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Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation

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MESSAGE FROM THE CCOC CHAIR

The Clerks of Court Operations Corporation (CCOC) presents the County Fiscal Year (CFY) 2022-23 Annual Report. Clerks provide a wide range of critical public services and information relied on by our community, law enforcement, state agencies, and the judiciary. As Florida's population is rapidly growing the demand on Clerks to provide efficient and reliable services is also increasing. Recent legislative changes have helped; however, Clerks continue to face challenges in providing the expected service.

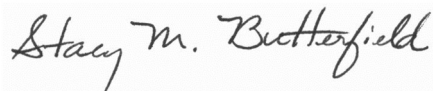
Highlights

The clerks' total court-related budget for CFY 2022-23 was \$473.4 million, just under a two percent year-over-year increase. Actual revenues for the year exceeded the Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) estimate by over \$28 million, mainly caused by tort reform legislation passed in March; clerks do not retain all of the excess. However, Clerks continue to face challenges. Budgets are basically the same as a decade ago while costs have dramatically increased, especially labor and technology costs. These challenges impact the Clerks' ability to provide critical services to Florida. We look forward to the opportunity to continue the partnership with the Legislature and the Governor's Office to bring forward solutions to address the challenges.

In the 2022 session, the Legislature passed HB 1349 entrusting the CCOC with the task of implementing a statewide guardianship database. The CCOC has been working diligently to implement this important initiative of the Legislature as an additional tool to help protect the most vulnerable citizens of the state.

Looking Ahead

Clerks strive to provide excellent service. We recognize and respect the challenging role of the Legislature and Governor as they make decisions for our State. We look forward to the opportunity to continue the partnership with the Legislature and Governor to find solutions to address the challenges impacting Clerks' ability to provide critical services to our communities statewide.



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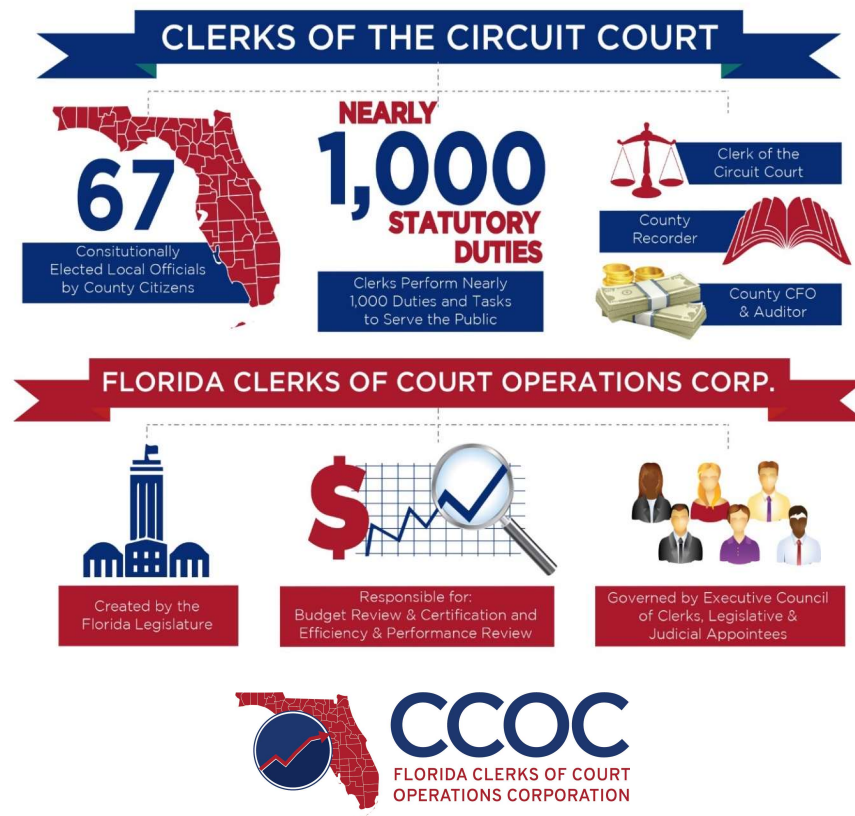
THE CLERKS OF COURT OPERATIONS CORPORATION

Membership and Duties

The Legislature created the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation (CCOC or Corporation) as a public corporation to perform the functions specified in sections 28.35, 28.36, and 28.37, Florida Statutes (F.S.). All 67 clerks of the circuit court are, by statute, members of the CCOC.

The Corporation members chose eight clerks to represent them based on population groupings. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the Senate President, and the Speaker of the House each appoint one member to the Council as representatives of their organizations. These eleven individuals make up the CCOC Executive Council. Statute and the CCOC Plan of Operations outline the duties of the Council.

CCOC Staff, under the direction of the Executive Director as chosen by the Council, perform the day-to-day administrative, budget, and data-related functions necessary to carry out the Corporation's duties. For more information, visit www.flccoc.org.



Structure

CCOC utilizes workgroups and committees to gather information, make recommendations, and create processes to collect and analyze statutorily required information. Workgroups consist of clerks and staff from multiple clerk offices around the state. Workgroups welcome clerk staff members to take part in any workgroup meeting. Committees are made up of specific clerks as appointed by the Executive Council. Proposals from a workgroup will be passed to the relevant committee for discussion and deliberation before passing the recommendation to the Executive Council. The process is open to all. The standing committees active during CFY 2022-23 included:

- Budget Committee
- Performance Improvement and Efficiencies (PIE) Committee
- Legislative Committee

Standing Committees

The Budget Committee reviews, certifies, and approves court-related budgets for all 67 clerks. The Budget Committee also tracks clerk revenues and projections for the Article V Revenue Estimating Conference.

The Performance Improvement and Efficiencies (PIE) Committee works with the Legislature to develop a uniform system of performance measures and applicable standards to facilitate an objective determination of each clerk's performance. The performance standards measure fiscal management, operational efficiency, and effective collection of fines, fees, service charges, and court costs. CCOC posts a summary report of performance measures online and provides it to the Legislature quarterly.

