MCILS

January 17, 2023 Commissioner's Meeting Packet

MAINE COMMISSION ON INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES

JANUARY 17, 2023 COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

- 1) Public Hearing on Chapter 4 Caseload standards
- 2) Approval of the December 14, 2022 Commission Meeting Minutes
- 3) Report of the Executive Director
 - a. Operations report
 - b. Case staffing status report
 - c. RDU update
 - d. Recruiting and Training
 - e. Annual report
- 4) Legislative and Budget Update
- 5) Set Date, Time and Location of Next Regular Meeting of the Commission
- 6) Public Comment
- 7) Executive Session 1 MRSA §405(6)(E) to discuss pending or contemplated litigation

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Chapter 4: CASELOAD STANDARDS FOR ASSIGNED COUNSEL AND CONTRACT COUNSEL

Summary: The purpose of this rule is to implement 4 M.R.S. § 1804(2)(C) by prescribing "[s]tandards for assigned counsel and contract counsel case loads" for attorneys accepting assignments to represent consumers of indigent legal services. The objective is to ensure that attorneys are not overscheduled or overworked and are able to provide effective, high quality, representation to each client.

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

- A. **Points**: the weight assigned to each case type.
- B. Case type: the type of matter to which the attorney is assigned.
- C. **Maximum case type**: represents the maximum number of cases of a particular case type that an attorney could carry at one time, if the attorney only accepted cases of that one type.
- D. Average hours per case: the anticipated average amount of hours that would be spent on a case of a particular type.
- E. **Maximum active caseload limit**: the maximum total points across all case types that an attorney may carry on their caseload at any given time, based on the percentage of an attorney's work hours which are dedicated to assigned cases.
- F. **Maximum annual hours limit**: the maximum number of hours that an attorney may bill to MCILS over a rolling 12-month period, based on the percentage of an attorney's work hours which are dedicated to assigned cases.
 - i. The maximum annual hours limit is only used for purposes of applying the caseload limits. If an attorney's vouchers exceed the maximum annual hours, the attorney will still be paid in accordance with Commission rules.

SECTION 2. CASE TYPE CALCULATION

- A. Criminal & Juvenile Cases:
 - i. In each docket, the charge assigned the highest points—at the time of appointment—determines the case type.

- ii. Other offenses contained within a single charging instrument are not assigned a point value.
- iii. If an attorney represents a client on multiple dockets, each docket is considered a new case type. Each case type is assigned cumulative points.
- iv. The point value assigned is applicable to each case from assignment through disposition of the matter. Post-conviction reviews and probation violations are considered new case types, regardless of whether the attorney represented the client in the original case.
- B. Child Protective Cases:
 - i. The point value assigned is applicable to the entire case, from assignment through final resolution of the matter at the district court level. Points are not assigned to each distinct phase (*e.g.*, jeopardy, termination of parental rights).
 - ii. If a client has multiple pending PC docket numbers because the client has multiple children, only one docket number is assigned a point value.
- C. Appeals to the Supreme Court of Maine:
 - i. Appeals to the Supreme Court of Maine are considered new case types, regardless of whether the attorney represented the client in the trial court.
- D. Lawyer of the Day:
 - i. The point value associated with lawyer for the day duties is assigned per appearance.
 - 1. If counsel serves as lawyer of the day for a morning session that continues into the afternoon, that will be one appearance. If counsel serves as lawyer of the day for a morning session and then a subsequent afternoon session with a second appearance time and list, that will be two appearances.
- E. Specialty Courts and Projects:
 - i. The point value assigned to specialty courts only applies to the attorney who is the defense representative for that specialty court, or who performs an administrative function for MCILS with respect to that specialty court or project, not to every attorney who has a client sentenced to the specialty court or otherwise engaged in a project.
 - ii. The point value assigned to specialty courts and projects applies per court appearance, regardless of duration.

1. Court appearance is defined by an instance in which the specialty court is in session, not by the number of participants who appear in court at a particular session.

SECTION 3. POINTS

A. MCILS has established the following point values for each respective case type:

Case Type:	Point Value:	Maximum Case Type:	Average Hours Per Case:
Class A Crime	4	67	29.6
Class B & C Person Crime	3	90	22.2
Class B & C Property Crime	2	135	14.8
Class D & E Crime	1	270	7.4
Probation Violation	1.25	216	9.25
Post-Conviction Review	6	45	44.4
Appeal	10	27	74
Juvenile	2	135	14.8
Lawyer of the Day (per appearance)	0.5	540	3.7
Protective Custody	5	54	37
Involuntary Commitment	1.25	270	7.4
Inv. Commit. Appeal to Superior Court	2	135	14.8
Emancipation	0.75	357	5.6
Probate	3	90	22.2
Specialty Courts (per appearance)	0.5	540	3.7
Pet. for Mod. of Release or Treatment	3	90	22.2
Petition for Release	3	90	22.2

B. MCILS will reevaluate and update the point values as appropriate.

SECTION 4. LIMITS

- A. MCILS has established a maximum active caseload limit of 270 points. An attorney may not maintain a caseload exceeding 270 points at any one time, unless granted a waiver pursuant to Section 7 below.
- B. For purposes of the maximum annual hours limit, the hours are calculated based on vouchers submitted for work performed within the preceding 12 months.

C. The applicable maximum caseload and hours limits are reduced proportionately, based upon the percentage of the attorney's work hours that are dedicated to MCILS cases. The following chart reflects this calculation, based on an active caseload limit of 250 points and an annual limit of 2,000 billed hours:

% of Attorney's Work Hours Spent on MCILS Cases:	Caseload Limit:	Hours Limit:	
100%	250	2,000	
75%	188	1500	
50%	125	1000	
25%	63	500	
10%	25	200	

- D. Case Closed:
 - i. When a case is closed in defenderData, the points assigned to that case are deducted from the attorney's active caseload points total.
- E. Deferred Disposition:
 - i. When the disposition of a case in defenderData is changed to reflect a deferment, the points assigned to that case are deducted from the attorney's active caseload points total.
- F. Other events that toll cases:
 - i. When a case enters a status that effectively tolls its progress, the points assigned to that case may be deducted from the attorney's active caseload points total at the discretion of the Executive Director or designee. Events that effectively toll the progress of a case may include a filing; long-term continuance; client in absent of fugitive status; or, similar events.

SECTION 5. APPLICATION

- A. Applicable Caseload Limit:
 - i. All attorneys accepting assignments to represent consumers of indigent legal services are required to annually certify to MCILS approximately what portion of their annual working hours are dedicated to assigned cases.
 - ii. All attorneys who are seeking, or will seek, assignments are required to submit their certification 30 days prior to the effective date of this rule.

- iii. Attorneys who apply to accept MCILS cases will be required to submit this certification prior to receiving any additional case assignments.
- iv. After a certification is submitted, the attorney's maximum caseload limit will be set in the MCILS information management system.
- v. If an attorney's workload percentages change significantly prior to the annual certification, the attorney can request that MCILS adjust their maximum caseload and/or hours limits.
 - 1. Attorneys will always have the ability to opt out of case types and courts to reduce the number of new assignments they receive.
- vi. This certification must be completed on the form provided by MCILS. The form may be a webform. If so, the certification must be provided through that webform.
- vii. Failure to complete the certification as required will result in suspension from all rosters until the certification has been completed to the satisfaction of the Executive Director or their designee.
- viii. Suspected falsification of a certification will result in the initiation of an MCILS assessment and/or investigation.
- B. Case Entry & Closing:
 - i. Counsel are responsible for ensuring that all cases are opened in Defender Data within 7 calendar days of the receipt of notice of assignment in any form, and that cases are closed in Defender Data within 7 days of the completion of work in the file.

SECTION 6. EXCEPTIONS

A. If an attorney has reached the active caseload and/or annual hours limit, the attorney may exceed those limits to accept new assigned cases for a client the attorney then presently represents. The points and hours associated with the new cases will be calculated and added to the attorney's total in accordance with this rule.

SECTION 7. WAIVER

A. An attorney may apply for a temporary waiver of the active caseload limit or the annual hours limit, but not both.

- B. A temporary waiver may be granted for a period of up to 6 months.
- C. Application must be made to the Executive Director or their designee in the manner designated by MCILS.
- D. Waivers are discretionary and will only be granted for good cause.
- E. In determining whether to grant a waiver, the Executive Director or their designee may consider some or all the following factors:
 - i. The attorney's representation about their current capacity to accept additional cases;
 - ii. The reason the waiver is being requested;
 - iii. The attorney's experience level;
 - iv. Whether the attorney has support staff;
 - v. Whether the attorney represents a client in multiple, related dockets which require less time to resolve;
 - vi. To the extent that data is available to MCILS, whether the attorney practices primarily in courts experiencing longer average times to resolution of cases than the 12 months indicated in Section 4(B) as the basis for calculating annual workload and caseload limits; and/or
 - vii. Any other factors relevant to whether in the discretion of the Executive Director or designee the waiver should be granted.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

4 M.R.S. §§ 1804(2)(C), (2)(GA) and (4)(D)

EFFECTIVE DATE:

Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services – Commissioners Meeting December 14, 2022

Minutes

Commissioners Present: Donald Alexander, Randall Bates, Meegan Burbank, Michael Cantara, Michael Carey, Roger Katz, Kimberly Monaghan, David Soucy, Joshua Tardy

MCILS Staff Present: Justin Andrus, Ellie Maciag

Agenda Item	Discussion/Outcome
Approval of the November 9, 2022 and November 29, 2022 Commission Meeting Minutes	No discussion. Commissioner Cantara alerted staff about a typo in his last name. Commissioner Carey moved to approve November 9, 2022 and November 29, 2022 minutes. Commissioner Cantara seconded. All voted in favor. Approved.
Report of the Executive Director	Operations report. The year is on track for reaching 32,000 cases. Historical data had a case number of 26,600 at this same time, with 450 attorneys serving on the rosters. The number of attorneys on the roster is down to about 140 available for trial level work.
	Case staffing status report. There are three attorneys in Kennebec County accepting most case types, and roughly 10 attorneys in Cumberland County. Director Andrus pointed out that there are continued efforts to entice and retain attorneys for the rosters. Director Andrus explained that the number of attorneys on the roster appears larger due to a number of attorneys only being available on specialty rosters and Lawyer of the Day rosters.
	Rural Defender Unit (RDU) update. The RDU is up and running and will be fully staffed with the 5 members on December 19. Director Andrus indicated that they have begun taking on cases to help ease the burden of outstanding case staffing requests.

