court costs to be used by prosecuting attorneys for operating victim/witness programs.

Prosecuting attorneys reported total revenues of \$5.1 million and total expenditures of \$5.0 million for the audit period ending December 31, 2013. A summary of revenues and expenditures by judicial district is provided in **Appendices K and L**, respectively.

COURT EXPENDITURES

Court Salary Costs

State salary cost information for the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and Circuit Courts is presented in **Appendix G**. Court-related annual salaries and benefits totaled \$114.7 million. The largest amounts include \$24.5 million for prosecuting attorneys (\$4.5 million) and deputy prosecuting attorneys (\$20.0 million), \$22.1 million for circuit judges, and \$20.6 million for the Public Defender Commission.

Court Non-Salary Costs

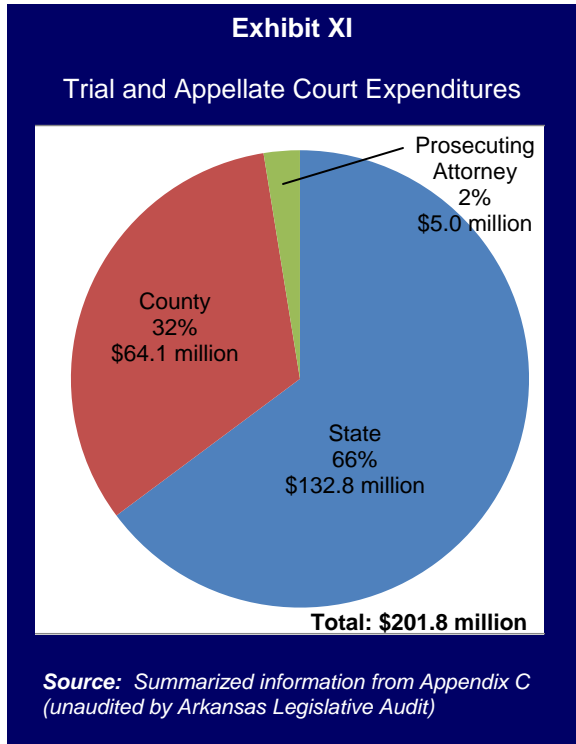
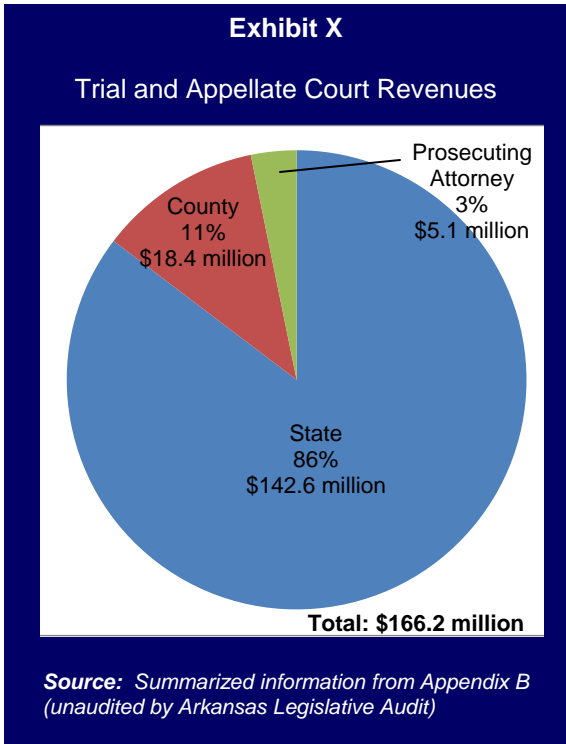
State non-salary cost information per judicial district is presented in **Appendix H**. Annual court costs, excluding salaries, totaled \$18.1 million. This amount includes \$4.4 million for the general operations of the AOC, \$3.2 million for Supreme Court administrative functions, and \$2.1 million for parent counsel services paid for by the AOC.

SUMMARY

Overall, trial and appellate court annualized revenues totaled \$166.2 million, including \$142.6 million from state-generated revenues, \$18.4 million from counties, and \$5.1 million from prosecuting attorneys, as shown in **Exhibit IX on page 10**. Annualized expenditures totaled \$201.8 million, including \$132.8 million in state costs, \$64.1 million in county-reported costs, and \$5.0 million from prosecuting attorneys. These amounts are represented by percentage in **Exhibits X and XI**, respectively. The \$35.6 million deficit is primarily absorbed at the county level through the counties' general funds.

Annualized trial and appellate court revenues and expenditures totaled \$166.2 million and \$201.8 million, respectively.

Using the 2010 U.S. Census figure of 2.9 million Arkansas residents, the average annualized trial and appellate court revenue per person in the State is \$56.98, while the average annualized cost per person in the State is \$69.22. This information is provided in detail in **Appendix M**.



APPENDICES

Summary of State, County, and Prosecuting Attorney Revenues and Expenditures

Appendix A – Flow of State-Level Funding for the Arkansas Courts System

Appendix B – Summary of Trial and Appellate Court Annualized Revenues

Appendix C – Summary of Trial and Appellate Court Annualized Expenditures

Appendix D – Summary of Trial and Appellate Court Annualized Revenues by Judicial District

Appendix E – Summary of Trial and Appellate Court Annualized Expenditures by Judicial District

State Revenues and Expenditures

Appendix F – State Revenue Information by Judicial District – For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

Appendix G – State Salary Expenditures (Including Taxes and Benefits) by Judicial District – For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

Appendix H – State Non-Salary Expenditures by Judicial District – For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

County Revenues and Expenditures

Appendix I – Annual Court-Related Revenues by County – For Calendar Year 2014

Appendix J – Annual Court-Related Expenditures by County – For Calendar Year 2014

Prosecuting Attorney Revenues and Expenditures

Appendix K – Annual Prosecuting Attorney Revenues – For Calendar Year 2013

Appendix L – Annual Prosecuting Attorney Expenditures – For Calendar Year 2013

Additional Information

Appendix M – Court-Related Revenues and Expenditures Per Capita

Appendix N – Caseload Information for Circuit Courts, Public Defenders, Court of Appeals, and Supreme Court

Appendix O – Circuit Court Caseload Per Capita – For Calendar Year 2014

Appendix P – Circuit Court Caseload Count – For Calendar Year 2014

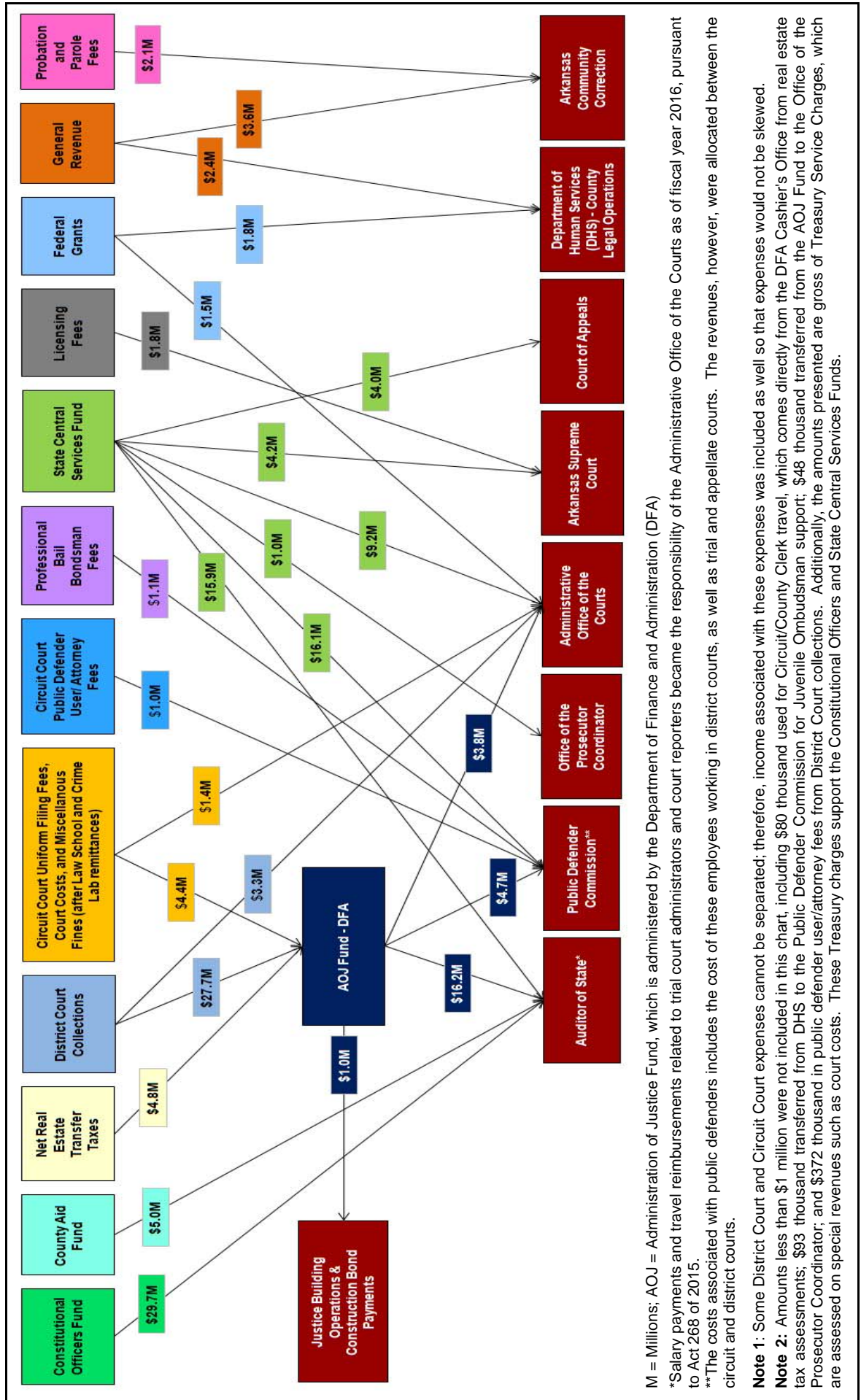
Appendix Q – Public Defender Caseload Per Capita – For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

Appendix R – Public Defender Caseload Count – For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

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Appendix A

Flow of State-Level Funding for the Arkansas Courts System



M = Millions; AOJ = Administration of Justice Fund, which is administered by the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

*Salary payments and travel reimbursements related to trial court administrators and court reporters became the responsibility of the Administrative Office of the Courts as of fiscal year 2016, pursuant to Act 268 of 2015.