The Legislative Committee monitors legislation that impacts the clerks' court-related operations or funding, completes fiscal analyses of legislative proposals, and responds to the Legislature's requests concerning the budget. The committee works closely with the Florida Court Clerks & Comptrollers (FCCC), the Legislature, the Governor's Office, and the State Courts.



CFY 2022-23 STATUS UPDATE

In CFY 2022-23, revenues collected by the clerks continued to increase, exceeding the prior year total by \$30.7 million and the REC estimate for the year by \$28.1 million. A huge driver of this increase was the impact from the tort reform legislation which led to historic revenues collected in March. Revenues collected have increased each year since the Covid-19 pandemic, which has led to the clerks' court-related budget increasing each year as well.

New Revenue

Total revenues collected for the year exceeded the Article V Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) \$440.1 million estimate by over \$28 million, a 6.4 percent residual. County civil revenues collected saw a year-over-year increase of over \$20 million, a substantial driver in the yearly increase. However, circuit criminal, county criminal, and probate revenues totaled a combined decrease of \$3.2 million from the prior fiscal year. The \$440.1 million REC estimate allowed the Budget Committee to increase the clerks' budgets by \$12.7 million over the prior year's budget authority, a 2.7 percent year-over-year increase. For CFY 2022-23 actual revenues, nine of the twelve months came in above the REC monthly estimates. Clerks and the CCOC are grateful to the Legislature for their continued partnership and support of the clerks' budgets as we attempt to diversify, increase, and stabilize volatile revenue streams that vary greatly from year to year.

Tort Reform Legislation

In March, the Legislature passed HB 837 which was then signed into law by the Governor which took effect immediately. This bill contained new legal restrictions for certain civil lawsuits and revamped attorney fees, the timeframe for filing negligence lawsuits, and "bad faith" cases against insurers. Due to anticipation of this law becoming effective, there was an unprecedented surge in civil filings across the state. This influx of filings led to a substantial temporary increase in case volume, including a historic month of revenues totaling almost \$65 million, the highest month ever.

Continued Pandemic Response

As response efforts to the COVID-19 pandemic continued into this fiscal year, the Legislature appropriated the clerks \$6.25 million of nonrecurring General Revenue for year two of the Clerks' Pandemic Recovery Plan. This funding was effective July 1, 2022, and assisted clerks working



through the backlog of cases plaguing the court system as a result of the pandemic. CCOC coordinated this recovery initiative with our partners at the State Courts, who received corresponding funding.

Reserve Fund

In 2021, SB 838 was signed into law to establish a contingency fund for the clerks. The legislation created s. 28.36(3), F.S., which requires the CCOC to establish and manage this reserve within the Clerks of the Court Trust Fund. Subsection 28.36(3)(b), F.S., requires the CCOC to include the balance and use of the reserve funds as part of this Annual Report. While building the CFY 2022-23 clerks' budget, the Budget Committee funded the reserve at the statutory threshold of 10% of the Cumulative Excess which totaled \$273,309. The balance of the reserve fund as of CFY 2022-23 is \$1.6 million. None of the statutory criteria to use these funds were present; therefore, funds in reserve were not utilized during CFY 2022-23.

Needs-Based Budget

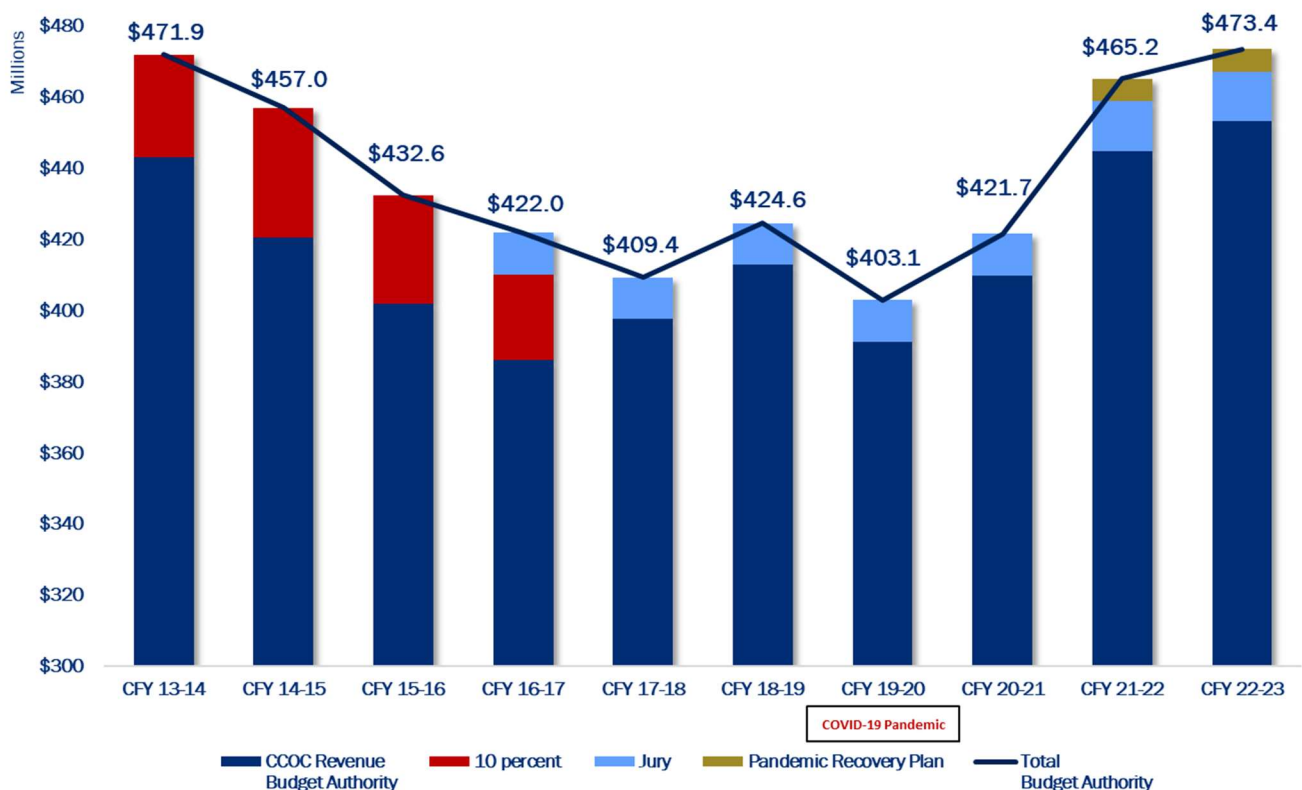
During the budget development process, the committee established the clerks' CFY 2022-23 budget of \$501.4 million. However, due to limited available revenues, the clerks' budget was set at \$473.4 million, which is almost \$28 million less than the committee established budget of \$501.4 million. In addition, \$8.5 million of this funding is non-recurring. Therefore, the total year-over-year funding gap is \$36.5 million. This funding shortfall is what the clerks' legislative team is actively working to address with our partners in the Legislature. This funding gap is ongoing and will continue to increase as inflation impacts cost-of-living and staffing (the greatest portion of clerk costs). In addition, fixed costs such as salaries, health insurance, and Florida Retirement System (FRS) contributions continue to grow while clerks are forced to absorb these costs. As personnel services constitute over 90 percent of clerk budgets, these increases in fixed costs leave the clerks with no choice but to reduce positions and services to absorb these costs. The clerks' judicial partners, such as State Attorneys, Public Defenders, and the Courts, have these annual increases in fixed costs appropriated in Administered Funds. Furthermore, when cases decrease, our partners' budgets do not decrease proportionally. However, since the clerks' budget is set based on revenue derived from associated cases, it is decreased regardless of whether there is a proportional decrease in workload, as highlighted by the \$36.5 million funding gap.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