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	Recruiting and Training. Director Andrus spoke of following through on all suggestions that have been made so far in relation to recruiting new attorneys for the rosters, as well as pursuing some methods which had not been suggested. The Maine State Bar Association has been working diligently with MCILS to be sure staff are aware of upcoming opportunities to meet with attorneys and to get word out. MCILS has also recently had success with an experienced litigator training, as well as meeting with newly licensed attorneys at Bridging the Gap. Director Andrus indicated that there have been a handful of attorneys who have retired from other states and moved to Maine, who are interested in joining the MCILS rosters. Director Andrus also spoke of MCILS' efforts to work with people who want to be on the roster, pointing out that if someone wants to be on the rosters, every effort will be made by MCILS to get the interested attorney on. Director Andrus noted that there are upcoming trainings scheduled, and that future trainings will be scheduled as often as needed in order to get eligible attorneys successfully onto the rosters. Director Andrus explained that there is now a dedicated resource counsel to mentor people coming into the program and available to provide support and mentorship up to and including entering an appearance in a case. Director Andrus pointed out this aspect being similar to an Associate experience at a firm.
Annual Report	Director Andrus requested the Commissioners review the draft annual report and to contact him before the due date (January 15) with any comments or suggestions.
Caseload Standards Discussion	 Prior to the rule discussion, Director Andrus requested the Commission weigh in on offline commentary that has been made regarding abrogating the rules of MCILS. Several of the Commissioners stated they had no interest in doing that and believe that the Commission cannot dispense with rules tied to its statutory obligations. Director Andrus explained that the Caseload Standards is at the point where the Commission needs to determine what they want the proposed rule to formally say before putting it out for formal public comment. Commissioner Katz asked about what number of rostered attorneys are reaching the caseload limits as the rule is written, to which Director Andrus indicated that while the report hasn't been run recently,
	the last data indicated it was roughly 1/3 of the roster. Director Andrus stated that he doesn't propose

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	interfering in any client/attorney relationship that exists prior to the rule taking effect unless a concern of the client being effectively represented is a concern. Clarification was asked for regarding what the total hours represent in the rule; whether it is billable hours or total hours that an attorney works. Director Andrus explained that it represents the number of hours that can legitimately be billed. He pointed out that some attorneys, who do not have staff, have additional work beyond their billable hours. Commissioner Carey made a motion to move forward with the adoption of the rule, allowing for public comment. Commissioner Cantara seconded. Commissioner Alexander voted no, all others voted yes, the motion passed.
Chapter 3 specialized panel rule discussion	Director Andrus requested input from the Commission regarding the timing and clarity on review of the specialized panel rule. Commissioner Carey expressed interest in setting a schedule to focusing on the review and revision of one rule at a time, as that will also help those outside the Commission better set themselves up for public comment and input when the time comes. Director Andrus agreed with the sentiment of having a set schedule and will bring up the topic of the specialized panel rule after finalizing the Caseload standards.
Assignments for cases that can serve as predicate offenses	Commissioner Burbank spoke with regards to a conversation she had with an attorney about collateral consequences for non-risk of jail offense which create a risk of jail for subsequent criminal offenses and the potential harm to individuals not having the benefit of counsel to explain those collateral consequences. Discussion ensued regarding the logic of only being appointed counsel if there is a risk of jail time, and where the precedent of a DA writing 'no risk of jail' on a complaint is enough to not appoint counsel. Director Andrus stated his belief that in every case in which a criminal complaint is filed, there is a risk of jail time. Concern was brought up regarding the increase in cases that would need to be appointed counsel, which would have a negative impact on the already rising number of cases that are struggling to be assigned. However, it was also brought up that those cases should generally already be part of the number of cases being appointed, and only considering the number of rostered attorneys available for cases has the potential to be problematic.

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	There was discussion about creating a dialogue between MCILS and the courts and the legislature to better rectify this disconnect on who is entitled to assigned counsel.											
Public Comment	George Hess: Attorney Hess echoed the statements regarding that appointment of counsel is based on judiciary opinion, and that the judge is making the call based primarily on whether prosecution recommends jail time or not. He also pointed out that many young people who are agreeing to a plea for a small fine, are not aware of the collateral consequences that may interrupt or outright change career choices. He believes that the decision should be at the legislative level, and that it is a matter that should be comprehensively looked at. He shared his opinion that the increase hourly rate to \$150/hr will help bring some attorneys back to the rosters.											
	Robert Ruffner: Attorney Ruffner fully supports Commissioner Burbank's assessment that something needs to be done regarding assigning counsel even when someone is considered not at risk for jail. He pointed out that in his regular lawyer of the day visits, he is often met with people who are in jail who have a complaint that has 'no risk of jail' written on it. He further expressed that every lawyer of the day attorney should be advocating that there is a risk of jail time and asking for the court to make assignments, and that practice standards should be instructing them to do that, with MCILS backing them up and offering the research and training in order to do so. Attorney Ruffner also expressed that the lack of staff and staff hours of MCILS leaves the MCILS Annual Report to be lacking in ways that other similar state annual reports do not, leading to a missed opportunity. He used the examples of New Hampshire, Vermont and Massachusetts as having lengthy annual reports that review deficiencies in their systems as well as highlighting successes of attorneys and policy.											
	Ron Schneider: Attorney Schneider expressed his opinion that while it is technically the court's responsibility to assign counsel, the courts are only to assign counsel from the roster maintained by MCILS, which ultimately means it is the Commission's responsibility to assign counsel. He pointed out that at the beginnings of MCILS, the program was set up initially without the funding to do assignments itself. He also expressed his concern over not hearing anything about new priorities in the press that have anything to do with MCILS, and he hopes that the Commissioners are working with the Governor and the Legislature to make MCILS a priority.											

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Adjournment of meeting	The next meeting will be held on January 17, 2023 at 9 am.

MAINE COMMISSION ON INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES

TO: MCILS COMMISSIONERS

FROM: JUSTIN ANDRUS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: OPERATIONS REPORTS

DATE: January 12, 2023

Attached you will find the December 2022, Operations Reports for your review and our discussion at the Commission meeting on January 17, 2023. A summary of the operations reports follows:

- 2,338 new cases were opened in the DefenderData system in December. This was a 70 case decrease from November. Year to date, new cases are up 2.2% from last year from 14,492 at this time last year to 14,812 this year.
- The number of vouchers submitted electronically in December was 3,011, an increase of 287 vouchers from November, totaling \$1,904,910, an increase of \$169,146 from November. Year to date, the number of submitted vouchers is up by approximately 7.5%, from 15,867 at this time last year to 17,061 this year, with the total amount for submitted vouchers up approximately 17.8%, from \$8,644,583 at this time last year to \$10,183,471 this year.
- In December, we paid 2,552 electronic vouchers totaling \$1,565,878, representing an increase of 98 vouchers and a decrease of \$16,840 compared to November. Year to date, the number of paid vouchers is up approximately 2.9%, from 16,162 at this time last year to 16,638 this year, and the total amount paid is up approximately 13.7%, from \$8,722,256 this time last year to \$9,922,348 this year.
- We paid no paper vouchers in December.
- The average price per voucher in December was \$613.59, down \$31.36 per voucher from November. Year to date, the average price per voucher is up approximately 10.5%, from \$539.68 at this time last year to \$596.37 this year.
- Appeals and Post-Conviction Review cases had the highest average voucher in December. There were 15 vouchers exceeding \$5,000 paid in December. See attached addendum for details.
- In December, we issued 74 authorizations to expend funds: 42 for private investigators, 21 for experts, and 11 for miscellaneous services such as interpreters and transcriptionists. In December, we paid \$112,001 for experts and investigators, etc. No funds requests were denied.
- There were no attorney suspensions in December.

- In our All Other Account, the total expenses for the month of December were \$151,089. During December, approximately \$39,087 was devoted to the Commission's operating expenses.
- In the Personal Services Accounts, we had \$133,850 in expenses for the month of December.
- In the Revenue Account, the transfer from the Judicial Branch for December, reflecting November collections totaled \$28,171. The total expenses for counsel fees for the month of December were \$1,895,447.
- Exceptional results see attached addendum.
- As of January 12, 2023, there are 197 rostered attorneys of which 149 are available for trial court level work.

Statement of Revenue and Expenses for Maine Commission of Indigent Legal Services

As of January 5, 2023

General Fun	ds - 010-Z11201		QTR1		QTR2		QTR3		QTR4		TOTAL
Personal Services Allotm		\$	356,376	\$	476,920	\$		\$	322,211	\$	1,654,097
Payroll to date			(228,374)		(219,358)		(55,571)		-		(503,302)
Estimated payroll remaini	ng		-		-		(252,297)		(257,833)		(510,131)
Total	Personal Services available	\$	128,002	\$	257,562	\$	190,722	\$	64,378	\$	640,664
All Other Allotment		\$	5,999,978	\$	3,529,411	\$	-,, -	\$	3,307,728	\$	16,144,846
Expenditures to date			(4,750,452)		(3,428,505)		(260)		-		(8,179,217)
Encumbrances	Total All Other Available	*	(1,249,525)	*	141,010	*	(53,040)	*	-	*	(1,161,555)
	Total All Other Available	Þ	0	\$	241,916	\$	3,254,429	\$	3,307,728	\$	6,804,073
Uner	cumbered balance forward		506,889.06	Re	equires Fina	ncia	I Order to All	lot	Balance For	war	d
Other Special Reven	ue Funds - 014-Z11201		QTR1		QTR2		QTR3		QTR4		TOTAL
Personal Services Allotm		\$	211,632	\$	194,116	\$		\$	105,856	\$	723,236
Payroll to date		Ŧ	(151,218)	Ŧ	(135,180)	•	(25,134)	•	-	Ŧ	(311,532)
Estimated payroll remaini	ng		-		-		(147,196)		(150,807)		(298,003)
Total	Personal Services available	\$	60,414	\$	58,936	\$	39,301	\$	(44,951)	\$	113,701
All Other Allotment		\$	597,904	\$	4,771,837	\$	_,,	\$	2,147,896	\$	9,665,533
Expenditures to date			(597,904)		(2,178,375)		(106,828)		-		(2,883,107)
Encumbrances			-		-	-	-		-		-
	Total All Other Available	\$	0	\$	2,593,462	\$	2,041,068	\$	2,147,896	\$	6,782,426
	CASH ON HAND 1/5/2023	\$	4,222,969.15								
Other Special Reven	ue Funds - 014-Z11202		QTR1		QTR2		QTR3		QTR4		TOTAL
All Other Allotment		\$		\$	57,000	\$		\$	-	\$	57,000
Expenditures to date			-		-		-		-		-
Encumbrances			-		-		-		-		-
	Total All Other Available	\$	-	\$	57,000	\$	-	\$	-	\$	57,000
	CASH ON HAND 1/5/2023	\$	16,232.70								
ARPA Fund	s - 023-Z11201		QTR1		QTR2		QTR3		QTR4		TOTAL
All Other Allotment		\$		\$	4,000,000	\$		\$	-	\$	4,000,000
Expenditures to date		Ť	-		-		-		-		-
Encumbrances			-		-		-		-		-
	Total All Other Available	\$	-	\$	4,000,000	\$	-	\$	-	\$	4,000,000
	CASH ON HAND 1/5/2023	\$	250,000.00								