**The costs associated with public defenders includes the cost of these employees working in district courts, as well as trial and appellate courts. The revenues, however, were allocated between the circuit and district courts.

Note 1: Some District Court and Circuit Court expenses cannot be separated; therefore, income associated with these expenses was included as well so that expenses would not be skewed.

Note 2: Amounts less than \$1 million were not included in this chart, including \$80 thousand used for Circuit/County Clerk travel, which comes directly from the DFA Cashier's Office from real estate tax assessments; \$93 thousand transferred from DHS to the Public Defender Commission for Juvenile Ombudsman support; \$48 thousand transferred from the AOJ Fund to the Office of the Prosecutor Coordinator; and \$372 thousand in public defender user/attorney fees from District Court collections. Additionally, the amounts presented are gross of Treasury Service Charges, which are assessed on special revenues such as court costs. These Treasury charges support the Constitutional Officers and State Central Services Funds.

Source: Arkansas Code and Arkansas Administrative Statewide Information System (AASIS; unaudited by Arkansas Legislative Audit)

Appendix B

Summary of Trial and Appellate Court Annualized Revenues

Summary of Overall Trial and Appellate Court Revenues For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015			
State Revenues			
State Central Services Fund		\$ 50,480,228	30%
Constitutional Officers Fund		29,723,354	18%
County Aid Fund		5,014,368	3%
Federal Grants		3,327,475	2%
General Revenue		6,536,777	4%
Special Revenues, Fines, and Fees:			
District Court Fines remitted to the State	\$ 30,973,523		
Real Estate Transfer Tax (net)	4,816,384		
Uniform Filing Fees and Miscellaneous Revenues	4,377,562		
Probation and Parole Fees	2,050,010		
Arkansas Bar Licensing Fees	1,828,973		
Judicial Fine Enhancement Fees	1,409,507		
Professional Bail Bondsman Licensing Fees	1,088,760		
Public Defender User and Attorney Fees	1,006,232	47,550,951	29%
Total State Revenues		142,633,153	86%
County Revenues			
Circuit Court		13,746,001	
Prosecuting Attorney		1,811,559	
Public Defender		1,516,560	
Victim Witness		1,304,949	
Total County Revenues		18,379,069	11%
Prosecuting Attorney Revenues			
Drug Control		2,043,907	
General		1,966,106	
Victims Assistance		917,052	
Other		143,940	
Violence Against Women		67,790	
Total Prosecuting Attorney Revenues		5,138,795	3%
Total Arkansas Trial and Appellate Court Revenues		\$ 166,151,017	100%

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Source: Summarized information from Appendices F, I, and K (unaudited by Arkansas Legislative Audit)

Appendix C

Summary of Trial and Appellate Court Annualized Expenditures

State Expenditures			
Supreme Court	\$	8,037,496	4%
Court of Appeals		6,176,673	3%
Circuit Judge		22,301,251	11%
Prosecuting Attorney		4,510,053	2%
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney		19,895,791	10%
Court Reporter		8,954,426	4%
Substitute Court Reporter		312,873	
Trial Court Administrator		7,236,751	4%
Substitute Trial Court Administrator		65,954	
Administrative Office of the Courts		18,097,464	9%
Adult Drug Court Personnel		5,649,966	3%
Public Defender Commission		23,055,053	11%
Office of the Prosecuting Coordinator		1,063,954	1%
Justice Building Bond Payments and Maintenance		1,046,381	1%
County/Circuit Clerk		79,969	
Court Interpreters		369,782	
Other		5,927,860	3%
Total State Expenditures		132,781,697	66%
County Expenditures			
Circuit Court		48,062,323	
Prosecuting Attorney		12,587,193	
Public Defender		3,216,692	
Victim Witness		193,878	
Total County Expenditures		64,060,086	32%
Prosecuting Attorney Expenditures			
General		4,064,078	
Victim/Witness Assistance		828,493	
Violence Against Women		98,062	
Drug Court		7,311	
Total Prosecuting Attorney Expenditures		4,997,944	2%
Total Arkansas Trial and Appellate Court Expenditures		\$ 201,839,727	100%

Note: Due to differences in reporting periods, the information for state government is for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015; the information provided for local governments is for the calendar year ended December 31, 2014; and the information for prosecuting attorneys is for the calendar year ended December 31, 2013.

Source: Summarized information from Appendices G, H, J, and L (unaudited by Arkansas Legislative Audit)

Appendix D

Summary of Trial and Appellate Court Annualized Revenues by Judicial District

Judicial District	State Revenues	County Revenues	Prosecuting Attorney Revenues	Total Revenues
	A	B	C	A+B+C
1	\$ 321,745	\$ 809,815	\$ 109,305	\$ 1,240,865
2	1,320,463	2,391,068	182,203	3,893,734
3	479,045	510,283	123,604	1,112,932
4	792,285	1,154,108	76,779	2,023,172
5	627,188	832,618	377,694	1,837,500
6	793,035	722,959	346,651	1,862,645
7	260,199	430,990	102,164	793,353
8-North	192,005	510,926	204,375	907,306
8-South	287,476	500,946	34,178	822,600
9-East	149,942	221,420	67,176	438,538
9-West	221,568	732,229	70,494	1,024,291
10	219,645	709,750	172,685	1,102,080
11-East	88,072	111,979	121,653	321,704
11-West	262,056	663,003	54,616	979,675
12	676,351	657,103	433,300	1,766,754
13	684,253	802,058	240,550	1,726,861
14	425,654	403,123	69,902	898,679
15	459,711	577,606	95,284	1,132,601
16	677,814	1,162,663	96,604	1,937,081
17	326,857	320,947	58,351	706,155
18-East	281,254	367,248	99,220	747,722
18-West	235,670	241,741	36,203	513,614
19-East	160,032	133,233	22,941	316,206
19-West	752,989	987,408	312,649	2,053,046
20	625,512	986,053	568,220	2,179,785
21	284,052	496,879	389,532	1,170,463
22	383,039	534,458	304,677	1,222,174
23	417,746	406,455	367,785	1,191,986
Revenues Not Attributed to a Judicial District:				
State Central Services Fund	50,480,228			50,480,228
District Court Fines	30,973,523			30,973,523
Constitutional Officers Fund	29,723,354			29,723,354
County Aid Fund	5,014,368			5,014,368
Real Estate Transfer Tax	4,816,384			4,816,384
Federal Grants	3,327,475			3,327,475
General Revenue for State				
Match on Federal Grants	2,936,821			2,936,821
Arkansas Bar Licensing Fees	1,828,973			1,828,973
Professional Bail Bondsman Licensing Fees	1,088,760			1,088,760
Adult Drug Court Personnel (unallocated)	37,609			37,609
Total Revenues	\$ 142,633,153	\$ 18,379,069	\$ 5,138,795	\$ 166,151,017

Note: Due to differences in reporting periods, the information for state government is for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015; the information provided for local governments is for the calendar year ended December 31, 2014; and the information for prosecuting attorneys is for the calendar year ended December 31, 2013.