The CCOC Budget Committee reviews submitted budget requests, monitors approved budgets, and analyzes procedures to improve the overall budget process.

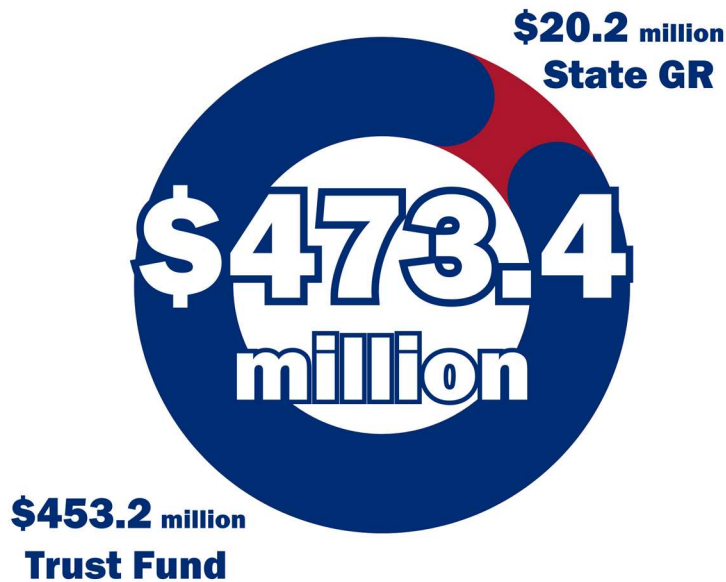
The Budget Committee was very active during CFY 2022-23. The committee continued to build upon the budget request process that mirrors the state budgeting process to develop the clerks' CFY 2022-23 court-related budget. The committee used the CFY 2021-22 Revenue-Limited Budget of \$444.8 million plus \$3.5 million for the calculated FRS increase as the CFY 2022-23 Base Budget totaling \$448.3 million. The committee then considered funding requests submitted by each clerk and added \$57,685 for an FTE for the new judge established in Lake County and allocated the remaining \$4.9 million via an across-the-board distribution. This established the CFY 2022-23 Revenue-Limited Budget at \$453.2 million. In addition to this amount, the clerks were appropriated \$20.2 million in State General Revenue, including \$14 million in jury management reimbursement funding and \$6.25 million for year two of the clerks' Pandemic Recovery Plan. Therefore, the clerks' total CFY 2022-23 court-related budget was \$473.4 million, which, as noted in the chart below, is slightly above the budget from 10 years ago.

Clerks' Court-related Budget Authority



CFY 2022-23 Budget Authority

The clerks' total court-related budget authority for CFY 2022-23 was \$473.4 million, over 95 percent of which comes from revenue from fines, fees, service charges, and court costs. This was \$8.2 million (1.8 percent) higher than the previous year's budget. The clerks' budget authority also included \$20.2 million of General Revenue (GR) appropriated by the Legislature, including \$14 million for Juror Management and \$6.25 million for year two of the Clerks' Pandemic Recovery Plan. Of this GR funding, \$8.5 million was non-recurring.



Revenue Collection

The clerks of court collect revenue for their budgets and many other entities within the justice system as well as other entities unconnected to the judiciary. The REC met in July 2022 to set the projected annual revenues at \$441.0 million. Actual revenues collected exceeded this estimate by over \$28 million. Fifty percent of this cumulative excess total (\$14.0 million) will be sent to the State's General Revenue Fund.

Like the Department of Revenue, clerks collect money for other entities established by the Legislature. During CFY 2022-23, the clerks collected \$860.2 million, of which \$102.6 million went to state trust funds. Both of these totals are up from the previous year's totals of \$803.5 million collected, of which \$100.4 million went to state trust funds. During CFY 2022-23, revenue collected by the clerks went to 39 different state trust funds.