Other Special Revenue Funds - 014-Z25801

Reserve for ILS Cash on hand 1/5/2023 \$ 2,622,678.58

MAINE COMMISSION ON INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES FY23 FUND ACCOUNTING AS OF 12/31/2022

Account 010 95F Z112 01 (All Other)		Mo.		Q1	Mo.		Q2	Mo.		Q3	Mo.		Q4		FY23 Total
FY23 Professional Services Allotment			\$	6,173,605.54		\$	3,080,749.00		\$	3,080,749.00		\$	3,080,747.00	\$	15,415,850.54
FY23 General Operations Allotment			\$	48,000.00		\$	48,000.00		\$	48,000.00		\$	48,000.00	\$	192,000.00
FY22 Encumbered Balance Carry Forward			\$	506,889.06		\$, _		\$, -		\$	-	\$	506,889.06
Budget Order Adjustment			\$	(221,628.00)		\$	179,034.00		\$	178,980.00		\$	178,981.00	\$	315,367.00
Budget Order Adjustment			\$	-		\$	221,628.00		Ś	, _		\$	-	·	,
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Total Budget Allotments			\$	5,999,977.54		\$	3,529,411.00		\$	3,307,729.00		\$	3,307,728.00	\$	16,430,106.60
Total Expenses		1	\$	(1,935,083.89)	4	\$	(1,843,734.81)	7			10	\$	-		
		2	\$	(1,607,416.71)	5	\$	(1,433,680.09)	8	\$	-	11	\$	-		
		3	\$	(1,207,951.78)	6	\$	(151,089.78)	9	\$	-	12	\$	-		
Encumbrances (Justice Works)			\$	-		\$	(58,722.00)		\$	-		\$	-	\$	(58,722.00)
Encumbrances (B Taylor)			\$	(13,260.00)		\$	13,260.00					\$	-	\$	-
Encumbrances (CTB for non attorney expen			\$	(1,150,139.32)		\$	266,906.59		\$	-		\$	-	\$	(883,232.73)
Encumbrances (business cards,batteries & addre			\$	(17.14)		\$	-		\$	-		\$	-	\$	(17.14
Encumbrances (RDU business cards & envelopes) Online Legal Research Services)		\$ \$	-		\$ \$	(184.70)		\$ \$	-		\$ \$	-	\$ \$	(184.70)
FY22 CTB Balance Carry Forward			ş Ş	-		ş S	(80,250.00)		ş Ş	-		ş Ş	-	Ş	(80,250.00)
TOTAL REMAINING	_		ې \$	(86,108.40) 0,30	_	ې S	241,916.21		ې \$	- 3,307,729.00	_	ې \$	- 3,307,728.00	ې د	- 7,364,262.57
Q2 Month 6			Ş	0.30		Ş	241,916.21		Ş	3,307,729.00		Ş	3,307,728.00	Ş	7,304,202.57
INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES			IND	IGENT LEGAL SEI	RVICES										
Counsel Payments	\$	-		Allotment					\$	3,529,411.00					
Interpreters	Ś	(3,285.77)	-	Encumbrances for J	ustico M	lorks.	contract		\$	(58,722.00)					
Private Investigators	Ś	(23,734.04)		para Taylor Contrac		ond	contract		\$	13,260.00					
Mental Health Expert	Ś	(36,712.50)		Encumbrance for r		nove	vpopcoc		Ś	266,906.59					
Misc Prof Fees & Serv	Ś	(1,990.25)		Encumbrances for F					\$	(184.70)					
Transcripts	\$ \$	(10,509.04)				ness	cards & envelopes		ې \$	(3,428,504.68)					
Other Expert	ş S	(34,536.50)		Expenses to date ne Legal Research	Sanvicas				ې \$	(3,428,504.68) (80,250.00)					
Process Servers	\$ \$	(1,233.79)		aining Q2 Allotme					Ś	241,916.21					
SUB-TOTAL ILS	\$	(112,001.89)	Ren						Ŷ	241,510.21					
OPERATING EXPENSES	•														
Justice Works	Ś	(7,209.00)													
Barbara Taylor monthly fees	Ś	(8,840.00)	Nor	n-Counsel Indiger	nt Legal	Serv	vices								
Employee Registration non-state	\$	(840.00)		thly Total	Legal	50.0			Ś	(112,001.89)					
Mileage/Tolls/Parking	ş Ś	(1,289.44)		il Q1					ې \$	249,860.68					
Mailing/Postage/Freight	ş Ş	(1,289.44)							ې \$	266,906.59					
West Publishing Corp	ې د	(132.55)							ې \$	200,900.39					
e 1	ې د		Tota						\$ \$	-					
Office Equipment Rental	ې د	(208.95)	Tota							-					
Office Supplies/Eqp.	\$	(183.12)	Fisca	al Year Total					\$	516,767.27					
Cellular Phones	Ş	(473.83)													
OIT/TELCO	\$	(9,935.54)													
Parking Fees	Ş	(51.25)													
Periodicals	Ş	(1,753.00)													
Service center	Ş	-													
Risk management insurance	\$	-													
Lodging for expert witness AAG Legal Srvcs Quarterly Payment	Ş Ç	- (7,851.84)													
Other advertising & publication matter	ې \$	(7,851.84)													
SUB-TOTAL OE	\$	(39,087.89)													
TOTAL	\$	(151,089.78)													

MAINE COMMISSION ON INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES FY23 FUND ACCOUNTING AS OF 12/31/2022

Account 010 95F Z112 01 (Personal Services)	Mo.	Q1	Mo.	Q2	Mo.	Q3	Mo.	Q4	FY23 Total	
FY23 Allotment		\$ 285,269.00		\$ 263,599.00		\$ 285,269.00		\$ 115,478.00	\$ 949,615.00	
Financial Order Adjustments		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		
Budget Order Adjustments		\$ 71,107.00		\$ 213,321.00		\$ 213,321.00		\$ 206,733.00	\$ 704,482.00	
Budget Order Adjustments		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		
Total Budget Allotments		\$ 356,376.00		\$ 476,920.00		\$ 498,590.00		\$ 322,211.00	\$ 1,654,097.00	
Total Expenses	1	\$ (65,524.90)	4	\$ (67,323.49)	7	\$ -	10	\$ -		
	2	\$ (96,169.15)	5	\$ (68,454.11)	8	\$ -	11	\$ -		
	3	\$ (66,680.15)	6	\$ (83,579.91)	9	\$ -	12	\$ -		
TOTAL REMAINING		\$ 128,001.80		\$ 257,562.49		\$ 498,590.00		\$ 322,211.00	\$ 1,206,365.29	

Q2	Month 6	
	Per Diem	\$ (275.00)
	Permanent Regular	\$ (4,961.52)
	Limited Period Regular	\$ (35,621.62)
	Vacation Pay	\$ (2,593.55)
	Holiday Pay	\$ (4,910.24)
	Sick Pay	\$ (2,322.28)
	Empl Hlth SVS/Worker Comp	\$ -
	Health Insurance	\$ (9 <i>,</i> 898.58)
	Dental Insurance	\$ (248.20)
	Employer Retiree Health	\$ (4,832.53)
	Employer Retirement	\$ (3,157.84)
	Employer Group Life	\$ (405.72)
	Employer Medicare	\$ (747.73)
	Retiree Unfunded Liability	\$ (9 <i>,</i> 838.37)
	Longevity Pay	\$ (112.00)
	Perm Part Time Full Ben	\$ (3,654.73)
	Retro Lump Sum Pymt Contract	\$ -
	Standard Overtime	\$ -
	TOTAL	\$ (83,579.91)

MAINE COMMISSION ON INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES FY23 FUND ACCOUNTING AS OF 12/31/2022

Account 014 95F Z112 01	Mo.	Q1	Mo.	Q2	Mo.	Q3	Mo.	Q4		FY23 Total
(OSR Personal Services Revenue)		A T	10101	٩Ľ	10101	43	WIC.	यन		1123 10(0)
FY23 Allotment		\$ 211,632.00		\$ 194,116.00		\$ 211,632.00		\$ 105,856.00	\$	723,236.00
Financial Order Adjustments		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		
Financial Order Adjustments		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		
Budget Order Adjustments		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		
Total Budget Allotments		\$ 211,632.00		\$ 194,116.00		\$ 211,632.00		\$ 105,856.00	\$	723,236.00
Total Expenses	1	\$ (49,018.85)	4	\$ (41,237.93)	7	\$ -	10	\$ -		
	2	\$ (61,002.05)	5	\$ (43,671.56)	8	\$ -	11	\$ -		
	3	\$ (41,197.00)	6	\$ (50,270.65)	9	\$ -	12	\$ -		
TOTAL REMAINING		\$ 60,414.10		\$ 58,935.86		\$ 211,632.00		\$ 105,856.00	\$	436,837.96