Source: Summarized information from Appendices F, I, and K (unaudited by Arkansas Legislative Audit)

Appendix E

Summary of Trial and Appellate Court Annualized Expenditures by Judicial District

Judicial District	State Expenditures A	County Expenditures B	Prosecuting Attorney Expenditures C	Total Expenditures A+B+C
1	\$ 2,811,896	\$ 1,286,721	\$ 101,681	\$ 4,200,298
2	7,334,396	5,383,738	215,150	12,933,284
3	2,075,542	1,369,278	145,198	3,590,018
4	4,899,402	4,218,718	35,685	9,153,805
5	2,592,553	1,427,938	253,003	4,273,494
6	12,407,473	13,928,111	355,568	26,691,152
7	1,510,720	889,625	207,170	2,607,515
8-North	1,437,343	1,149,914	139,758	2,727,015
8-South	2,195,193	721,173	103,093	3,019,459
9-East	840,516	420,059	128,173	1,388,748
9-West	1,364,582	1,029,490	42,991	2,437,063
10	2,792,067	1,405,689	169,687	4,367,443
11-East	667,587	536,499	119,544	1,323,630
11-West	3,582,487	277,964	40,066	3,900,517
12	4,769,732	3,194,353	379,962	8,344,047
13	3,548,613	2,291,213	299,736	6,139,562
14	2,509,151	2,176,245	55,856	4,741,252
15	2,420,183	1,888,079	88,128	4,396,390
16	2,821,606	1,533,309	82,111	4,437,026
17	1,800,496	1,186,107	40,130	3,026,733
18-East	2,768,789	2,149,916	102,161	5,020,866
18-West	928,503	773,023	33,747	1,735,273
19-East	862,996	686,669	11,808	1,561,473
19-West	3,787,711	6,812,504	102,856	10,703,071
20	3,417,340	2,889,223	513,365	6,819,928
21	1,472,950	1,396,935	387,071	3,256,956
22	2,384,960	2,072,004	351,824	4,808,788
23	1,520,013	965,589	492,422	2,978,024
State-Level Salaries/Support Taxes/Insurance/Other	13,617,603 16,429			13,617,603 16,429
Unallocable (Note 1)	1,273,535			1,273,535
Benefits	14,784,547			14,784,547
Expenditures Not Attributed to a Judicial District:				
Supreme Court	8,037,496			8,037,496
Court of Appeals	6,176,673			6,176,673
Office of Prosecutor Coordinator	1,063,954			1,063,954
Substitute Court Reporters	312,873			312,873
Substitute Trial Court Assistants	65,954			65,954
Court Interpreters	369,782			369,782
Department of Human Services	58,108			58,108
Administrative Office of the Courts - Admin General	4,433,562			4,433,562
Justice Building Bond Payments and Maintenance	1,046,381			1,046,381
Total Expenditures	\$ 132,781,697	\$ 64,060,086	\$ 4,997,944	\$ 201,839,727
Note 1: The location of some individuals (e.g., no longer employed in their position, name change, nickname, assigned to multiple districts, etc.) could not be determined without significant research.				
Note 2: Due to differences in reporting periods, the information for state government is for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015; the information for local governments is for the calendar year ended December 31, 2014; and the information for prosecuting attorneys is for the calendar year ended December 31, 2013.				

Source: Summarized information from Appendices G, H, J, and L (unaudited by Arkansas Legislative Audit)

Appendix F

State Revenue Information by Judicial District – For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

Judicial District	Uniform Filing Fees and Miscellaneous Revenues Collected and Remitted to Administration of Justice Fund	Public Defender User and Attorney Fees Remitted to Public Defender Commission	Judicial Fine Collection Enhancement Fund Fees Remitted to Administrative Office of the Courts	Adult Drug Court Personnel	Total
1	\$ 165,623	\$ 20,172	\$ 47,015	\$ 88,935	\$ 321,745
2	576,791	147,121	150,957	445,594	1,320,463
3	158,733	30,008	30,018	260,286	479,045
4	328,641	53,667	90,289	319,688	792,285
5	244,136	28,110	43,754	311,188	627,188
6	67,742	72,007	143,942	509,344	793,035
7	94,492	16,500	23,971	125,236	260,199
8-North	20,074	13,139	40,010	118,782	192,005
8-South	72,161	47,737	57,478	110,100	287,476
9-East	15,063	5,250	10,179	119,450	149,942
9-West	85,885	4,632	25,477	105,574	221,568
10	92,248	18,303	31,027	78,067	219,645
11-East	24,609	6,454	12,943	44,066	88,072
11-West	20,705	30,464	36,854	174,033	262,056
12	202,462	54,723	56,751	362,415	676,351
13	129,486	46,572	40,020	468,175	684,253
14	158,347	28,191	74,285	164,831	425,654
15	84,104	8,772	37,741	329,094	459,711
16	245,999	62,353	57,554	311,908	677,814
17	184,516	6,937	42,449	92,955	326,857
18-East	112,834	16,821	37,079	114,520	281,254
18-West	66,165	27,340	14,465	127,700	235,670
19-East	52,482	19,443	12,432	75,675	160,032
19-West	359,762	132,122	104,898	156,207	752,989
20	324,332	32,544	66,468	202,168	625,512
21	120,666	24,595	26,540	112,251	284,052
22	145,551	35,039	55,569	146,880	383,039
23	223,953	17,216	39,342	137,235	417,746
Unallocated				37,609	37,609
Total State Revenues Attributed to a Judicial District:					
Adult Drug Court Personnel					\$ 5,649,966
Judicial Fine Collection Enhancement Fund Fees Remitted to Administrative Office of the Courts					\$ 1,409,507
Public Defender User and Attorney Fees Remitted to Public Defender Commission					\$ 1,006,232
Uniform Filing Fees and Miscellaneous Revenues Collected and Remitted to Administration of Justice Fund					\$ 4,377,562
Subtotal of State Revenues Attributed to a Judicial District					\$ 12,443,267

Appendix F (continued)

State Revenue Information by Judicial District – For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

Subtotal of State Revenues Attributed to a Judicial District		\$ 12,443,267
State Revenues Not Attributed to a Judicial District:		
State Central Services Fund remitted to:		
Public Defender Commission	\$ 16,161,825	
Auditor of State	15,938,338	
Administrative Office of the Courts	9,151,065	
Arkansas Supreme Court	4,201,000	
Arkansas Court of Appeals	4,038,000	
Office of the Prosecutor Coordinator	990,000	\$ 50,480,228
Constitutional Officers Fund remitted to the Auditor of State		29,723,354
District Court Fines remitted to the Administration of Justice Fund		27,683,980
County Aid Funds remitted to the Auditor of State		5,014,368
Real Estate Transfer Taxes (net) remitted to the Administration of Justice Fund		4,816,384
District Court Fines remitted to Administrative Office of the Courts		3,289,543
State Matching from General Revenue remitted to the Department of Human Services		2,936,821
Federal Grants remitted to the Department of Human Services		1,849,570
Arkansas Bar Licensing Fees remitted to the Arkansas Supreme Court		1,828,973
Federal Grants remitted to the Administrative Office of the Courts		1,477,905
Professional Bail Bondsman Fees remitted to the Public Defender Commission		1,088,760
Total Revenue		\$ 142,633,153

Source: Auditor of State, Administrative Office of the Courts, Public Defender Commission, Arkansas Community Correction, and Arkansas Administrative Statewide Information System (AASIS; unaudited by Arkansas Legislative Audit)

Appendix G

State Salary Expenditures (Including Taxes and Benefits) by Judicial District – For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

Judicial District	Total Salaries and Benefits (Note 1) A+B	Total Salaries A	Total Benefits B	Circuit Judges*	Prosecuting Attorneys**	Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys**	Court Reporters	Trial Court Administrators	Adult Drug Court Personnel	Administrative Office of the Courts***	Other****	Public Defender Commission*
1	\$ 2,605,641	\$ 2,605,641		\$ 761,098	\$ 126,120	\$ 360,483	\$ 264,868	\$ 209,665	\$ 88,935	\$ 254,360	\$ 343,780	\$ 430,692
2	6,734,747	6,734,747		1,573,493	126,120	1,243,232	566,889	571,054	445,594	254,360	376,533	1,577,472
3	1,858,998	1,858,998		436,290	126,120	398,892	148,235	118,778	260,286	72,805	44,164	253,428
4	4,600,467	4,600,467		1,079,590	123,746	976,594	385,177	297,723	319,688	179,632	269,059	969,258
5	2,358,947	2,358,947		583,202	126,120	387,487	248,299	173,254	311,188	179,632	196,345	333,052
6	12,018,616	12,018,616		2,547,612	126,120	2,735,986	1,078,217	801,107	509,344	453,717	720,945	3,045,568
7	1,430,327	1,430,327		290,860	120,160	316,574	109,140	77,311	125,236	118,782	152,604	238,442
8-North	1,397,363	1,397,363		374,972	126,120	193,865	112,643	93,642	118,782	118,782	34,103	343,236
8-South	1,874,484	1,874,484		498,051	105,729	346,330	169,710	131,448	110,100	131,448	159,928	353,188
9-East	752,519	752,519		145,430	105,739	112,911	42,467	42,467	119,450	94,894	58,594	167,928
9-West	1,186,556	1,186,556		293,336	105,739	264,035	102,620	86,336	105,574	105,574	121,935	228,916
10	2,603,246	2,603,246		729,224	126,120	514,991	308,833	243,588	78,067	243,588	121,935	385,594
11-East	589,536	589,536		145,430	126,120	40,194	59,786	48,202	44,066	44,066	121,935	125,738
11-West	3,305,897	3,305,897		727,155	126,120	669,485	309,743	280,721	174,033	103,412	193,578	721,650
12	4,490,779	4,490,779		802,394	126,120	940,472	346,130	261,870	362,415	301,624	418,232	931,522
13	3,296,369	3,296,369		873,919	153,704	580,678	267,587	269,871	468,175	103,577	37,752	541,106
14	2,291,152	2,291,152		653,546	105,739	427,917	181,147	177,245	164,831	51,162	84,349	445,216
15	2,203,195	2,203,195		437,486	126,120	318,024	298,665	133,514	329,094	78,455	152,555	329,282
16	2,511,334	2,511,334		636,484	126,120	361,080	179,384	161,711	311,908	67,196	360,618	316,833
17	1,628,909	1,628,909		436,290	166,333	320,891	106,944	122,412	92,955	103,566	117,601	265,483
18-East	2,578,620	2,578,620		531,410	184,165	426,973	249,673	181,958	114,520	114,520	224,181	562,174
18-West	853,843	853,843		145,430	126,120	202,204	72,457	41,390	127,700	103,566	224,181	138,542
19-East	836,707	836,707		145,430	126,120	250,239	17,777	36,956	75,675	184,510		184,510
19-West	3,570,750	3,570,750		872,587	156,345	857,881	392,587	267,872	156,207	94,894	201,201	571,176
20	3,162,689	3,162,689		781,886	126,120	647,692	171,967	188,759	202,168	80,383	213,033	750,681
21	1,337,598	1,337,598		290,860	126,120	233,916	115,698	79,757	112,251	111,379	111,379	267,617
22	2,219,358	2,219,358		581,740	126,120	559,523	228,085	153,325	146,880	146,880	33,434	390,251
23	1,387,110	1,387,110		361,046	126,120	245,589	155,326	105,927	137,235	6,414,081	543,012	255,867
State-Level Salaries/Support	11,610,085	11,610,085		355,854		255,878		44,022				3,997,238
Unallocable (Note 2)	929,041	929,041										230,251
Total Salaries and Benefits Attributed to a Judicial District	\$ 103,009,430	\$ 88,224,883	\$ 14,784,547	\$ 18,092,105	\$ 3,597,559	\$ 15,210,016	\$ 6,647,587	\$ 5,401,885	\$ 5,649,966	\$ 9,114,939	\$ 5,158,915	\$ 19,351,911
Salaries and Benefits Not Attributed to a Judicial District:				3,974,541	912,494	4,685,775	2,043,315	1,805,709			157,313	1,205,400
Supreme Court	\$ 4,814,111	\$ 4,321,441	\$ 492,670	\$ 22,066,646	\$ 4,510,053	\$ 19,895,791	\$ 8,690,902	\$ 7,207,594	\$ 5,649,966	\$ 9,114,939	\$ 5,316,228	\$ 20,557,311
Court of Appeals	5,604,609	4,988,988	635,621									
Office of the Prosecutor Coordinator	859,616	800,576	59,040									
Substitute Court Reporters	312,873	312,873										
Substitute Trial Court Administrators	65,954	65,954										
Total Salaries and Benefits	\$ 114,666,593	\$ 98,694,715	\$ 15,971,878									