DURING 2022-23 FISCAL YEAR, 45% OF REVENUES COLLECTED BY CLERKS WERE DISTRIBUTED ELSEWHERE

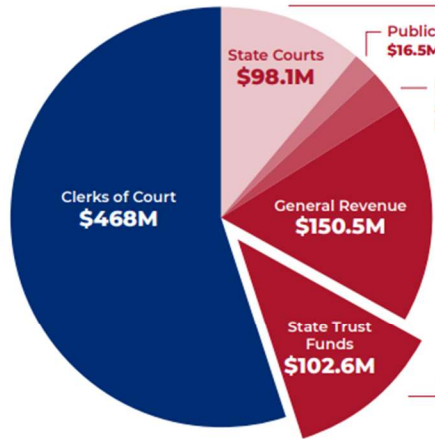
REVENUES KEPT OR DISTRIBUTED TO CLERK OPERATIONS

In State Fiscal Year 2022-23, Clerks collected \$860.2 million in statutorily mandated fines and fees, of which they only retained \$468 million to provide services to the Floridians who depend on the timely resolution of their cases.

REVENUES DISTRIBUTED ELSEWHERE

\$392.2 million out of the \$860.2 million collected by Florida's Clerks of Court were distributed elsewhere.

54.4%



45.6%

13%

\$102.6 million in revenues collected were distributed to state trust funds.

State Trust Fund	Distribution
Additional Court Costs TF	\$8,805,560.63
Alcoholic Beverage & Tobacco Refunds	\$3,607.76
Audit & Warrant Clearing TF	\$13,901.77
Brain & Spinal Cord Injury Program TF	\$8,464,122.61
Child Welfare Training TF	\$1,566,145.35
Court Education TF	\$4,806,441.98
Crime Stoppers TF	\$3,450,812.43
Crimes Compensation TF	\$12,783,773.66
Dept of Financial Services Admin TF	\$2,622,480.75
DPS Operating TF	\$82,637.55
DLA Revolving TF	\$145.00
DOE Grants and Donations TF	\$1,224,396.21
Domestic Violence TF	\$9,028,194.90
Emergency Medical Services TF	\$15,769,855.89
Epilepsy Services TF	\$288,282.85
FDLE Operating TF	\$1,803,004.69
FL Coastal Protection TF	\$2,882.50
Forfeiture and Investigative Support TF	\$176,213.73
FWC Operating TF	\$64,375.90
General Inspection TF	\$6,434.54
Grants & Donations TF	\$360,330.74
Inland Protection TF	\$2,363.07
Insurance Regulatory TF	\$440.00
Internal Improvement TF	\$14.32
JAC Grants and Donations TF	\$111,759.23
Juvenile Welfare Training TF	\$1,229,530.17
Law Enforcement Radio System TF	\$4,022,516.23
Marine Resources Conservation TF	\$852,594.51
Motor Vehicle License Clearing TF	\$19,495,907.36
Nongame Wildlife TF	\$1,351,390.58
Operations and Maintenance TF	\$325,492.36
Planning and Evaluation TF	\$1,100,793.40
Projects, Contracts & Grants TF	\$100,614.76
Rape Crisis Program TF	\$2,319,813.19
Solid Waste Management TF	\$33,816.73
State Game TF	\$63,734.03
State Transportation TF	\$92,944.19
SWAP Grants & Donations TF	\$235,307.51
Water Quality Assurance TF	\$691.93
Total	\$102,663,325



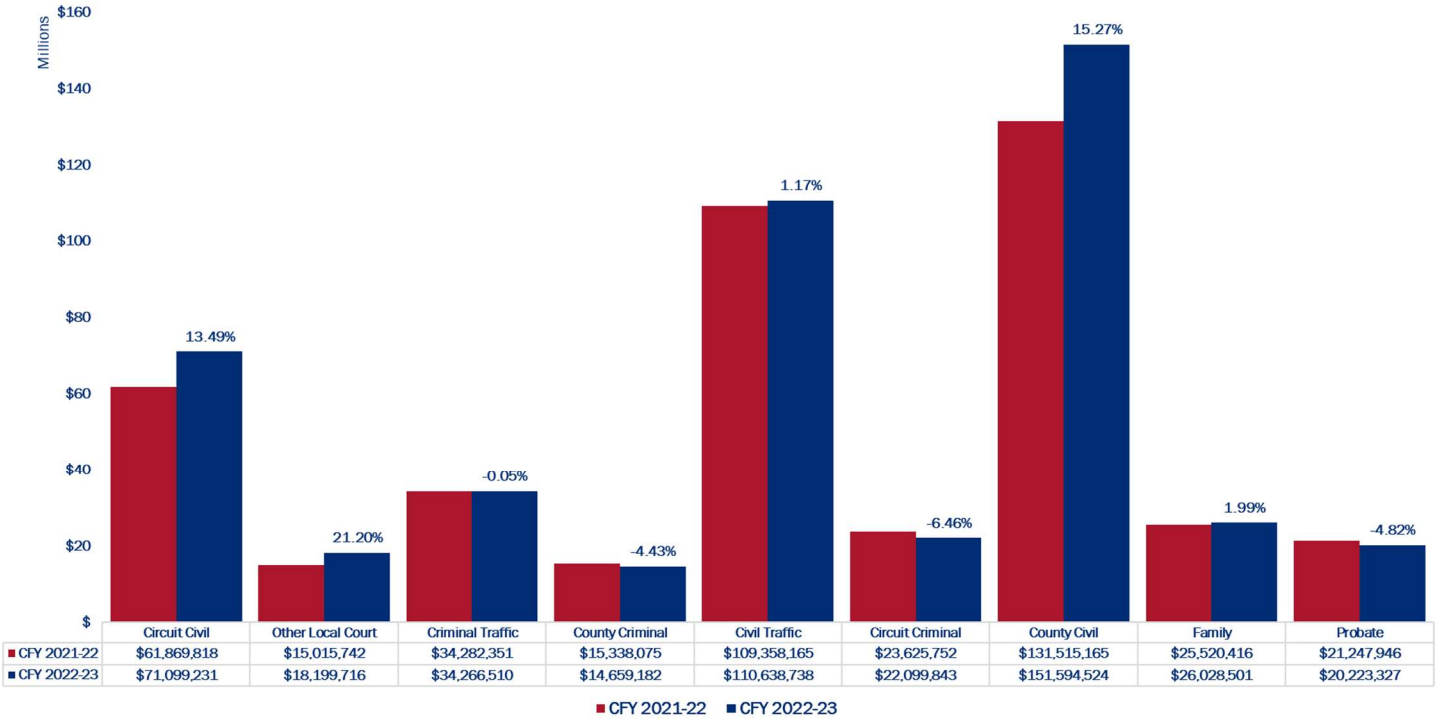
** Data provided by Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation (CCOC)