Q2 Month 6 PERMANENT	
Per Diem	\$ -
Salary	\$ (18,785.92)
Vacation Pay	\$ (721.40)
Holiday Pay	\$ (2,471.68)
Sick Pay	\$ (2,737.81)
Health Insurance	\$ (7,074.24)
Dental Insurance	\$ (146.00)
Employer Retiree Health	\$ (2,796.48)
Employer Retirement	\$ (2,465.48)
Employer Group Life	\$ (320.04)
Employer Medicare	\$ (424.76)
Retiree Unfunded Liability	\$ (5,693.24)
Longevity Pay	\$ -
Perm Part Time Full Ben	\$ -
Retro Pay Contract	\$ -
Retro Lump Sum Pymt	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ (43,637.05)

Q2	Month 6 LIMITED PERIO	OD	
	Limited Period Regular	\$	(5,970.24)
	Limit Per Holiday Pay	\$	(663.36)
	Limit Per Vacation Pay	\$	-
	Limit Per Sick Pay	\$	-
	TOTAL	\$	(6,633.60)

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Account 014 95F Z112 01 (Revenue)	Mo.		Q1	Mo.		Q2	Mo.		Q3	Mo.	Q4	FY23 Total
Original Total Budget Allotments		\$	3,221,844.00		\$	2,147,897.00		\$	2,147,896.00		\$ 2,147,896.00	\$ 9,665,533.00
Financial Order Adjustment		\$	-		\$	-		\$	-		\$ -	\$ -
Financial Order Adjustment	1	\$	-	4	\$	-	7	\$	-	10	\$ -	
Budget Order Adjustment	2	\$	-	5	\$	2,623,940.00	8	\$	-	11	\$ -	
Budget Order Adjustment		\$	(2,623,940.00)	6	\$	-	9	\$	-	12	\$ -	
Budget Order Adjustment	3	\$	-		\$	-		\$	-		\$ -	
Total Budget Allotments		\$	597,904.00		\$	4,771,837.00		\$	2,147,896.00		\$ 2,147,896.00	\$ 9,665,533.00
Cash Carryover from Prior Quarter		\$	-		\$	-		\$	-		\$ -	
Collected Revenue from JB	1	\$	-	4	\$	39,008.04	7	\$	-	10	\$ -	
Collected Revenue from JB	2	\$	33,135.69	5	\$	26,946.30	8	\$	-	11	\$ -	
Collected Revenue from JB	3	\$	36,358.81	6	\$	28,171.25	9	\$	-	12	\$ -	
Collected for reimbursement of counsel fees		\$	-		\$	-		\$	-		\$ -	
Asset Forfeiture		\$	-		\$	-		\$	-		\$ -	
Victim Services Restitution		\$	-		\$	-		\$	-		\$ -	
Collected for reimbursement of counsel fees	-	\$	-		\$	648.00		\$	-		\$ -	
Refund to KENCD for bail to be applied to fines		\$	-		\$	-		\$	-		\$ -	
TOTAL CASH PLUS REVENUE COLLECTED		\$	69,494.50		\$	94,773.59		\$	-		\$ -	\$ 164,268.09
Counsel Payments	1	\$	-	4	\$	-	7	\$	-	10	\$ -	
Other Expenses		\$	-		\$	-		\$	-	***	\$ -	
Counsel Payments	2	\$	-	5	\$	(275,019.12)	8	\$	-	11	\$ -	
Other Expenses		\$	-		\$	-		\$	-		\$ -	
Counsel Payments	3	Ş	(595,342.94)	6	\$	(1,895,447.88)	9	\$	-	12	\$ -	
State Cap for period 1	*	\$	(377.35)	**	Ş	-	***	Ş	-		\$ -	
State Cap for periods 4,5 & 6	*	\$	(2,183.35)	**	\$	(7,908.41)	***	\$	-		\$ -	
State Cap for period 7	*	\$	-	**	\$	-	***	\$	-		\$ -	
REMAINING ALLOTMENT		\$	0.36		\$	2,593,461.59		\$	2,147,896.00		\$ 2,147,896.00	\$ 6,889,253.95
Overpayment Reimbursements	1	\$	-	4			7	\$	-	10	\$ -	
	2	\$	-	5	\$	-	8	\$	-	11	\$ -	
	3	\$	-	6	\$	-	9	\$	-	12	\$ -	
REMAINING CASH Year to Date		\$	(528,409.14)		\$	(2,083,601.82)		\$			\$	\$ (2,612,010.96)

Fiscal Year Total	Ś	(2,612,010.96
Cash Carryover from Prior Year	Ś	-
Expenses to Date	\$	(2,776,279.05
Total Q4	\$	-
Total Q3	\$	-
Total Q2	\$	94,773.59
Total Q1	\$	69,494.50
Monthly Total	\$	55,117.55
Collections versus Allotment		

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Account 014 95F Z112 02 (Conference Account)	Mo.	Q1	Mo.	Q2	Mo.	Q3	Mo.	Q4	FY23 Total
FY23 Allotment		\$ -		\$ 57,000.00		\$ -		\$ -	\$ 57,000.00
Carry Forward		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	
Financial Order Adjustments		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	
Budget Order Adjustments		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	
Total Budget Allotments		\$ -		\$ 57,000.00		\$ -		\$ -	\$ 57,000.00
Total Expenses	1	\$ -	4	\$ -	7	\$ -	10	\$ -	
	2	\$ -	5	\$ -	8	\$ -	11	\$ -	
	3	\$ -	6	\$ -	9	\$ -	12	\$ -	
TOTAL REMAINING		\$ -		\$ 57,000.00		\$ -		\$ -	\$ 57,000.00

Q2 Month 6	
	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ -

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Activity Report by Case Type

12/31/2022

			C	ec-22			Fis	cal Year 2023			
DefenderData Case Type	New Cases	Vouchers Submitted	Submitted Amount	Vouchers Paid	Approved Amount	Average Amount	Cases Opened	Vouchers Paid	Amount Paid	Average Amount	
Appeal	13	20	\$30,842.95	17	\$ 26,125.39	\$1,536.79	68	87	\$ 168,775.97	\$1,939.95	
Central Office Resource Counsel	1	0		0			1	0			
Child Protection Petition	1	319	\$283,584.50	291	\$ 225,092.57	\$773.51	1,068	1,931	\$ 1,534,178.28	\$794.50	
Drug Court	164	15	\$23,672.00	13	\$ 19,720.00	\$1,516.92	17	70	\$ 109,183.02	\$1,559.76	
Emancipation	2	3	\$944.00	0			28	16	\$ 7,608.76	\$475.55	
Felony	5	780	\$765,065.53	644	\$ 583,414.24	\$905.92	3,505	3,714	\$ 3,223,416.09	\$867.91	
Involuntary Civil Commitment	544	61	\$17,298.15	41	\$ 12,057.16	\$294.08	569	476	\$ 144,597.58	\$303.78	
Juvenile	82	71	\$43 <i>,</i> 088.85	54	\$ 29,643.82	\$548.96	422	471	\$ 384,086.90	\$815.47	
Lawyer of the Day - Custody	70	203	\$62,470.15	172	\$ 57,718.85	\$335.57	1,468	1,396	\$ 467,453.49	\$334.85	
Lawyer of the Day - Juvenile	234	22	\$6,841.48	21	\$ 6,682.78	\$318.23	140	135	\$ 41,729.87	\$309.11	
Lawyer of the Day - Walk-in	21	141	\$51,617.62	115	\$ 42,248.22	\$367.38	931	872	\$ 307,625.00	\$352.78	
Misdemeanor	143	1,039	\$402 <i>,</i> 795.94	889	\$ 356,887.83	\$401.45	5,579	5,611	\$ 2,211,252.01	\$394.09	
Petition, Modified Release Treatment	915	8	\$6,332.83	7	\$ 6,097.33	\$871.05	4	25	\$ 25,069.52	\$1,002.78	
Petition, Release or Discharge	0	0		0			3	6	\$ 4,831.35	\$805.23	
Petition, Termination of Parental Rights	0	50	\$47,251.03	52	\$ 47,340.96	\$910.40	129	311	\$ 333,542.92	\$1,072.49	
Post Conviction Review	16	5	\$4,219.46	9	\$ 21,075.81	\$2,341.76	24	35	\$ 88,731.59	\$2,535.19	
Probate	2	2	\$1,112.00	2	\$ 1,984.00	\$992.00	19	14	\$ 14,250.35	\$1,017.88	
Probation Violation	3	115	\$51,553.03	91	\$ 42,283.09	\$464.65	570	594	\$ 310,197.15	\$522.22	
Represent Witness on 5th Amendment	81	1	\$ 886.00	0			7	6	\$ 2,692.80	\$448.80	
Resource Counsel Criminal	2	3	\$712.00	2	\$ 424.00	\$212.00	3	13	\$ 2,412.00	\$185.54	
Resource Counsel Juvenile	2	0		0			0	1	\$ 32.00	\$32.00	
Resource Counsel Protective Custody	0	0		0			0	1	\$ 328.00	\$328.00	
Review of Child Protection Order	0	153	\$104,622.58	132	\$ 87,082.85	\$659.72	252	845	\$ 538,309.58	\$637.05	
Revocation of Administrative Release	38	0		0			5	8	\$ 2,044.75	\$255.59	
DefenderData Sub-Total	2,338	3,011	\$1,904,910.10	2,552	\$1,565,878.90	\$613.59	14,812	16,638	\$9,922,348.98	\$596.37	
Paper Voucher Sub-Total											
TOTAL	2,338	3,011	\$1,904,910.10	2,552	\$1,565,878.90	\$ 613.59	14,812	16,638	\$ 9,922,348.98	\$ 596.37	

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Activity Report by Court 12/31/2022