Note 1: The information presented in these columns represents the individual's entire salary for the year. If an employee changed jobs (i.e., deputy prosecuting attorney to prosecuting attorney) during the year, then the entire year's salary amount is included in the position at year-end (i.e., all the salary allocated to the prosecuting attorney column).

Note 2: The location of some individuals (e.g., no longer employed in their position, name change, nickname, assigned to multiple districts, etc.) could not be determined without significant research.

*Included in the state-level support are recall and special judges.
 **These employees work not only in the trial and appellate courts but also in the district courts. However, allocating salary to district versus circuit courts was not feasible.
 ***These employees for the Administrative Office of the Courts, with the exception of the state-level support, represent attorney ad litem employees.
 ****Certain Department of Human Services employees and Juvenile Intake and Probation Officers.

Source: Auditor of State, Administrative Office of the Courts, Public Defender Commission, and Arkansas Administrative Statewide Information System (AASIS), unaudited by Arkansas Legislative Audit

Appendix H

State Non-Salary Expenditures by Judicial District – For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

Judicial District	Total	Travel Expenditures (Mileage, Meals, and Lodging) Processed by the Auditor of State					Non-Salary Expenditures Processed by the Administrative Office of the Courts*				Non-Salary Expenditures Processed by the Public Defender Commission*		Other
		Circuit Judge	County/Circuit Clerk	Court Reporter	Trial Court Administrators	Judicial Continuing Education Travel	Parent Counsel	CASA	Contract Ad Litem Attorneys	Contract Attorneys	Investigators and Other Professional Services		
1	\$ 206,255	\$ 19,077	\$ 7,231	\$ 13,814	\$ 1,708	\$ 1,287	\$ 21,375	\$ 29,000	\$ 44,628	\$ 38,560	\$ 17,078	\$ 12,497	
2	\$ 599,649	\$ 44,548	\$ 7,167	\$ 56,445	\$ 2,019	\$ 3,743	\$ 161,595	\$ 107,000	\$ 123,386	\$ 53,462	\$ 13,594	\$ 26,690	
3	\$ 216,544	\$ 9,981	\$ 2,521	\$ 11,075	\$ 1,782	\$ 86	\$ 69,490	\$ 39,490	\$ 50,004	\$ 66,946	\$ 4,729	\$ 29,930	
4	\$ 298,935	\$ 1,339	\$ 354	\$ 8,425	\$ 1,844	\$ 1,269	\$ 112,860	\$ 39,490	\$ 42,355	\$ 109,581	\$ 7,317	\$ 15,435	
5	\$ 233,606	\$ 16,435	\$ 2,469	\$ 15,051	\$ 228	\$ 230	\$ 18,810	\$ 62,000	\$ 114,507	\$ 57,480	\$ 50,742	\$ 14,500	
6	\$ 388,857	\$ 1,782	\$ 1,493	\$ 3,422	\$ 228	\$ 2,625	\$ 144,281	\$ 33,785	\$ 2,641	\$ 32,625	\$ 3,511	\$ 31,019	
7	\$ 80,393	\$ 4,586	\$ 1,121	\$ 4,145	\$ 1,296	\$ 779	\$ 17,100	\$ 2,641	\$ 1,862	\$ 1,862	\$ 500	\$ 13,885	
8-North	\$ 39,980	\$ 3,044	\$ 1,807	\$ 1,017	\$ 101	\$ 940	\$ 10,260	\$ 26,000	\$ 86,181	\$ 89,207	\$ 126,903	\$ 20,000	
8-South	\$ 320,709	\$ 1,532	\$ 1,588	\$ 932	\$ 101	\$ 940	\$ 12,825	\$ 26,000	\$ 86,181	\$ 89,207	\$ 126,903	\$ 500	
9-East	\$ 87,997	\$ 1,348	\$ 1,348	\$ 1,348	\$ 49	\$ 259	\$ 25,650	\$ 29,000	\$ 52,533	\$ 34,386	\$ 4,496	\$ 19,500	
9-West	\$ 178,026	\$ 9,671	\$ 5,695	\$ 12,399	\$ 49	\$ 438	\$ 25,650	\$ 29,000	\$ 52,533	\$ 79,785	\$ 1,584	\$ 15,872	
10	\$ 188,821	\$ 12,880	\$ 3,147	\$ 12,495	\$ 1,796	\$ 1,068	\$ 25,650	\$ 29,000	\$ 24,933	\$ 75,152	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,000	
11-East	\$ 78,051	\$ 1,371	\$ 432	\$ 6,897	\$ 1,796	\$ 280	\$ 96,615	\$ 39,490	\$ 24,032	\$ 12,449	\$ 3,334	\$ 20,000	
11-West	\$ 276,590	\$ 2,430	\$ 1,187	\$ 1,681	\$ 1,161	\$ 1,554	\$ 119,700	\$ 62,000	\$ 69,539	\$ 108,679	\$ 3,334	\$ 20,000	
12	\$ 278,953	\$ 766	\$ 675	\$ 1,136	\$ 1,161	\$ 406	\$ 119,700	\$ 62,000	\$ 69,539	\$ 1,290	\$ 7,255	\$ 16,186	
13	\$ 252,244	\$ 13,591	\$ 5,269	\$ 11,562	\$ 4,009	\$ 3,079	\$ 51,300	\$ 78,980	\$ 41,857	\$ 14,342	\$ 8,920	\$ 22,183	
14	\$ 217,999	\$ 14,883	\$ 2,924	\$ 9,403	\$ 4,009	\$ 832	\$ 94,050	\$ 39,490	\$ 38,339	\$ 4,563	\$ 4,506	\$ 5,000	
15	\$ 216,988	\$ 12,951	\$ 3,460	\$ 31,796	\$ 793	\$ 377	\$ 17,100	\$ 35,500	\$ 35,675	\$ 19,548	\$ 17,788	\$ 24,000	
16	\$ 310,272	\$ 16,140	\$ 1,292	\$ 24,579	\$ 10,226	\$ 588	\$ 61,560	\$ 39,490	\$ 42,418	\$ 83,479	\$ 30,500	\$ 30,500	
17	\$ 171,587	\$ 2,778	\$ 728	\$ 13,606	\$ 111	\$ 514	\$ 42,750	\$ 62,000	\$ 41,606	\$ 1,500	\$ 4,594	\$ 1,400	
18-East	\$ 190,169	\$ 241	\$ 1,038	\$ 1,205	\$ 914	\$ 895	\$ 76,950	\$ 53,500	\$ 10,772	\$ 20,997	\$ 1,025	\$ 23,546	
18-West	\$ 74,660	\$ 2,082	\$ 1,729	\$ 1,653	\$ 261	\$ 93	\$ 4,275	\$ 39,490	\$ 1,250	\$ 9,818	\$ 5,270	\$ 9,000	
19-East	\$ 26,289	\$ 32	\$ 1,278	\$ 425	\$ 710	\$ 436	\$ 8,550	\$ 200	\$ 10,032	\$ 99,010	\$ 200	\$ 4,500	
19-West	\$ 216,961	\$ 1,121	\$ 1,680	\$ 261	\$ 710	\$ 1,272	\$ 36,765	\$ 62,000	\$ 12,148	\$ 109,107	\$ 45,170	\$ 20,940	
20	\$ 254,651	\$ 10,633	\$ 1,753	\$ 16,607	\$ 16,607	\$ 673	\$ 21,365	\$ 39,490	\$ 37,763	\$ 109,107	\$ 35,726	\$ 6,004	
21	\$ 135,352	\$ 1,329	\$ 443	\$ 1,369	\$ 1,369	\$ 135	\$ 12,825	\$ 29,000	\$ 3,004	\$ 9,617	\$ 6,953	\$ 18,700	
22	\$ 165,602	\$ 1,675	\$ 617	\$ 413	\$ 413	\$ 1,233	\$ 12,825	\$ 53,500	\$ 16,775	\$ 3,004	\$ 5,093	\$ 110,960	
23	\$ 132,903	\$ 27,525	\$ 13,126	\$ 1,456	\$ 336	\$ 984	\$ 775,271	\$ 133,570	\$ 126,853	\$ 70,925	\$ 15,270	\$ 19,957	
State-Level/Multi-Jurisdiction Taxes/Insurance/Other Unallocable (None)	\$ 16,429	\$ 1,511	\$ 5,068	\$ 255	\$ 74	\$ 89,231	\$ 115,561	\$ 114,485	\$ 114,485	\$ 1,231,610	\$ 1,266,132	\$ 19,820	
Total Non-Salary Expenditures Attributed to a Judicial District	\$ 8,207,484	\$ 234,605	\$ 79,969	\$ 263,524	\$ 29,157	\$ 116,000	\$ 2,080,768	\$ 1,150,070	\$ 1,202,125	\$ 1,231,610	\$ 1,266,132	\$ 553,524	