As noted above, the clerks experienced increases in revenues collected. However, these increases were not uniform across court divisions. County civil and circuit civil saw the most significant increases among court divisions year-over-year, totaling over \$29 million. These two court divisions were the main drivers in the seven percent year-over-year increase. Circuit criminal, county criminal, and probate revenues each experienced a decrease from the prior fiscal year, totaling a combined \$3.2 million decrease.

For the portion of collected revenues that the clerks can retain, the chart below highlights the percentage increase or decrease by court division. Other Local Court saw the greatest percentage increase year-over-year (21.2 percent), and County Civil had the largest amount increase year-over-year (\$20.1 million).

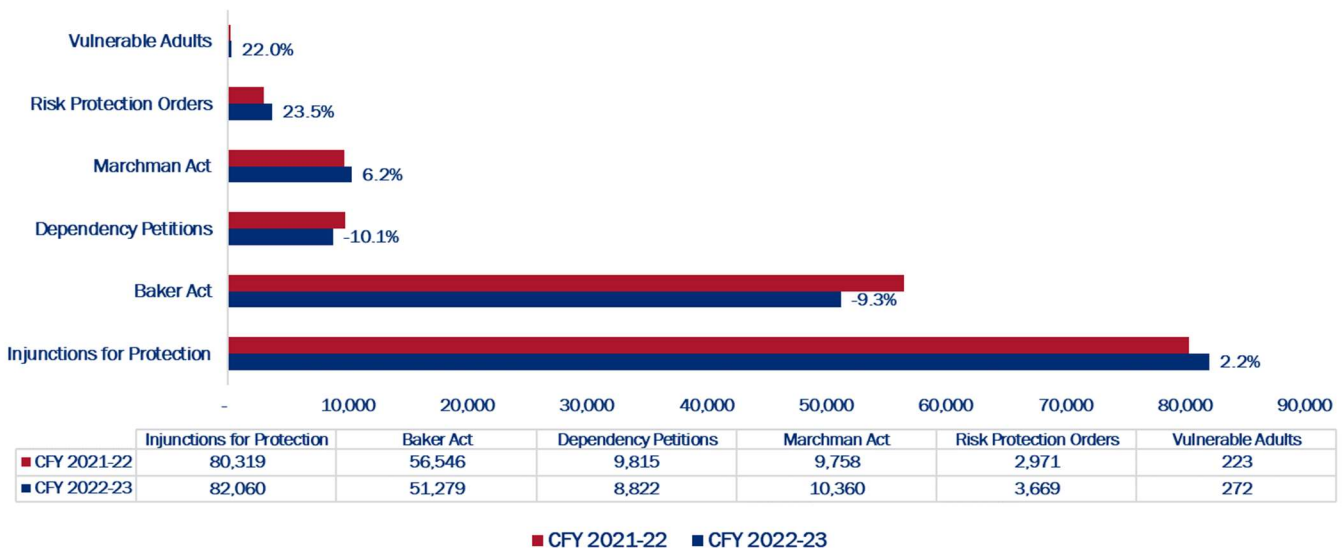


Revenue by Court Division



Certain case types that clerks work do not have a fee associated with them. However, these case types serve a vital public policy, and the clerks complete the work with no supporting revenue source to offset the cost. No-fee cases slightly decreased year-over-year during CFY 2022-23 by just under two percent. Risk protection orders had the greatest percentage increase year-over-year at almost 24 percent. Injunctions for protection had the highest case total of 82,060 for the year.

Non-Paying Civil Cases

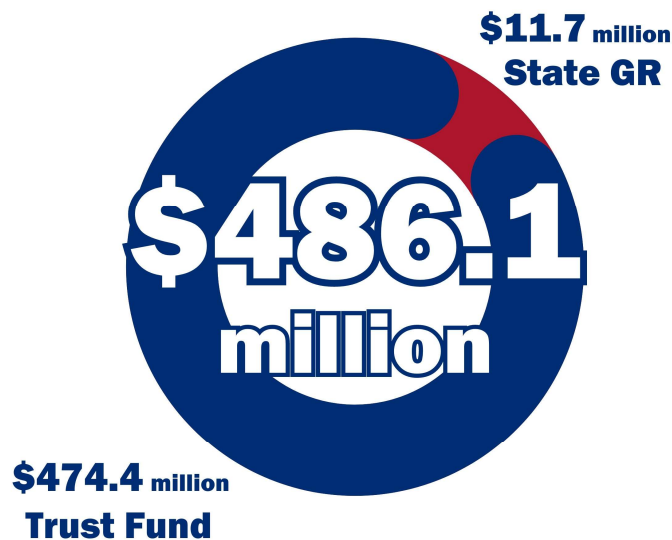


CFY 2023-24 Budget Process

Florida law requires CCOC to approve a balanced budget. For CFY 2023-24, the revenue available includes the total of the \$458.5 million revenue projection established at the most recent Revenue Estimating Conference (REC), the \$1.0 million clerks' share of additional actual Cumulative Excess over the CFY 2021-22 REC estimate, and the \$15.0 million of Unspent Budgeted Funds carried forward from the previous fiscal year. Therefore, the total available budget authority for CFY 2023-24 is \$474.4 million.