	Dec-22										Fis	cal Year 2023		
Court	New Cases	Vouchers Submitted		Submitted Amount	Vouchers Paid		Approved Amount		Average Amount	Cases Opened	Vouchers Paid		Amount Paid	Average Amount
ALFSC	0	2	\$	2,446.00	1	\$	368.00	\$	368.00	5	8	\$	6,708.00	\$838.50
AUBSC	2	2	\$	1,576.00	0	·		·		2	2	\$	1,120.00	\$560.00
AUGDC	40	53	\$	38,790.96	56	\$	42,577.73	\$	760.32	225	295	\$	250,881.65	\$850.45
AUGSC	0	7	\$	6,089.38	7	\$	6,097.33	\$	871.05	10	29	\$	28,972.82	\$999.06
BANDC	41	62	\$	34,498.68	59	\$	25,168.44	\$	426.58	295	497	\$	244,301.05	\$491.55
BANSC	0	0	ć	040.00	0	ć	840.00	ć	0.40,00	1	3	\$ \$	976.00	\$325.33
BATSC BELDC	0	1 24	\$ \$	840.00 10,650.07	1 18	\$ \$	840.00 9.061.52	\$ \$	840.00 503.42	3 62	96	ې S	1,480.00 56,821.90	\$493.33 \$591.89
BELSC	1	0	Ļ	10,050.07	0	Ļ	5,001.52	Ļ	505.42	3	1	\$	3,625.02	\$3,625.02
BIDDC	21	51	\$	35,766.62	30	\$	23,621.80	\$	787.39	178	279	\$	185,313.32	\$664.21
BRIDC	6	12	\$	6,178.47	12	\$	7,020.01	\$	585.00	40	66	\$	36,050.08	\$546.21
CALDC	2	5	\$	3,038.48	7	\$	3,616.00	\$	516.57	14	24	\$	16,180.66	\$674.19
CARDC	7	14	\$	12,584.68	7	\$	5,851.44	\$	835.92	20	76	\$	62,567.93	\$823.26
CARSC	2	0			0					4	0			
DOVDC	3	9	\$	4,142.28	8	\$	2,838.28	\$	354.79	12	47	\$	25,901.26	\$551.09
DOVSC	0	0	-		0	-				0	0	-		
ELLDC	21	26	\$	14,604.10	23	\$	11,972.62	\$	520.55	96	158	\$	121,847.03	\$771.18
ELLSC	0	0	Ś	20 919 14	<u>1</u> 9	\$ \$	624.00 12.267.76	\$ \$	624.00	1	3	\$ \$	1,952.00	\$650.67
FARDC FARSC	16 0	20 0	Ş	20,818.14	0	Ş	12,207.76	Ş	1,363.08	75	70	\$ \$	50,822.64 800.00	\$726.04 \$800.00
FORDC	2	6	\$	4,000.00	7	\$	3,936.00	\$	562.29	18	53	ې \$	38,361.02	\$723.79
HOUDC	11	20	\$	12,430.54	16	\$	9,170.92	\$	573.18	58	118	\$	81,148.33	\$687.70
HOUSC	0	0	-		1	\$	1,396.00	\$	1,396.00	1	1	\$	1,396.00	\$1,396.00
LEWDC	45	60	\$	42,771.30	59	\$	40,392.83	\$	684.62	308	521	\$	366,971.27	\$704.36
LINDC	4	15	\$	7,707.33	16	\$	8,735.51	\$	545.97	32	80	\$	46,223.21	\$577.79
MACDC	0	1	\$	2,979.90	2	\$	1,128.00	\$	564.00	3	14	\$	12,982.35	\$927.31
MACSC	0	0			0					1	0			
MADDC	1	0			0					6	5	\$	2,228.50	\$445.70
MILDC	3	7	\$	2,040.00	12	\$	3,938.25	\$	328.19	22	29	\$	11,337.55	\$390.95
NEWDC	11	17	\$	9,545.88	16	\$	7,957.68	\$	497.36	56	95	\$	51,641.14	\$543.59
PORDC PORSC	61 2	76 0	\$	41,213.28	61 0	\$	44,952.14	\$	736.92	399 6	494 7	\$ \$	390,032.83 2,324.00	\$789.54 \$332.00
PREDC	7	20	\$	26,922.29	8	\$	12,445.92	\$	1,555.74	50	93	\$	69,764.17	\$750.15
ROCDC	4	9	\$	7,102.36	6	\$	4,654.72	\$	775.79	63	76	\$	44,746.41	\$588.77
ROCSC	2	1	\$	96.00	1	\$	240.00	\$	240.00	15	11	\$	3,032.00	\$275.64
RUMDC	16	21	\$	22,628.04	18	\$	15,859.78	\$	881.10	95	151	\$	137,145.54	\$908.25
SKODC	24	66	\$	51,692.09	74	\$	50,701.51	\$	685.16	219	331	\$	250,518.44	\$756.85
SKOSC	1	1	\$	240.00	0					2	1	\$	3,574.00	\$3,574.00
SOUDC	7	16	\$	23,750.25	19	\$	20,208.00	\$	1,063.58	63	101	\$	79,761.03	\$789.71
SOUSC	0	0	+		0	-				1	0	-		
SPRDC	17	28	\$	28,228.89	20	\$	12,832.89		641.64	100	156	\$	122,815.51	\$787.28
Law Ct YORCD	12 223	18 322	\$	29,291.47	16 289	\$ \$	23,117.39		1,444.84	54	65	\$ \$	121,322.66	\$1,866.50
AROCD	160	173	\$ \$	239,053.15 79,488.09	121	\$ \$	178,511.65 59,599.67		617.69 492.56	1,781 1,053	1,934 1,012	\$ \$	1,128,742.08 553,491.83	\$583.63 \$546.93
ANDCD	184	217	ې \$	126,076.13	221	ې \$	120,805.07	ې \$	546.63	1,055	1,012	ې \$	618,056.70	\$584.73
KENCD	203	218	\$	132,623.30	162	\$	99,226.09	\$	612.51	1,085	1,026	\$	532,675.76	\$519.18
PENCD	244	303	\$	157,698.48	259	\$	145,895.65		563.30	1,571	1,727	\$	820,824.22	\$475.29
SAGCD	31	32	\$	18,015.48	34	\$	19,817.30	\$	582.86	228	200	\$	87,522.32	\$437.61
WALCD	72	74	\$	56,245.99	38	\$	29,063.54	\$	764.83	365	300	\$	186,769.13	\$622.56
PISCD	23	27	\$	16,640.30	24	\$	13,427.29	\$	559.47	134	124	\$	61,599.20	\$496.77
HANCD	84	80	\$	35,061.41	41	\$	27,423.41		668.86	428	340	\$	198,856.55	\$584.87
FRACD	57	30	\$	10,375.98	42	\$	15,709.69	\$	374.04	259	192	\$	90,054.85	\$469.04
WASCD	32	29	\$	19,691.55	22	\$	21,019.55		955.43	194	265	\$	197,357.46	\$744.75
	347	481	\$	292,916.88	380	\$	244,662.84		643.85	2,085	2,311	\$	1,388,257.69	\$600.72
KNOCD SOMCD	51 78	54 98	\$ \$	30,965.64 45,647.60	60 73	\$ \$	35,352.15 36,815.51	\$ \$	589.20 504.32	341 485	321 510	\$ \$	188,684.80 235,455.13	\$587.80 \$461.68
OXFCD	78 67	98 62	\$ \$	45,647.60	73	> \$	27,125.70		356.92	485	510	\$ \$	235,455.13	\$461.68
LINCD	32	50	\$	33,328.36	48	\$	31,018.57	\$	646.22	210	223	\$	114,519.17	\$513.54
WATDC	24	52	\$	34,329.44	38	\$	22,764.16		599.06	143	232	\$	140,627.44	\$606.15
WESDC	20	22	\$	15,312.00	17	\$	13,936.00	\$	819.76	98	148	\$	107,865.56	\$728.82
WISDC	2	9	\$	7,325.64	9	\$	6,375.64		708.40	29	51	\$	50,105.16	\$982.45
WISSC	0	0			1	\$	168.00		168.00	0	3	\$	1,784.00	\$594.67
YORDC	1	8	\$	4,548.00	6	\$	3,568.95		594.83	21	37	\$	38,120.55	\$1,030.29
TOTAL	2,337	3,011	\$	1,904,910.10	2,552	\$	1,565,878.90	\$	613.59	14,811	16,638		\$9,922,348.98	\$596.37













Vouchers over \$5,000

Comment	Vo	ucher Total	Cas	se Total
Domestic Violence Aggravated Assault	\$	14,768.00	\$	14,768.00
Homicide	\$	14,248.15	\$	16,753.58
Elevated Aggravated Assault/GSA	\$	11,249.12	\$	14,443.28
Domestic Violence Aggravated Assault	\$	10,312.00	\$	10,312.00
Homicide	\$	9,515.16	\$	9,515.16
Manslaughter	\$	8,876.00	\$	8,876.00
Homicide	\$	8,166.00	\$	41,520.53
Aggravated Trafficking	\$	7,998.00	\$	7,998.00
Child Protection Petitition	\$	7,372.00	\$	8,184.00
Post Conviction Review	\$	7,162.00	\$	7,162.00
Child Protection Petitition	\$	6,659.08	\$	7,231.88
Gross Sexualt Assault	\$	6,588.32	\$	6,588.32
Aggravated Trafficking	\$	6,473.75	\$	6,473.75
Gross Sexualt Assault	\$	6,282.00	\$	6,282.00
Drug/Illegal Firearm Possession	\$	5,038.40	\$	5,038.40