AOC = Administrative Office of the Courts

*These include district court expenditures. The circuit level and above expenditures could not be isolated from the district court expenditures.
Note: The location of some individuals (e.g., no longer employed in their position, name change, nickname, etc.) could not be determined without significant research.

Source: Auditor of State, Administrative Office of the Courts, Public Defender Commission, and Arkansas Administrative Statewide Information system (AASIS; unaudited by Arkansas Legislative Audit)

Non-Salary Expenditures Not Attributed to a Judicial District:	Total
Justice Building Bond Payments and Maintenance	\$ 1,046,381
AOC - General Administration	4,433,562
Supreme Court	3,223,385
Court of Appeals	572,064
Court Interpreters	369,782
Department of Human Services	58,108
Office of the Prosecutor Coordinator	204,338
Total Non-Salary Expenditures	\$ 18,115,104

Appendix I

Annual Court-Related Revenues by County – For Calendar Year 2014

County	Net Circuit Court	Prosecuting Attorney	Public Defender	Victim Witness	Total County Revenues Reported
Arkansas	\$ 41,997	\$ 58,924	\$ 11,057		\$ 111,978
Ashley	66,723	24,616	16,770		108,109
Baxter	116,888	14,190	2,404		133,482
Benton	866,382	56,346	14,178	\$ 50,503	987,409
Boone	118,897		13,762	52,784	185,443
Bradley	50,655		4,614		55,269
Calhoun	16,400		3,485	6,359	26,244
Carroll	96,485		2,099	34,649	133,233
Chicot	31,155		14,169		45,324
Clark	102,497	35,572	33,119	50,232	221,420
Clay	96,815		12,911		109,726
Cleburne	243,801		9,050		252,851
Cleveland	23,458	8,461	1,600		33,519
Columbia	154,327		11,060	29,889	195,276
Conway	212,812		19,632	5,875	238,319
Craighead	303,753	31,568	92,126	56,299	483,746
Crawford	429,199		20,589	47,091	496,879
Crittenden	327,206	160,000	160,000		647,206
Cross	64,383	13,931	10,195	2,507	91,016
Dallas	54,621	13,643	13,581	4,266	86,111
Desha	28,343				28,343
Drew	165,383	208,413	98,909		472,705
Faulkner	856,824				856,824
Franklin	111,608		8,350		119,958
Fulton	82,193	191	10,837		93,221
Garland	156,123	109,494	29,900	71,731	367,248
Grant	108,585	52,459	13,362	27,021	201,427
Greene	290,904	2,818	5,372	1,642	300,736
Hempstead	386,243		43,382	48,312	477,937
Hot Spring	152,330	30,753	19,864	26,616	229,563
Howard	55,299	65,172	9,976	52,335	182,782
Independence	465,438	72,639	30,113		568,190
Izard	77,654		44,226		121,880
Jackson	155,486		18,753		174,239
Jefferson	484,428		66,043	81,370	631,841
Johnson	436,290		3,199		439,489
Lafayette	52,307	11,149	9,620	7,017	80,093
Lawrence	137,050	1,685	1,953		140,688

Appendix I (continued)

Annual Court-Related Revenues by County – For Calendar Year 2014

County	Net Circuit Court	Prosecuting Attorney	Public Defender	Victim Witness	Total County Revenues Reported
Lee	\$ 105,881				\$ 105,881
Lincoln	18,719		\$ 12,443		31,162
Little River	38,463	\$ 79,581	10,921	\$ 8,975	137,940
Logan	65,273	78,373	16,203	4,359	164,208
Lonoke	226,341	116,311	2,695	61,108	406,455
Madison	36,051		3,516		39,567
Marion	49,297		5,420		54,717
Miller	273,703		47,132	100,019	420,854
Mississippi	228,988	38,544	57,407	60,729	385,668
Monroe	46,190		10,294		56,484
Montgomery	53,607	772	4,422	8,046	66,847
Nevada	27,704		1,830	3,456	32,990
Newton	27,697		1,784		29,481
Ouachita	128,862		6,217	19,006	154,085
Perry	8,167		2,656	1,405	12,228
Phillips	421,070	3,240	6,609		430,919
Pike	236,558	20,098	250	11,494	268,400
Poinsett	453,138		10,847		463,985
Polk	67,546		8,982	98,367	174,895
Pope	205,068	58,730	9,373		273,171
Prairie	26,380	1,080	5,479		32,939
Pulaski	611,916		98,814		710,730
Randolph	104,025		1,961		105,986
Saline	272,660	164,570	26,782	70,445	534,457
Scott	5,625		1,862	7,248	14,735
Searcy	36,844				36,844
Sebastian	349,742	120,652	121,767	64,942	657,103
Sevier	79,926	48,624	8,759	5,798	143,107
Sharp	85,896		3,475		89,371
St. Francis	68,157		8,857		77,014
Stone	121,816		4,705		126,521
Union	127,807	69,598	15,344	94,074	306,823
Van Buren	85,431			6,955	92,386
Washington	995,720	26,709	92,112		1,114,541
White	273,956		5,911	8,141	288,008
Woodruff	30,454	7,777	10,082	186	48,499
Yell	130,381	4,876	11,389	13,698	160,344
Totals	\$ 13,746,001	\$ 1,811,559	\$ 1,516,560	\$ 1,304,949	\$ 18,379,069

Note: County revenues are shown net of reimbursements received from the State.

Source: Unaudited information requested by Arkansas Legislative Audit staff from respective local government entities.

Appendix J

Annual Court-Related Expenditures by County – For Calendar Year 2014

County	Circuit Court	Prosecuting Attorney	Public Defender	Victim Witness	Total County Expenditures Reported
Arkansas	\$ 470,999	\$ 42,500	\$ 23,000		\$ 536,499
Ashley	239,204	61,132	5,112		305,448
Baxter	731,395	118,629	13,269		863,293
Benton	4,456,660	1,742,579	613,265		6,812,504
Boone	416,380	194,377	11,128		621,886
Bradley	47,115	23,809	5,112		76,036
Calhoun	150,737	3,700	4,150		158,587
Carroll	397,129	239,840	49,701		686,669
Chicot	206,953	51,538	5,112		263,603
Clark	232,247	167,742	20,070		420,059
Clay	283,994	21,575	14,056		319,624
Cleburne	270,868	23,729	26,933		321,530
Cleveland	166,192	14,851	3,204		184,248
Columbia	191,182	45,904	4,847		241,933
Conway	414,913	118,422	18,600		551,935
Craighead	1,136,936	39,594	95,683		1,272,213
Crawford	1,066,087	240,040	90,808		1,396,935
Crittenden	913,857	190,642	198,324		1,302,823
Cross	120,750	16,000	19,000		155,750
Dallas	319,103		10,329		329,432
Desha	159,063	49,532	5,112		213,707
Drew	243,466	209,248	94,181		546,895
Faulkner	1,459,088	657,532	34,611		2,151,231
Franklin	186,400				186,400
Fulton	91,940	28,527	16,065		136,532
Garland	1,722,766	391,772	35,379		2,149,916
Grant	380,970	48,959	14,599	\$ 61,249	505,776
Greene	539,325	97,635	20,000		656,960
Hempstead	699,498	178,677	27,159		905,334
Hot Spring	319,211	38,944	25,694		383,849
Howard	179,691	83,941	12,675	50,829	327,136
Independence	507,179	189,667	31,342		728,188
Izard	178,367	25,429	11,602		215,398
Jackson	255,782	141,800	32,000		429,582
Jefferson	103,569				103,569
Johnson	214,694				214,694
Lafayette	331,586	40,523	10,581		382,690
Lawrence	193,713	70,285	10,440		274,438