To allocate this funding, the Budget Committee established a Base Budget of \$458.6 million, which includes the CFY 2022-23 Revenue-Limited Budget of \$453.2 million and \$5.4 million for the calculated FRS increase. During the budget deliberation process, the Budget Committee considered the funding issues submitted by each clerk. The committee then added \$1.4 million for a blended FRS rate to cover the estimated rate increase for Quarter Four of CFY 2023-24 (July - September 2024), \$14.5 million via a weighted cases allocation using the Weighted Workload Measure (statewide distribution), and a requirement that each clerk shall receive no less than a three percent year-over-year increase. This set the approved CFY 2022-23 Revenue-Limited Budget at \$474.4 million which the CCOC Executive Council approved in September.

In addition to this amount, clerks were also appropriated \$11.7 million in State General Revenue for jury management reimbursement funding. Therefore, the clerks' total CFY 2023-24 court-related budget is \$486.1 million. This is a \$12.7 million, or 2.7 percent, year-over-year increase.



PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT AND EFFICIENCIES COMMITTEE

The Performance, Improvement, and Efficiencies (PIE) Committee aims to review and recommend performance measure changes and provide for the reporting needs of the CCOC.

The Role of the PIE Committee

The PIE Committee has three critical purposes:

"P" – Performance: Florida Statutes require the CCOC to develop a statewide set of performance measures. The current performance measures include standards in four categories:

- Revenue collections
- Timeliness of cases filed and docketed
- Timeliness of juror payments
- Fiscal management

The PIE Committee created the Future and Wholistic Review Workgroup to review all CCOC performance measures and standards. The workgroup has had high-level philosophical discussions regarding what areas of the office show workload beside case counts, what can be counted and what can it tell us, and how analytics can be used for management purposes. No recommendations have been made by this workgroup and no changes have been made to current CCOC Performance Measures or Standards for CFY 2022-23.

The Payment Plan Workgroup was created to investigate the workload from the increased use of payment plans to help customers to meet their legal financial obligations. The workgroup has developed a payment plan tracking form that is being used by pilot counties to track the number of payment plans by court division. The workgroup is planning to collect information through CFY 2023-24 before a recommendation is brought before the PIE Committee.

The Timeliness Workgroup was created to review the current timeliness standards for filing and docketing cases timely. A draft form was created to see how many cases were filed or docketed timely starting with the same day through 4 or more days. The workgroup determined that based on the data collected from the participating counties the current timeliness measures were adequate and did not recommend any changes for CFY 2022-23.



"I" – Improvement: This function includes follow-up on the clerks' current action plans when clerks fail to meet the performance measures and determine whether the steps taken will improve future performance. The CCOC also develops Business Rules to ensure consistency in reporting performance and output data.

After the adoption of the Case Counting Business Rules, Effective October 1, 2022 for CFY 2022-23, the CCOC held a Case Counting Workshop. The goal of this statewide workshop was to provide training on the changes and to ensure clerks and their staff were confident in the application of the Case Counting Business Rules. The workshop also included topics on IT considerations for implementing the required changes, discussion on case weights, review the appropriate CCOC forms related to case counting, and held an open forum for attendees to provide feedback for future revisions to the Case Counting Business Rules.

Along with Business Rules, the CCOC has developed case weights that demonstrate the workload for each case type. Cases are weighted between 1 and 10, with 10 being the greatest workload. Guardianship cases are weighted a 10 while Wills on Deposit are examples of cases weighted a 1. The case weight for a new case type was approved by the Executive Council and effective October 1, 2022 for CFY 2022-23.

"E" – Efficiencies: This function of the PIE Committee includes identifying best practices for court-related services and developing effective means to communicate, educate, and share these practices among the clerks' offices.

In CFY 2022-23, the CCOC worked with the FCCC on the revision of Best Practices related to Compliance. The revisions are still in progress; however, they will provide clerk offices with guidance for ensuring all measures are taken to encourage compliance with court-related financial obligations.

The CCOC also held a Regional Small County Compliance Workshop in Charlotte County. This was a continuation of regional training that begun during CFY 2021-22. The workshop helped counties to clarify their purpose in creating a compliance program, discussed challenges and potential setbacks, and reviewed best practices in areas such as negotiation. Other topics discussed included outsourcing compliance, metrics for tracking performance, and improving customer service.