Good Outcomes

Review Date	Attorney	Charge	Disposition
12/2/2022	L'Heureux, lan	DV Assault	NG after Trial
12/2/2022	Porter, Maurice	(JV) Unlawful Sexual Contact	Dismissal After Deferred Disp.
12/5/2022	Thibodeau, Angela	Termination of Parental Rights	TPR Denied after Hearing
12/5/2022	Sawyer, Brittany	Child Protection Petition	Dismissal
12/5/2022	Flick, J.Mitchell	Petition for Modified Release	Modified Release Treatment
		Treatment	Granted
12/6/2022	Thibodeau, Angela	Child Protection Petition	Dismissal
12/6/2022	Brunelle, Roger Jr.	1 ct. VCR, 1 ct. OUI (alcohol)	Dismissal
12/6/2022	Elias, Thomas	1 ct. VCR, 1 ct. Operating After HO	DD GO = Dismissal
		Revocation	
12/7/2022	Ellis, Cameron	1 ct. DV Stalking, 1 ct. Agg. Criminal	Dismissal
		Trespass	
12/7/2022	Paris, David	1 ct. Assault on an Officer	Dimissal
12/7/2022	Ellis, Cameron	DVA	Dismissal
12/7/2022	Doane, Wayne	Child Protection Petition	Dismissal through PRR
12/7/2022	Slaton, Ashley	1 ct. OAS, 1 ct. VCR, 1 ct. Violating	Dismissal
	, ,	PFA, 1 ct. Criminal Threatening, 1 ct.	
		Assault, 1 ct. Interference with	
		Constitutional Rights	
12/7/2022	Ellis, Cameron	DVA, Priors	Dismissal
12/7/2022	Ellis, Cameron	1 ct. Assault, 1 ct. VCR	Dismissal
12/7/2022	Ellis, Cameron	DVA	Dismissal
12/7/2022	Leonard, Sean	Child Protection Petition	Dismissal
12/7/2022	Smith, Caitlyn	2 cts. Assault on an Emergency	Dismissal
	onnen, carryn	Medical Care Provider, 2 cts. Assault	
12/7/2022	Perry, Ashley	3 cts. Unlawful Possession of	Dismissal
		Scheduled Drug	
12/7/2022	Toothaker, Jeffrey	Child Protection Petition	Dismissal
12/7/2022	Champagne, Roger	Indecent Conduct	Dismissal
12/7/2022	Wraight, Marcus	1 ct. VCR, 1 ct. Unlawful Possession	Dismissal with Giglio pressure
		of Methamphetamine	
12/12/2022	Wright, Andrew	Child Protection Petition	Dismissal
12/12/2022	Donahue, Temma	Failure to Comply with Sex Offender	Dismissal
		Registration Act	
12/12/2022	Schmid, Meredith	1 ct. Obstructing Government	Dismissal
		Administration, 1 ct. OUI, 1 ct. VCR,	
		1 ct. OAS	
12/12/2022	Kenney, Michele	1 ct. DVA	Dismissal
12/12/2022	Gomes, Jacqueline	Child Protection Petition	Dismissal
12/13/2022	Tzovarras, Hunter	Unlawful Sexual Contact	Acquittal
12/13/2022	Cohen, Jennifer	4 cts. GSA	NG Verdict
12/13/2022	Ellis, Cameron	Child Protection Petition	Dismissal through PRR
12/13/2022	Johnson, Samuel	Engaging a Prostitute	DD GO = Dismissal
12/13/2022	Bart, William	DVA, priors	Dismissal

Good Outcomes

12/13/2022	Donahue, Temma	1 ct. Burglary, 1 ct. Theft by	DD GO = Dismissal
		Unauthorized Use of Property	
12/13/2022	Peltier, Mark	2 cts. Theft by Unauthorized Taking	Dismissal
12/13/2022	Peltier, Mark	1 ct. OAS, 1 ct. Failure to Register a	Dismissal
		Motor Vehicle	
12/13/2022	Pelletier, John	Minor Consuming Liqour	Dismissal
12/20/2022	Doane, Wayne	Child Protection Petition	Dismissal
12/20/2022	Clifford, John	1 ct. Burglary, 1 ct. Theft by	Dismissal
		Unauthorized Taking	
12/20/2022	Macdonald, Bradford	Child Protection Petition	Dismissal
12/20/2022	Holmes, Amanda	Child Protection Petition	Dismissal
12/20/2022	Youngblood-Avery, Alec	Child Protection Petition	Dismissal
12/20/2022	Fairbanks, Lorne	Child Protection Petition	Dismissal
12/20/2022	Wright, Andrew	OUI(Drugs or Combo)	Dismissal
12/20/2022	Roberge, Mitchel	VCR	Dismissal
12/20/2022	Ledwick, Christopher	DVA	DD GO = Dismissal
12/27/2022	Hainke, Harold	Modified Release Treatment	Modified Release Treatment
			Granted
12/27/2022	Paris, David	Child Protection Petition	Dimissal through PRR
12/28/2022	Derstine, Tucker	VCR	Dismissal
12/28/2022	Hobbs, Jameson	Theft by Unathorized Taking or Transfer (priors)	DD GO = Dismissal
12/28/2022	Day, Randy	Child Protection Petition	Dismissal
12/28/2022	Corey, Paul	1 ct. Agg. Furnishing of Scheduled	DD GO = Dismissal
		Drugs, 1 ct. Allowing Minor to	
		Possess or Consume Liquor, 1 ct.	
		Unlawful Furnishing of Scheduled	
		Drugs	
12/16/2022	Peterson, Kurt	OAR (3 priors)	Dismissal
12/19/2022	Blaisdell, William	2 ct. USC, Sexual Misconduct with	Not Guilty after Jury Trial
		Child Under 12 years	
12/27/2022	Crockett, Matthew	UST/Assault	Dismissal
12/27/2022	Toothaker, Jeffrey	OUI (2nd)	Dismissal
12/27/2022	Wright, Andrew	DV Assault	Dismissal

Pending UCD Cases as of January 6, 2023

		FELO	ONY		l I	MISDEM	EANOR		CIVIL	VIOLA	TION		ALL C	ASES	
UCD	Pending	On DD	No IA	% No IA	Pending	On DD	No IA	% No IA	Pending	No IA	% No IA	Pending	On DD	No IA	% No IA
Androscoggin	687	67	41	6.0%	2,126	237	261	12.3%	11	5	45.5%	2,824	304	307	10.9%
Aroostook	717	117	67	9.3%	1,003	252	217	21.6%	21	6	28.6%	1,741	369	290	16.7%
Caribou	168	23	12	7.1%	234	67	38	16.2%	3	2	66.7%	405	90	52	12.8%
Fort Kent	123	13	11	8.9%	182	59	31	17.0%	3	0	0.0%	308	72	42	13.6%
Houlton	220	33	14	6.4%	279	70	37	13.3%	7	2	28.6%	506	103	53	10.5%
Presque Isle	206	48	30	14.6%	308	56	111	36.0%	8	2	25.0%	522	104	143	27.4%
Cumberland	1,273	192	146	11.5%	3,720	512	708	19.0%	57	13	22.8%	5,050	704	867	17.2%
Bridgton	25	6	5	20.0%	321	54	53	16.5%	9	2	22.2%	355	60	60	16.9%
Portland	1,227	181	139	11.3%	2,949	384	541	18.3%	29	5	17.2%	4,205	565	685	16.3%
West Bath	21	5	2	9.5%	450	74	114	25.3%	19	6	31.6%	490	79	122	24.9%
Franklin	146	30	6	4.1%	441	101	103	23.4%	25	13	52.0%	612	131	122	19.9%
Hancock	381	36	35	9.2%	678	111	169	24.9%	38	19	50.0%	1,097	147	223	20.3%
Kennbec	667	73	57	8.5%	1,789	295	316	17.7%	30	11	36.7%	2,486	368	384	15.4%
Augusta	633	68	54	8.5%	1,083	173	180	16.6%	22	6	27.3%	1,738	241	240	13.8%
Waterville	34	5	3	8.8%	706	122	136	19.3%	8	5	62.5%	748	127	144	19.3%
Knox	226	50	17	7.5%	564	155	87	15.4%	15	1	6.7%	805	205	105	13.0%
Lincoln	128	40	11	8.6%	327	133	39	11.9%	4	1	25.0%	459	173	51	11.1%
Oxford	450	61	47	10.4%	1,032	160	215	20.8%	32	17	53.1%	1,514	221	279	18.4%
Bridgton	45	10	5	11.1%	122	31	21	17.2%	1	0	0.0%	168	41	26	15.5%
Rumford	164	26	22	13.4%	392	58	99	25.3%	11	7	63.6%	567	84	128	22.6%
South Paris	241	25	20	8.3%	518	71	95	18.3%	20	10	50.0%	779	96	125	16.0%
Penobscot	927	33	101	10.9%	1,779	40	524	29.5%	35	23	65.7%	2,741	73	648	23.6%
Bangor	902	32	95	10.5%	1,375	29	372	27.1%	22	16	72.7%	2,299	61	483	21.0%
Lincoln	7	1	2	28.6%	177	3	64	36.2%	6	5	83.3%	190	4	71	37.4%
Newport	18	0	4	22.2%	227	8	88	38.8%	7	2	28.6%	252	8	94	37.3%
Piscataquis	49	3	8	16.3%	139	7	71	51.1%	23	20	87.0%	211	10	99	46.9%
Sagadahoc	180	56	19	10.6%	494	183	93	18.8%	15	5	33.3%	689	239	117	17.0%
Somerset	230	41	20	8.7%	562	132	108	19.2%	11	2	18.2%	803	173	130	16.2%
Waldo	192	31	16	8.3%	349	91	87	24.9%	4	0	0.0%	545	122	103	18.9%
Washington	196	16	8	4.1%	361	37	49	13.6%	19	6	31.6%	576	53	63	10.9%
Calais	85	3	3	3.5%	150	11	23	15.3%	6	3	50.0%	241	14	29	12.0%
Machias	111	13	5	4.5%	211	26	26	12.3%	13	3	23.1%	335	39	34	10.1%
York	1,156	117	250	21.6%	4,027	709	752	18.7%	111	37	33.3%	5,294	826	1,039	19.6%
Alfred	1,102	114	241	21.9%	91	22	26	28.6%	1	1		1,194	136	268	22.4%
Biddeford	26	1	4	15.4%	2,185	368	350	16.0%	76	21	27.6%	2,287	369	375	16.4%
Springvale	15	0	3	20.0%	1,183	199	264	22.3%	31	15	48.4%	1,229	199	282	22.9%
York	13	2	2	15.4%	568	120	112	19.7%	3	0	0.0%	584	122	114	19.5%
TOTAL	7,605	963	849	11.2%	19,391	3,155	3,799	19.6%	451	179	39.7%	27,447	4,118	4,827	17.6%

Columns

Pending Number of cases having at least one charge without a disposition, and without a currently active warrant.

On DD Number of pending cases with an Order of Deferred Disposition entered.

No IA Number of pending cases with a complaint filed, but not having an initial appearance or arraignment held or waived.

% No IA Percent of pending cases without an initial appearance/arraignment.