Appendix J (continued)

Annual Court-Related Expenditures by County – For Calendar Year 2014

County	Circuit Court	Prosecuting Attorney	Public Defender	Victim Witness	Total County Expenditures Reported
Lee	\$ 107,111				\$ 107,111
Lincoln	156,444		\$ 17,950		174,394
Little River	156,209	\$ 39,258	16,500		211,967
Logan	367,461	46,933	15,089		429,483
Lonoke	776,362	171,962	17,266		965,589
Madison	242,672	35,199			277,871
Marion	501,755	79,032	3,017		583,804
Miller	338,483				338,483
Mississippi	1,091,017	130,989	125,694		1,347,700
Monroe	408,485	9,109	15,250		432,843
Montgomery	126,669	68,542	3,717		198,928
Nevada	220,094	18,046	6,439		244,580
Newton	94,110	9,742	3,410		107,263
Ouachita	412,254	75,113	22,656		510,023
Perry	160,371	12,868	1,478		174,717
Phillips	401,884				401,884
Pike	226,246	33,262	8,826		268,334
Poinsett	341,585	101,515	41,317		484,418
Polk	420,163	145,903	8,028		574,095
Pope	813,384	175,797	37,665		1,026,845
Prairie	89,546	34,704	4,807		129,057
Pulaski	10,884,578	2,441,825	426,991		13,753,394
Randolph	345,138	89,358	18,000		452,496
Saline	1,513,135	523,435	35,434		2,072,004
Scott	238,386	24,614	9,600		272,600
Searcy	67,399	34,869	3,947		106,215
Sebastian	2,205,881	889,247	99,225		3,194,353
Sevier	163,289	50,000	8,763		222,052
Sharp	176,477	17,545	18,740		212,762
St. Francis	113,369				113,369
Stone	97,396	19,625	14,640		131,661
Union	430,596	295,510	59,083	\$ 81,800	866,990
Van Buren	475,500	105,212	51,065		631,777
Washington	2,533,971	961,506	445,370		3,940,847
White	813,231	215,834	27,985		1,057,050
Woodruff	55,320	10,147	10,297		75,764
Yell	497,343	111,418	25,300		634,061
Totals	\$ 48,062,323	\$ 12,587,193	\$ 3,216,692	\$ 193,878	\$ 64,060,086

Source: Unaudited information requested by Arkansas Legislative Audit staff from respective local government entities

Appendix K

Annual Prosecuting Attorney Revenues – For Calendar Year 2013

Judicial District	General (Note)	Victim/ Witness Assistance	Drug Control	Violence Against Women	Other	Total PA Revenues by Judicial District
1	\$ 109,305					\$ 109,305
2	114,330	\$ 67,873				182,203
3	77,292	46,312				123,604
4	31,107		\$ 45,672			76,779
5	36,608	67,086	240,188	\$ 33,812		377,694
6	254,173		92,478			346,651
7	21,100	43,195	37,869			102,164
8-North	53,993		150,382			204,375
8-South	21,534		12,644			34,178
9-East	7,155	4,084	21,959	33,978		67,176
9-West	23,732		46,762			70,494
10	108,505	44,033	20,147			172,685
11-East	74,385	38,974	8,294			121,653
11-West	44,538		10,078			54,616
12	132,239	49,273	216,720		\$ 35,068	433,300
13	86,273	139,900	14,377			240,550
14	58,458				11,444	69,902
15	30,948	64,336				95,284
16	60,107	36,497				96,604
17	58,351					58,351
18-East	32,131		67,089			99,220
18-West	21,787		14,416			36,203
19-East	10,994		11,947			22,941
19-West	58,234		254,415			312,649
20	69,600	118,647	282,545		97,428	568,220
21	168,872		220,660			389,532
22	190,883	70,446	43,348			304,677
23	9,472	126,396	231,917			367,785
Totals	\$1,966,106	\$ 917,052	\$2,043,907	\$ 67,790	\$ 143,940	\$5,138,795

PA = Prosecuting Attorney

Note: General revenues primarily consist of hot check fees (\$1.05 million of the \$1.97 million shown here).

Source: 2013 PA financial audit reports

Appendix L

Annual Prosecuting Attorney Expenditures – For Calendar Year 2013

Judicial District	General	Victim/ Witness Assistance	Violence Against Women	Drug Court	Total PA Expenditures by Judicial District
1	\$ 101,681				\$ 101,681
2	178,918	\$ 36,232			215,150
3	90,745	54,453			145,198
4	35,685				35,685
5	120,449	74,198	\$ 58,356		253,003
6	355,568				355,568
7	169,914	37,256			207,170
8-North	139,758				139,758
8-South	103,093				103,093
9-East	74,895	6,432	39,706	\$ 7,140	128,173
9-West	42,991				42,991
10	117,530	52,157			169,687
11-East	82,292	37,252			119,544
11-West	40,066				40,066
12	379,962				379,962
13	161,694	138,042			299,736
14	55,856				55,856
15	26,209	61,919			88,128
16	46,591	35,520			82,111
17	40,130				40,130
18-East	102,161				102,161
18-West	33,747				33,747
19-East	11,808				11,808
19-West	102,856				102,856
20	400,829	112,536			513,365
21	387,071				387,071
22	295,724	56,100			351,824
23	365,855	126,396		171	492,422
Totals	\$ 4,064,078	\$ 828,493	\$ 98,062	\$ 7,311	\$ 4,997,944

PA = Prosecuting Attorney

Source: 2013 PA financial audit reports

Appendix M

Court-Related Revenues and Expenditures Per Capita

Judicial District	2010 Census	Revenues Per Person				Expenditures Per Person			
		State Revenues	County Revenues	Prosecuting Attorney Revenues	Total Revenues	State Expenditures	County Expenditures	Prosecuting Attorney Expenditures	Total Expenditures
1	93,718	\$ 3.43	\$ 8.64	\$ 1.17	\$ 13.24	\$ 30.00	\$ 13.73	\$ 1.08	\$ 44.82
2	276,581	4.77	8.65	0.66	14.08	26.52	19.47	0.78	46.76
3	70,645	6.78	7.22	1.75	15.75	29.38	19.38	2.06	50.82
4	218,782	3.62	5.28	0.35	9.25	22.39	19.28	0.16	41.84
5	105,419	5.95	7.90	3.58	17.43	24.59	13.55	2.40	40.54
6	393,193	2.02	1.84	0.88	4.74	31.56	35.42	0.90	67.88
7	50,776	5.12	8.49	2.01	15.62	29.75	17.52	4.08	51.35
8-North	31,606	6.07	16.17	6.47	28.71	45.48	36.38	4.42	86.28
8-South	51,107	5.62	9.80	0.67	16.10	42.95	14.11	2.02	59.08
9-East	22,995	6.52	9.63	2.92	19.07	36.55	18.27	5.57	60.39
9-West	55,309	4.01	13.24	1.27	18.52	24.67	18.61	0.78	44.06
10	76,678	2.86	9.26	2.25	14.37	36.41	18.33	2.21	56.96
11-East	19,019	4.63	5.89	6.40	16.91	35.10	28.21	6.29	69.60
11-West	91,569	2.86	7.24	0.60	10.70	39.12	3.04	0.44	42.60
12	125,744	5.38	5.23	3.45	14.05	37.93	25.40	3.02	66.36
13	114,484	5.98	7.01	2.10	15.08	31.00	20.01	2.62	53.63
14	103,399	4.12	3.90	0.68	8.69	24.27	21.05	0.54	45.85
15	77,044	5.97	7.50	1.24	14.70	31.41	24.51	1.14	57.06
16	100,952	6.71	11.52	0.96	19.19	27.95	15.19	0.81	43.95
17	85,791	3.81	3.74	0.68	8.23	20.99	13.83	0.47	35.28
18-East	96,024	2.93	3.82	1.03	7.79	28.83	22.39	1.06	52.29
18-West	30,149	7.82	8.02	1.20	17.04	30.80	25.64	1.12	57.56
19-East	27,446	5.83	4.85	0.84	11.52	31.44	25.02	0.43	56.89
19-West	221,339	3.40	4.46	1.41	9.28	17.11	30.78	0.46	48.36
20	138,727	4.51	7.11	4.10	15.71	24.63	20.83	3.70	49.16
21	61,948	4.59	8.02	6.29	18.89	23.78	22.55	6.25	52.58
22	107,118	3.58	4.99	2.84	11.41	22.26	19.34	3.28	44.89
23	68,356	6.11	5.95	5.38	17.44	22.24	14.13	7.20	43.57
Totals	2,915,918	\$ 48.92	\$ 6.30	\$ 1.76	\$ 56.98	\$ 45.54	\$ 21.97	\$ 1.71	\$ 69.22

Note: Due to differences in reporting periods, the information for state government is for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015; the information for local governments is for the calendar year ended December 31, 2014; and the information for prosecuting attorneys is for the calendar year ended December 31, 2013.