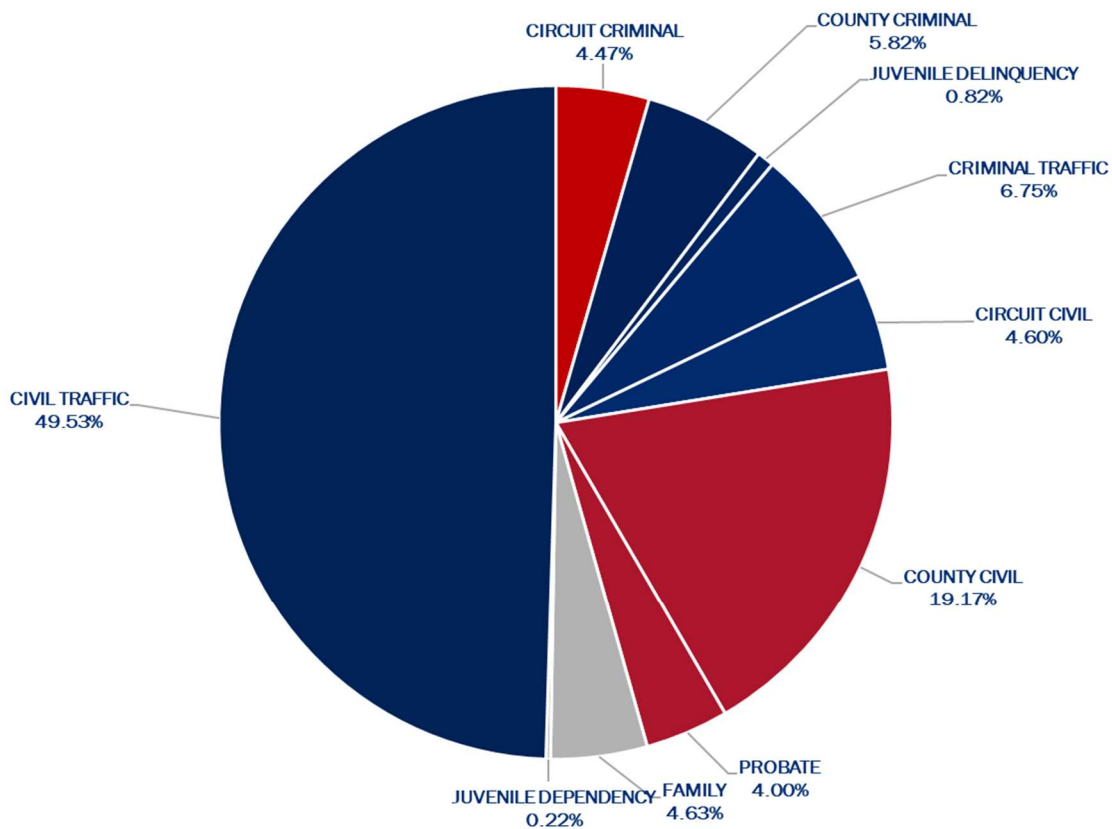


The PIE Committee also created the Clerk’s Court Services Framework that outlines all the statutory duties of Florida’s Clerks of Court. The document organizes these duties into nine service areas, which are then broken down into over 50 activities and over 400 tasks by ten court divisions. The Framework is scheduled for review in CFY 2023-24 to include the legislative changes since 2018.

New Cases

The PIE Committee continues to collect case data which is used in a variety of ways. The Legislative Committee uses case data to analyze the workload or fiscal impact of bills during session. The PIE Committee uses case data to analyze trends in the judiciary and identify workload. The Budget Committee uses case data in the weighted workload measure and determines how to apply that data budgetarily. CCOC shares its case data with outside entities such as the Revenue Estimating Conference and the Office of the State Courts Administrator for making projection trends for new revenue. Finally, case data is available to the public interested in the services clerks provide. Individuals, advocacy organizations, and media outlets request information regarding the clerks’ case data as well. The pie chart below shows the new cases for CFY 2022-23.

CFY 2022-23 NEW CASES BY COURT DIVISION



ANNUAL REINSTATEMENT DAYS PROGRAM

Clerks of court have a statutory duty to facilitate compliance with court orders, including payment of fines and fees, on behalf of the state. Consequences to individuals for not complying with court orders can be significant, including license suspension. It is essential to note that clerks only start the suspension process when an individual takes no action to comply with the court's order. Clerks take payment plans on most case types and work with individuals to maintain their licenses. However, if a person fails to pay, one of the tools in the clerk's tool belt to ensure compliance is the suspension of a person's driver's license.

Operation Green Light



In 2019, to reduce the number of Floridians with suspended licenses, the Legislature created an Annual Reinstatement Days Program. The CCOC partners with the Florida Court Clerks & Comptrollers (FCCC) to publicize the events that are held statewide. This program is open to individuals who lost their driver license due to:

- Driving without a valid driver license;
- Driving with a suspended driver license;
- Failing to make a payment on penalties in collection;
- Failing to appear in court for a traffic violation; or
- Failing to comply with any provision of Chapter 318 or 322, F.S.

In CFY 2022-23, events were held in October 2022 (one county), February 2023 (one county), March 2023 (57 counties), April 2023 (two counties) and September 2023 (one county).

Mandatory Reporting

As required in s. 322.75, F.S., clerks that participated in the Driver License Reinstatement Days reported the following information from their events to the CCOC.

PROGRAM PERFORMANCE (s. 322.75(7), F.S.)	
1. Number of Cases Paid in Full	18,093
2. Number of Cases Placed on a Payment Plan	22,073
3. Number of Cases Given Community Service	5
4. Number of Cases Pulled from Collection Agency	29,649
5. Number of DL Reinstatements	2,679
6. Number of DL Reinstatements Made Eligible	12,522
7. Number of Cases Failing to Comply ¹	4,770

The CCOC developed guidelines for how to count and report cases that failed to comply was revised by the PIE Committee and adopted by the Executive Council on September 5, 2023, retroactive for CFY 2022-23. Cases placed on a payment plan are now tracked for a 3-month period starting with the date of the event. For events held in March 2023, the cases were tracked until June 2023. The information related to the cases that failed to comply with the terms of their payment plan (program performance #7 above) was updated and reflected in the amount reported. This change will allow for timelier reporting and for events held in the fiscal year to be included in the annual report.

¹ Counties are finalizing their figures due to the tracking change, so the reported figures could change.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

The Legislative Committee aims to review legislative priorities, committee hearings, bills, etc., as they relate to clerk and CCOC activities.

Role of the Legislative Committee

The Legislative Committee's goal is to increase visibility, improve communication, and build stronger partnerships between the legislature's members and staff. The Legislative Committee accomplishes this mission through communication, legislative analyses, and strategic coordination with the Florida Court Clerks & Comptrollers (FCCC).

Legislation Impacting the Clerks

The leadup to the 2023 Session was unique in that there were several pauses in normal committee activities for a few Special Sessions and inaugural activities. Once those items were completed, the Legislature pushed ahead rapidly and took on multiple high-profile and contentious issues. During the session, the Corporation and Legislative Committee supported clerks and the FCCC legislative team in promoting and advancing the 2023 priorities. Clerks were very visible and were in Tallahassee often to stand in dedicated support of the statewide priorities. For the third consecutive year, the clerks' main priority bill was passed unanimously in all committees and by both Chambers.