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Change in Pending UCD Cases, January 2022 to January 2023

Pending cases as of January 6 of each year

UCD	FELONY			MISDEMEANOR			CIVIL VIOLATION			ALL CASES		
UCD	2022	2023	% Diff	2022	2023	% Diff	2022	2023	% Diff	2022	2023	% Diff
Androscoggin	628	687	9.4%	2,008	2,126	5.9 %	20	11	-45.0%	2,656	2,824	6.3%
Aroostook	715	717	0.3%	1,117	1,003	-10.2%	21	21	0.0%	1,853	1,741	-6.0%
Caribou	182	168	-7.7%	275	234	-14.9%	3	3	0.0%	460	405	-12.0%
Fort Kent	88	123	39.8%	187	182	-2.7%	1	3	200.0%	276	308	11.6%
Houlton	208	220	5.8%	320	279	-12.8%	11	7	-36.4%	539	506	-6.1%
Presque Isle	237	206	-13.1%	335	308	-8.1%	6	8	33.3%	578	522	-9.7%
Cumberland	1,321	1,273	-3.6%	3,851	3,720	-3.4%	118	57	-51.7%	5,290	5,050	-4.5%
Bridgton	20	25	25.0%	333	321	-3.6%	37	9	-75.7%	390	355	-9.0%
Portland	1,275	1,227	-3.8%	3,103	2,949	-5.0%	62	29	-53.2%	4,440	4,205	-5.3%
West Bath	26	21	-19.2%	415	450	8.4%	19	19	0.0%	460	490	6.5%
Franklin	91	146	60.4%	284	441	55.3%	7	25	257.1%	382	612	60.2%
Hancock	290	381	31.4%	604	678	12.3%	41	38	-7.3%	935	1,097	17.3%
Kennbec	592	667	12.7%	1,617	1,789	10.6%	37	30	-18.9%	2,246	2,486	10.7%
Augusta	570	633	11.1%	1,043	1,083	3.8%	21	22	4.8%	1,634	1,738	6.4%
Waterville	22	34	54.5%	574	706	23.0%	16	8	-50.0%	612	748	22.2%
Knox	196	226	15.3%	449	564	25.6%	16	15	-6.3%	661	805	21.8%
Lincoln	131	128	-2.3%	303	327	7.9%	8	4	-50.0%	442	459	3.8%
Oxford	385	450	16.9%	894	1,032	15.4%	22	32	45.5%	1,301	1,514	16.4%
Bridgton	38	45	18.4%	123	122	-0.8%	2	1	-50.0%	163	168	3.1%
Rumford	152	164	7.9%	355	392	10.4%	10	11	10.0%	517	567	9.7%
South Paris	195	241	23.6%	416	518	24.5%	10	20	100.0%	621	779	25.4%
Penobscot	978	927	-5.2%	2,363	1,779	-24.7%	82	35	-57.3%	3,423	2,741	-19.9%
Bangor	948	902	-4.9%	1,900	1,375	-27.6%	33	22	-33.3%	2,881	2,299	-20.2%
Lincoln	9	7	-22.2%	240	177	-26.3%	26	6	-76.9%	275	190	-30.9%
Newport	21	18	-14.3%	223	227	1.8%	23	7	-69.6%	267	252	-5.6%
Piscataquis	39	49	25.6%	92	139	51.1%	12	23	91.7%	143	211	47.6%
Sagadahoc	152	180	18.4%	453	494	9.1%	24	15	-37.5%	629	689	9.5%
Somerset	176	230	30.7%	516	562	8.9%	14	11	-21.4%	706	803	13.7%
Waldo	201	192	-4.5%	361	349	-3.3%	15	4	-73.3%	577	545	-5.5%
Washington	160	196	22.5%	311	361	16.1%	29	19	-34.5%	500	576	15.2%
Calais	70	85	21.4%	116	150	29.3%	7	6	-14.3%	193	241	24.9%
Machias	90	111	23.3%	195	211	8.2%	22	13	-40.9%	307	335	9.1%
York	1,135	1,156	1.9%	4,314	4,027	-6.7%	150	111	-26.0%	5,599	5,294	-5.4%
Alfred	1,084	1,102	1.7%	127	. 91	-28.3%	0	1	0.0%	1,211	1,194	-1.4%
Biddeford	23	, 26	13.0%	2,357	2,185	-7.3%	109	76	-30.3%	2,489	, 2,287	-8.1%
Springvale	15	15	0.0%	1,212	1,183	-2.4%	27	31	14.8%	1,254	1,229	-2.0%
York	13	13	0.0%	618	568	-8.1%	14	3	-78.6%	645	584	-9.5%
TOTAL	7,190	7,605	5.8%	19,537	19,391	-0.7%	616	451	-26.8%	27,343	27,447	0.4%

Columns

2022 Number of cases having at least one charge without a disposition, and without a currently active warrant as of January 6, 2022
 2023 Number of cases having at least one charge without a disposition, and without a currently active warrant as of January 6, 2023

% Diff Percent change in pending cases from 2022 to 2023. Red percentages represent an increase, green percentages a decrease.

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Change in Pending UCD Cases, January 2019 to January 2023

Pending cases as of January 6 of each year

UCD		FELONY	,	MISDEMEANOR			CIVIL VIOLATION			ALL CASES		
UCD	2019	2023	% Diff	2019	2023	% Diff	2019	2023	% Diff	2019	2023	% Diff
Androscoggin	370	687	85.7%	1,311	2,126	62.2%	19	11	-42.1%	1,700	2,824	66.1%
Aroostook	318	717	125.5%	586	1,003	71.2%	24	21	-12.5%	928	1,741	87.6%
Caribou	58	168	189.7%	144	234	62.5%	9	3	-66.7%	211	405	91.9%
Fort Kent	31	123	296.8%	122	182	49.2%	6	3	-50.0%	159	308	93.7%
Houlton	113	220	94.7%	140	279	99.3%	3	7	133.3%	256	506	97.7%
Presque Isle	116	206	77.6%	180	308	71.1%	6	8	33.3%	302	522	72.8%
Cumberland	765	1,273	66.4%	2,443	3,720	52.3%	120	57	-52.5%	3,328	5,050	51.7%
Bridgton	7	25	257.1%	197	321	62.9%	13	9	-30.8%	217	355	63.6%
Portland	741	1,227	65.6%	1,894	2,949	55.7%	90	29	-67.8%	2,725	4,205	54.3%
West Bath	17	21	23.5%	352	450	27.8%	17	19	11.8%	386	490	26.9%
Franklin	83	146	75.9%	273	441	61.5%	15	25	66.7%	371	612	65.0%
Hancock	206	381	85.0%	477	678	42.1%	30	38	26.7%	713	1,097	53.9%
Kennbec	337	667	97.9%	1,145	1,789	56.2%	46	30	-34.8%	1,528	2,486	62.7%
Augusta	322	633	96.6%	645	1,083	67.9%	29	22	-24.1%	996	1,738	74.5%
Waterville	15	34	126.7%	500	706	41.2%	17	8	-52.9%	532	748	40.6%
Knox	135	226	67.4%	288	564	95.8%	2	15	650.0%	425	805	89.4%
Lincoln	98	128	30.6%	203	327	61.1%	7	4	-42.9%	308	459	49.0%
Oxford	208	450	116.3%	521	1,032	98.1%	23	32	39.1%	752	1,514	101.3%
Bridgton	25	45	80.0%	94	122	29.8%	4	1	-75.0%	123	168	36.6%
Rumford	96	164	70.8%	188	392	108.5%	6	11	83.3%	290	567	95.5%
South Paris	87	241	177.0%	239	518	116.7%	13	20	53.8%	339	779	129.8%
Penobscot	380	927	143.9%	1,164	1,779	52.8%	136	35	-74.3%	1,680	2,741	63.2%
Bangor	370	902	143.8%	916	1,375	50.1%	105	22	-79.0%	1,391	2,299	65.3%
Lincoln	5	7	40.0%	100	177	77.0%	22	6	-72.7%	127	190	49.6%
Newport	5	18	260.0%	148	227	53.4%	9	7	-22.2%	162	252	55.6%
Piscataquis	17	49	188.2%	55	139	152.7%	12	23	91.7%	84	211	151.2%
Sagadahoc	74	180	143.2%	263	494	87.8%	33	15	-54.5%	370	689	86.2%
Somerset	148	230	55.4%	556	562	1.1%	49	11	-77.6%	753	803	6.6%
Waldo	112	192	71.4%	238	349	46.6%	9	4	-55.6%	359	545	51.8%
Washington	109	196	79.8 %	190	361	90.0%	34	19	-44.1%	333	576	73.0%
Calais	33	85	157.6%	71	150	111.3%	13	6	-53.8%	117	241	106.0%
Machias	76	111	46.1%	119	211	77.3%	21	13	-38.1%	216	335	55.1%
York	754	1,156	53.3%	2,677	4,027	50.4%	111	111	0.0%	3,542	5,294	49.5%
Alfred	698	1,102	57.9%	76	91	19.7%	0	1	0.0%	774	1,194	54.3%
Biddeford	26	26	0.0%	1,194	2,185	83.0%	41	76	85.4%	1,261	2,287	81.4%
Springvale	22	15	-31.8%	932	1,183	26.9%	48	31	-35.4%	1,002	1,229	22.7%
York	8	13	62.5%	475	568	19.6%	22	3	-86.4%	505	584	15.6%
TOTAL	4,114	7,605	84.9%	12,390	19,391	56.5%	670	451	-32.7%	17,174	27,447	59.8%

Columns

2019 Number of cases having at least one charge without a disposition, and without a currently active warrant as of January 6, 2019
 2023 Number of cases having at least one charge without a disposition, and without a currently active warrant as of January 6, 2023
 % Diff Percent change in pending cases from 2019 to 2023. Red percentages represent an increase, green percentages a decrease.

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MAINE COMMISSION ON INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES

January 11, 2023

Governor Janet Mills Chief Justice Valerie Stanfill, Maine Supreme Judicial Court Senator Anne Carney, Senate Chair of the Judiciary Committee Representative Matt Moonen, House Chair of the Judiciary Committee

All via Email and Hand Delivery

Re: <u>Annual Report of the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services</u> 4 M.R.S.A. §1804(3)(H)

Governor Mills, Chief Justice Stanfill, Senator Carney, and Representative Moonen:

The Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services, ("MCILS"), by and through its Executive Director, Justin Andrus, respectfully presents its annual report. Pursuant to 4 M.R.S.A. §1804(3)(H):

By January 15th of each year, [the Commission shall] submit to the Legislature, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court and the Governor an annual report on the operation, needs and costs of the indigent legal services system. The report must include:

- (1)An evaluation of contracts; services provided by contract counsel and assigned counsel; any contracted professional services; and cost containment measures; and
- (2) An explanation of the relevant law changes to the indigent legal services covered by the commission and the effect of the changes on the quality of representation and costs.