Source: United States Census Bureau and unaudited revenue and expenditure data from Appendices D and E.

Appendix N

Caseload Information for Circuit Courts, Public Defenders, Court of Appeals, and Supreme Court

Judicial District	Circuit Courts Calendar Year 2014			Public Defenders* Fiscal Year 2015		
	Cases Filed	Cases Terminated		DHS, FINS, Delinquency, Juvenile Cases	Circuit Cases	Total Cases
1	7,959	6,960		195	662	857
2	23,775	19,583		3,123	4,722	7,845
3	5,574	4,412		243	666	909
4	13,498	12,484		592	1,977	2,569
5	7,053	6,889		341	950	1,291
6	31,981	28,009		711	6,088	6,799
7	2,966	2,341		164	1,035	1,199
8-North	2,562	2,205		222	346	568
8-South	3,425	3,270		182	734	916
9-East	1,032	922		85	122	207
9-West	2,886	2,526		47	395	442
10	5,843	5,509		544	500	1,044
11-East	1,496	1,430		49	225	274
11-West	8,115	6,311		1,192	664	1,856
12	13,893	12,091		1,066	1,423	2,489
13	7,485	5,716		615	1,079	1,694
14	5,800	5,455		51	561	612
15	5,615	5,081		154	807	961
16	7,597	6,786		385	627	1,012
17	5,582	5,167		124	374	498
18-East	6,418	5,855		1,626	937	2,563
18-West	1,807	1,498		17	161	178
19-East	1,489	939		38	201	239
19-West	10,663	10,447		519	1,183	1,702
20	9,749	9,118		473	1,032	1,505
21	4,863	5,145		295	685	980
22	5,881	5,625		97	692	789
23	5,355	4,695		68	510	578
Unallocated	0	0		123	730	853
Totals	210,362	186,469		13,341	30,088	43,429
Fiscal Year 2015 - State-Level	Criminal Cases Filed	Civil Cases Filed	Total Cases Filed	Criminal Cases Terminated	Civil Cases Terminated	Total Cases Terminated
Court of Appeals	217	1,333	1,550	105	986	1,091
Supreme Court	168	202	370	94	141	235

DHS = Department of Human Services; FINS = Family In Need of Services

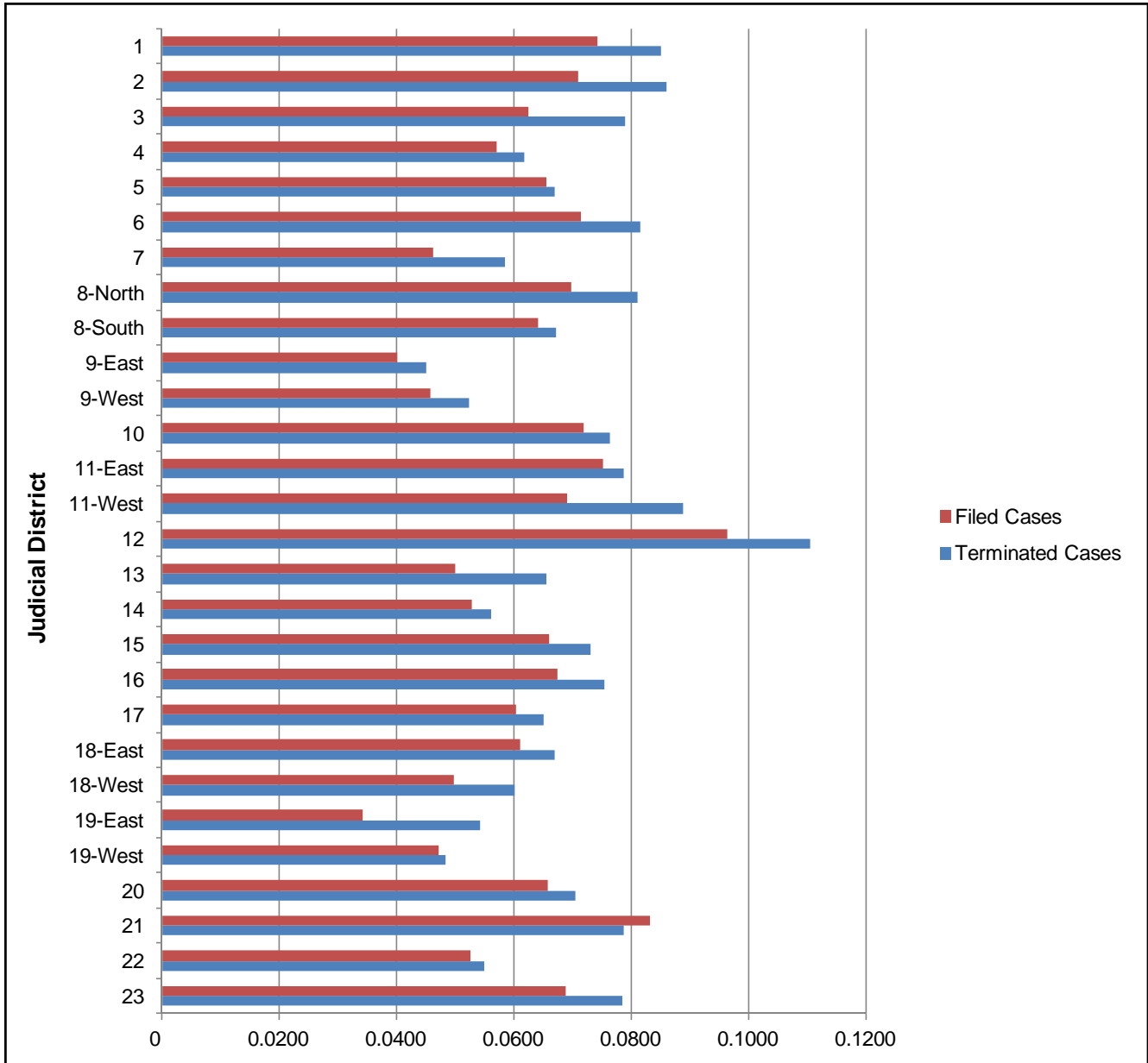
*District court cases, revocations, defendants appealed, and defendants seeking post-conviction relief were not included in the public defender total because these types of cases were not specifically attributable to the trial and appellate court levels. However, the figures in the chart represent actual defendants represented, not charges or cases filed.

Note: No central repository of information concerning prosecuting attorney caseload information was identified by Arkansas Legislative Audit.

Source: Administrative Office of the Courts and the Public Defender Commission

Appendix O

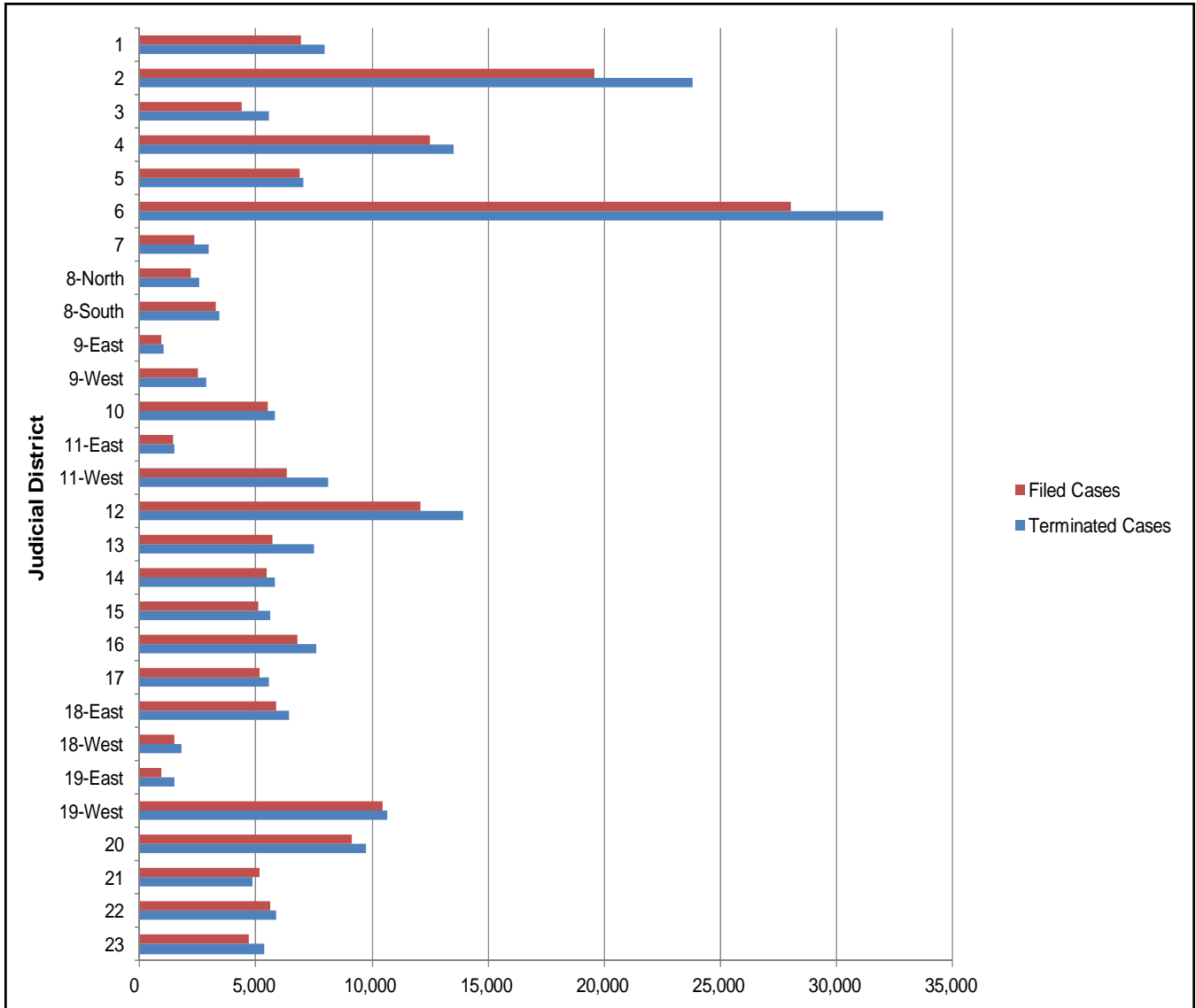
Circuit Court Caseload Per Capita – For Calendar Year 2014