The 2023 Clerk Legislative Priorities

The Governor signed CS/HB 977 on June 22, 2023. This landmark legislation will provide an estimated \$15.7 million in new recurring revenues for clerks' court-related services. Of note, this marks the first new, recurring redirects of revenues since the 2017 Session. The Legislature also passed a \$117 billion budget, formally called the General Appropriations Act (GAA). The budget included the annual \$11.7 million for clerk jury management. No additional supplemental funding was provided for clerks as the Legislature's focus for funding was on the clerk bill. Clerks also had to engage in numerous other issues and legislation throughout the Session. Below is an overview of some of those activities and results.

Budget Items Impacting the Clerks

Legislative items of interest to the clerks, and specifically budget-related items, include:

- Continued State funding for juror management reimbursement expenses
 - No cuts to the recurring \$11.7 million; increased funding was not approved



- The “Back of the Bill” Guardianship language to carry forward the unexpended funds from the current SFY into the next SFY; CCOC is diligently working on building the system, which is projected to be available in the upcoming fiscal year
- Employer portion of FRS costs increased via legislation for an estimated impact of approximately \$5.4 million to the clerks
- Continued State funding for eNotify
 - No cuts to the recurring \$370,000
- Hotel reimbursement increased from \$175 to \$225 beginning on July 1
- No new statewide initiatives with a significant fiscal impact
- No reduction in revenue funding sources

FLORIDA GUARDIANSHIP DATA TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE

The Legislature has tasked the clerks with establishing a guardianship database to help protect vulnerable citizens statewide.

Guardianship Overview

The 2022 Florida Legislature passed HB 1349, creating s. 744.2112, F.S., which requires the CCOC and the clerks of court to establish a statewide database of guardian and guardianship case information to facilitate improving court oversight of guardianship cases. The law required that the database would not be operational for end users until after July 1, 2023. The CCOC, with assistance from a vendor, has developed the database. During the last few months, the CCOC has worked with clerks and their staff to validate the guardianship data in their local case management systems. It is expected the database will be available for the judiciary and the public within the first few months of 2024.



CFY 2022-23 BUDGET AUTHORITY AND EXPENDITURES

County	CFY 2022-23 Revenue-Limited Budget Authority	CFY 2022-23 Expenditures
Alachua	\$5,924,259	\$5,810,279
Baker	\$725,439	\$646,607
Bay	\$3,941,758	\$3,941,758
Bradford	\$873,912	\$759,330
Brevard	\$11,517,992	\$11,517,992
Broward	\$39,664,380	\$37,861,337
Calhoun	\$459,015	\$450,475
Charlotte	\$3,607,349	\$3,378,779
Citrus	\$3,063,819	\$3,063,819
Clay	\$3,737,553	\$3,737,553
Collier	\$6,549,607	\$6,548,376
Columbia	\$1,557,902	\$1,557,131
DeSoto	\$823,615	\$813,352
Dixie	\$501,450	\$450,500
Duval	\$19,939,648	\$19,872,562
Escambia	\$7,108,406	\$5,678,552
Flagler	\$1,857,621	\$1,648,292
Franklin	\$674,135	\$659,782
Gadsden	\$1,365,042	\$1,365,042
Gilchrist	\$557,818	\$551,247
Glades	\$579,028	\$529,038
Gulf	\$502,570	\$453,945
Hamilton	\$609,839	\$578,275
Hardee	\$924,370	\$746,404
Hendry	\$1,306,755	\$1,265,808
Hernando	\$3,487,927	\$2,968,131
Highlands	\$2,009,733	\$2,009,733
Hillsborough	\$30,825,591	\$30,825,591
Holmes	\$604,124	\$594,088
Indian River	\$3,029,670	\$2,993,273
Jackson	\$1,128,978	\$861,931
Jefferson	\$513,902	\$468,694
Lafayette	\$315,037	\$315,037
Lake	\$6,312,466	\$5,867,052

County	CFY 2022-23 Revenue-Limited Budget Authority	CFY 2022-23 Expenditures
Lee	\$11,903,367	\$11,903,367
Leon	\$6,023,069	\$5,613,012
Levy	\$1,148,148	\$1,120,232
Liberty	\$322,497	\$322,497
Madison	\$568,909	\$551,713
Manatee	\$6,050,341	\$5,829,100
Marion	\$6,684,670	\$6,139,290
Martin	\$3,572,365	\$3,572,106
Miami-Dade	\$71,990,695	\$71,855,712
Monroe	\$3,577,729	\$3,577,729
Nassau	\$1,593,029	\$1,502,881
Okaloosa	\$3,716,895	\$3,716,895
Okeechobee	\$1,298,780	\$1,291,240
Orange	\$29,521,041	\$29,517,993
Osceola	\$7,898,791	\$7,524,112
Palm Beach	\$30,780,285	\$28,925,098
Pasco	\$11,837,845	\$11,837,845
Pinellas	\$23,037,307	\$23,037,307
Polk	\$12,626,653	\$12,531,173
Putnam	\$2,193,536	\$2,189,452
Saint Johns	\$3,655,585	\$3,655,585
Saint Lucie	\$6,804,946	\$6,804,946
Santa Rosa	\$3,243,589	\$3,243,589
Sarasota	\$8,275,601	\$7,707,684
Seminole	\$9,024,814	\$8,823,385
Sumter	\$1,941,030	\$1,941,030
Suwannee	\$1,199,403	\$1,199,403
Taylor	\$574,286	\$574,003
Union	\$498,165	\$490,172
Volusia	\$11,847,283	\$11,099,886
Wakulla	\$704,723	\$704,723
Walton	\$1,687,871	\$1,687,871
Washington	\$805,838	\$805,838
TOTAL	\$453,209,797	\$442,086,635

Note: Expenditure data could potentially change as the settle-up process is finalized.

CCOC EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The CCOC Executive Council is composed of eight clerks of the court elected by their fellow clerks for a term of two years and representatives from the House, Senate, and Judicial branches as ex officio members. At a minimum, the Council meets quarterly to discuss and make decisions regarding CCOC business and budgetary matters. The Chair of the Executive Council establishes each CCOC Committee's Chair described in the Plan of Operation.



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