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Overview

The Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services is an independent commission whose purpose is to provide efficient, high-quality representation to indigent criminal defendants, juvenile defendants and children and parents in child protective cases, consistent with federal and state constitutional and statutory obligations. The Commission is charged to work to ensure the delivery of indigent legal services by qualified and competent counsel in a manner that is fair and consistent throughout the State and to ensure adequate funding of a statewide system of indigent legal services, which must be provided and managed in a fiscally responsible manner, free from undue political interference and conflicts of interest.

Historically, MCILS has provided legal services through a system of private assigned counsel representing indigent people facing a loss of liberty in cases brought by the State of Maine. The Commission sets standards for attorneys providing indigent legal services, and attorneys are assigned to individual cases by the court from lists of eligible counsel created and maintained by the Commission. The Commission also provides funds for investigative and expert services necessary for the representation of indigent clients. The work of the Commission is funded by an annual appropriation from the Legislature.

In 2022, MCILS was authorized to hire employed public defenders for the first time. Those defenders began their work in December, adding an important capability to the resources available to consumers of indigent legal services.

In calendar year 2022, 322 MCILS-approved assigned counsel opened 31,956 assignments, averaging 99 assignments per counsel. Each individual assigned counsel is a private attorney admitted to practice in the State of Maine who has agreed to provide the services necessary to permit the State to discharge its constitutional and statutory obligations to every citizen, part-time resident, and visitor to the State. Every person who has reason to come within the jurisdiction of the State of Maine is among the constituency those counsel serve. MCILS thanks each of them for staying the course under extremely trying conditions.

MCILS continued its evolution throughout 2022. We are happy to report that in September the Government Oversight Committee met with us and determined that

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it was appropriate to draw its formal investigation to a close. We look forward to continuing our development to ensure the availability of constitutionally and statutorily mandated counsel to all consumers of indigent legal services.

1. An evaluation of contracts; services provided by contract counsel and assigned counsel; any contracted professional services; and cost containment measures

For the first 11 months of 2022, MCILS continued to rely exclusively on services provided by assigned counsel to provide direct client services. After the addition of five employed public defenders in December, that reliance is no longer categorical, though it remains the case that the vast majority of matters are and will be served by assigned counsel. In 2022, MCILS again saw a decline in the number of counsel seeking assignments to serve indigent clients. As of January 9, 2022, the number of private attorneys willing serve clients through resolution of their matters had fallen to 148, of whom 64 are willing to accept criminal assignments and 72 are willing to accept Child Protective assignments.

The following table shows the relative changes in the number of cases counsel are being asked to service against the change in the number of available counsel, as of the end of the fiscal year in June 2022. Since this report was generated an additional 82 attorneys have become at least temporarily unavailable to consumers of indigent legal services.

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While it has been clear for some time that the State cannot continue to rely on the assigned counsel bar to meet the constitutional and statutory requirements to provide counsel for consumers of indigent legal services under the existing compensation scheme, the changes over this calendar year continue to underscore that reality. It is time for the State to bring the assigned counsel bar into parity with the prosecution bar, and to expand the employed defender bar to provide at minimum a significant proportion of the necessary services.

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<u>Attorney Costs</u>: With respect to existing operations, MCILS is meeting its immediate task of providing service within its budget. As of January 10, 2023, there were 195 attorneys actively seeking assignments overall, including both those willing to accept case assignments and those serving in limited roles such as the lawyer of the day program. This represents a decrease of 30% from the 279 attorneys seeking assignments at the time of the 2022 report. There are now counties in which there are no attorneys seeking cases for many specific case types. For example, by December 31, 2022 there were no local attorneys seeking any cases other than Homicides in Washington County; by January 10, 2023 there were also no attorneys seeking any cases other than Homicides in Kennebec County. MCILS continues to seek a significant increase in the number of cases its eligible attorneys are asked to service when compared to pre-pandemic levels.

MCILS has submitted a biennial budget request that would begin to address the needs of consumers of indigent legal services. Memoranda supporting that budget request, together with the formal submission to the Budget office are attached to this report, and should be considered part.

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	New	Vouchers	Approved	Average
	Cases	Paid	Paid	Amount
Appeal	156	189	\$345,831.86	\$1,829.80
Central Office Resource Counsel	1	0		
Child Protection Petition	2,271	4,247	\$3,181,198.05	\$749.05
Drug Court	36	135	\$208,709.74	\$1,546.00
Emancipation	69	57	\$23,097.98	\$405.23
Felony	7,662	7,345	\$6,280,551.80	\$855.08
Involuntary Civil Commitment	1,126	961	\$287,160.95	\$298.81
Juvenile	896	806	\$598,443.07	\$742.49
Lawyer of the Day - Custody	2,863	2,658	\$862,298.33	\$324.42
Lawyer of the Day - Juvenile	312	290	\$85,363.89	\$294.36
Lawyer of the Day - Walk-in	1,854	1,761	\$606,205.63	\$344.24
Misdemeanor	12,305	10,717	\$4,167,739.42	\$388.89
Petition for Modified Release Treatment	11	53	\$38,219.50	\$721.12
Petition for Release or Discharge	4	10	\$5,789.85	\$578.99
Petition for Termination of Parental Rights	307	838	\$823,755.65	\$983.00
Post-Conviction Review	61	81	\$216,019.50	\$2,666.91
Probate	51	45	\$59,103.45	\$1,313.41
Probation Violation	1,296	1,260	\$649,736.49	\$515.66
Represent Witness on Fifth Amendment Issue	19	16	\$7,486.05	\$467.88
Resource Counsel Criminal	5	26	\$5,044.00	\$194.00
Resource Counsel Juvenile	2	4	\$2,774.00	\$693.50
Resource Counsel Protective Custody	0	3	\$480.00	\$160.00
Review of Child Protection Order	639	1,962	\$1,257,013.39	\$640.68
Revocation of Administrative Release	10	12	\$3,132.75	\$261.06
Summary	31,956	33,476	\$19,715,155.35	\$588.93

The following table sets out the case statistics by case-type for 2022:

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The total cost of direct payments to attorneys of \$19,715,155 is an increase from \$16,536,620 in 2022. MCILS attributes this difference to both the increase in the hourly rate from \$60 to \$80 per hour in 2021, and the increase in caseload over prior years. In calendar year 2019, the last pre-pandemic period for comparison, direct payments to attorneys totaled \$17,299,475. Because MCILS uses arrears billing, and because the change in the hourly rate did not go into effect until July 2021, the impact of the rate change is not yet fully realized in the total.

<u>Contracts</u>: Other than services MCILS receives from the State directly, there are two outside contracts. The first is a contract with an attorney skilled in immigration law. Immigration counsel is available to confer with MCILS counsel on any case in which there may be immigration consequences. Because immigration law is complicated, and changes frequently, and because conviction or even a charge for many crimes may have immigration consequences, this service is essential to MCILS operations. The services immigration counsel provides vary from month to month, but the effective cost to MCILS is much less than it would cost to engage immigration counsel on an *ad hoc* basis at a typical hourly rate.

The second contract is between MCILS and Justice Works, an outside vendor that provides the MCILS case management and billing system. This contract was the product of competitive bidding in 2016, and is in its last extension. MCILS relies on this service for the core of its financial relationship with assigned counsel. MCILS is working with MaineIT to identify a successor product.

<u>Cost Containment</u>: In 2022, MCILS continued the cost containment measures implemented in 2021. Those focused on publishing detailed expectations for attorney billing and ensuring that attorney vouchers and non-counsel invoices receive effective review. MCILS has also reinforced its billing and payment timing rules. Because adequate services both from counsel and from non-counsel providers is a constitutional guarantee, cost containment for MCILS means ensuring that payments are appropriate, rather than trying to eliminate services to reduce the overall cost.

For FY2022, MCILS operated within its budget. We are postured to remain within our budget for FY2023 as well.

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2. An explanation of the relevant law changes to the indigent legal services covered by the commission and the effect of the changes on the quality of representation and costs.

During 2022, MCILS participated in the legislative process, particularly with respect to proposed protections ensuring constitutionally and statutorily required adequate contact with counsel; and, with respect to the development of a pilot program to provide pre-petition representation to Department involved families. Other than the budget language creating our five new employed defender positions, however, there were no significant statutory changes that directly impacted the provision of indigent legal services.

Respectfully submitted,

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131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2023

Legislative Document

No. 41

S.P. 33

In Senate, January 4, 2023

An Act to Increase the Hourly Reimbursement Rate of the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services Lawyers to \$150 per Hour

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford. Cosponsored by Representative MORIARTY of Cumberland.

1 2	Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and								
3	Whereas, the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services exists to provide legal								
4	representation to Maine citizens who are entitled to counsel at state expense under the								
5 6	United States Constitution or under the Constitution of Maine or the Maine Revised Statutes; and								
7 8	Whereas, at current reimbursement rates the commission cannot recruit and retain a sufficient number of attorneys to represent indigent clients entitled to counsel; and								
9	Whereas, this has created a shortage of attorneys rostered with the Maine								
10	Commission on Indigent Legal Services, which cannot meet the demand for counsel; and								
11 12 13 14	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,								
15	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:								
16 17	Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.								
18	INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES, MAINE COMMISSION ON								
19	Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services Z112								
20 21	Initiative: Appropriates ongoing funding to increase attorney reimbursement for indigent legal services from \$80 per hour to \$150 per hour.								
22	GENERAL FUND 2023-24 2024-25								
23	All Other \$17,985,730 \$17,985,730								
24 25	GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$17,985,730 \$17,985,730								
26 27	Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.								
28	SUMMARY								
29	This bill provides General Fund appropriations to the Maine Commission on Indigent								
30 31	Legal Services to increase the reimbursement rate for indigent legal services from \$80 per hour to \$150 per hour.								