Source: Administrative Office of the Courts and the United States Census Bureau (calculated by Arkansas Legislative Audit staff)

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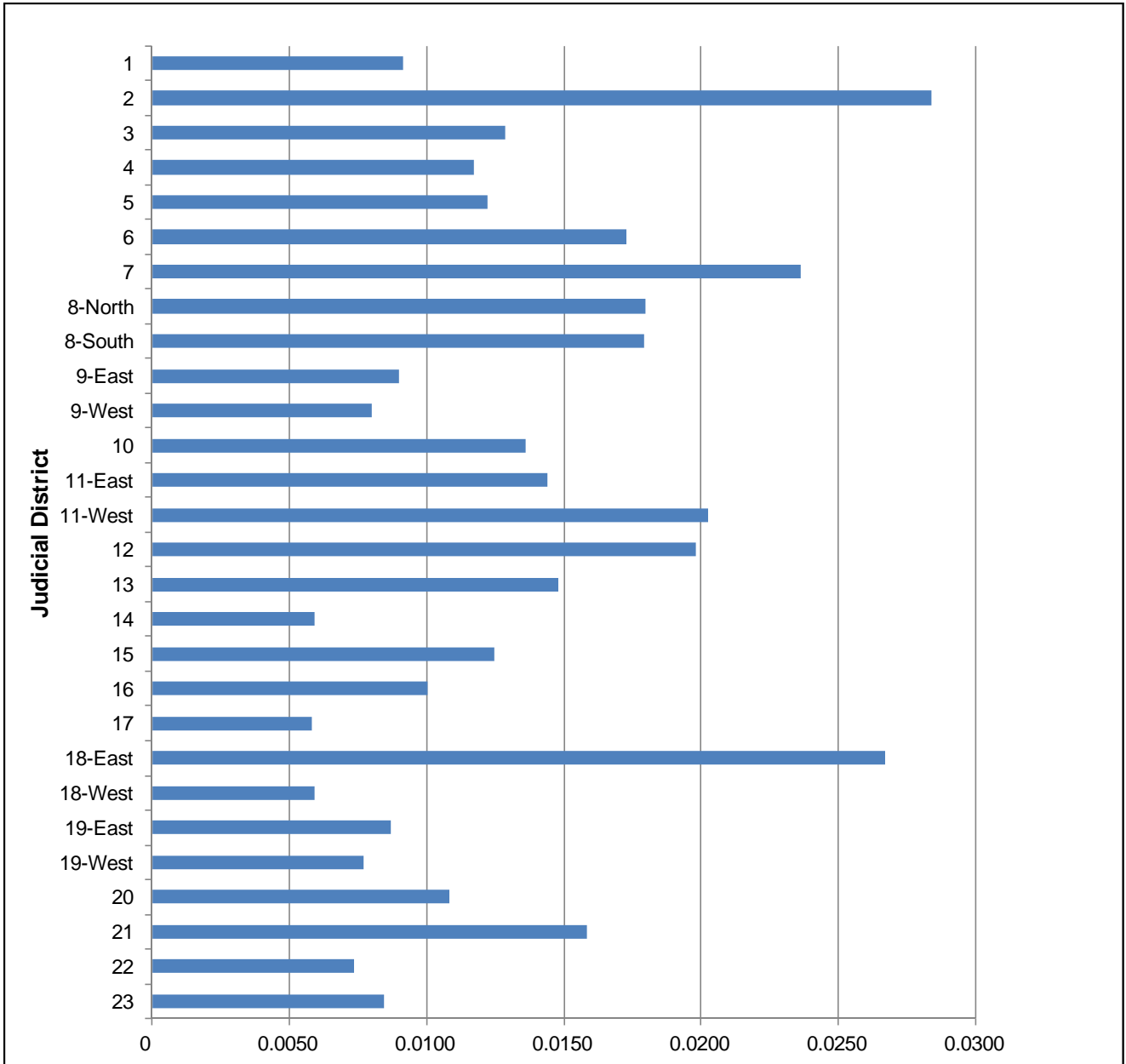
Circuit Court Caseload Count – For Calendar Year 2014



Source: Administrative Office of the Courts

Appendix Q

Public Defender Caseload Per Capita – For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

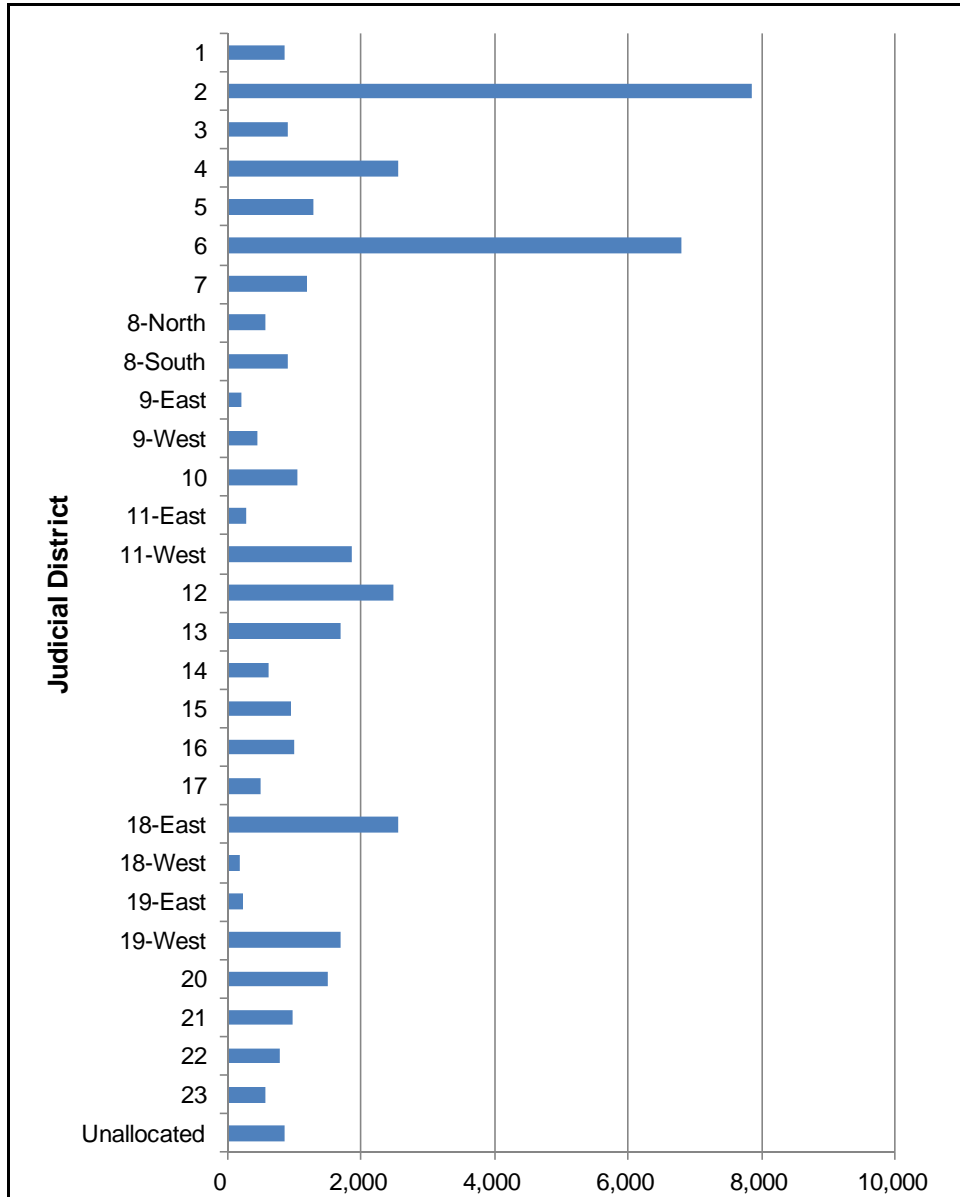


Note: District court cases, revocations, defendants appealed, and defendants seeking post conviction relief were not included in the public defender total because these types of cases were not specifically attributable to the trial and appellate court levels. The figures here represent actual defendants represented, not charges or cases filed.

Source: Public Defender Commission and the United State Census Bureau (calculated by Arkansas Legislative Audit staff)

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