

# Judicial Branch of the Navajo Nation

## FISCAL YEAR 2015

### Annual Report

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# 1. Vision, Mission and Strategic Goals

## VISION

It is our vision that the present judicial system, consisting of an adversarial-style tribal court system modeled on Anglo courts, a peacemaking system modeled on Diné original dispute resolution methods, and Probation and Parole Services, will fully embody the values and processes of the Navajo People, including family and clan-centered Navajo values. Our justice system as a whole will truly reflect the heart and soul of the Diné. It will be one that the People can recognize as their own and fully participate in the spirit of nábináhaazláago.

## MISSION

The Judicial Branch will provide stability in the Navajo Nation government by providing court, peacemaking, and probation and parole services, to adjudicate cases, resolve disputes, rehabilitate individuals and families, restore harmony, educate the public, agencies, services and other governments in Diné bi beenahaz' áanii, and protect persons and property pursuant to Navajo Nation laws, customs, traditions, and applicable federal laws. Pursuant to Diné bi beenahaz' áanii, the Judicial Branch will carefully develop a justice system that fully embodies the traditional values and processes of the Navajo People.

## STRATEGIC GOALS

- One:* As the Navajo Nation court, peacemaking, and probation and parole system, we will ensure the continued provision of efficient, fair, and respectful judicial services.
- Two:* We will ensure access to the judicial system by the public.
- Three:* We will address the infrastructure needed to maximize partnerships across branches, agencies, and communities.
- Four:* We will develop a judicial system in accordance with Diné bi beenahaz' áanii that fully incorporates Navajo values and processes.
- Five:* We will address facilities needs.

## 2. Judicial Branch Directory

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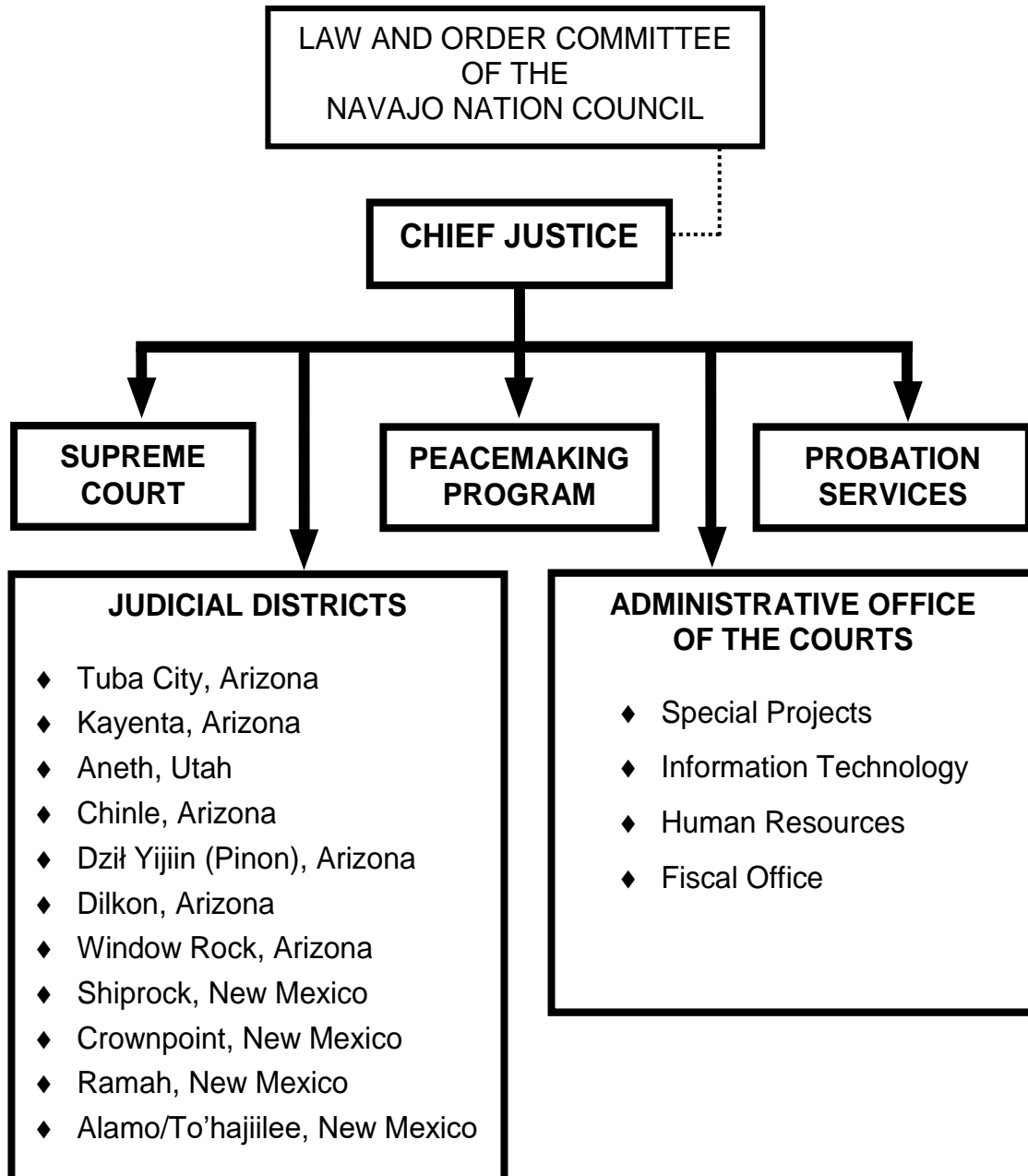
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### 3. Judicial Branch Organizational Chart



## 4. Judicial Branch Reports

### A. Administrative Office of the Courts

#### Special Projects

##### Director of Special Projects M. Teresa Hopkins

- Drafted and finalized Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Judicial Branch Salary Study. The Judicial Branch received three bids. The contract was awarded to the National Center for State Courts to conduct the salary study.
- Drafted and finalized Request for Proposal for a Navajo Nation Justice Summit.
- Drafted and finalized Request for Proposal for the Navajo Nation Judicial Branch 2015 Conference. The Sheraton Albuquerque Airport was selected to host the conference.
- Prepared and submitted revised CY 2015 P.L. 93-638 Annual Funding Agreement to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Navajo Regional Office.
- Prepared and submitted CY 2017 P.L. 93-638 proposed funding to OMB for submission to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Navajo Regional Office.
- Monitored communication and documentation pertaining to the Judicial Branch's lawsuit regarding the United States Department of Interior for not issuing a decision on a P.L. 93-638 compact within a 90-day deadline.
- Successfully requested and received one-time funding through P.L. 93-638 to fund a salary study, completion of Navajo Reporter, new positions, etc.
- Participated in work sessions to revise the Judicial Branch Employee Policies and Procedures.
- Participated in the evaluation of the Healing to Wellness Court. Reviewed evaluation tool to measure progress of the grant and identified goals to be achieved.
- Presented to the U.S. Department of Justice on annual site evaluation of grants, including program performance and financial documents. The Judicial Branch received notice that it was in compliance with program activities and that no financial discrepancy was found.
- Submitted request for bids to purchase bailiff uniforms. A vendor was selected, bailiffs were measured, and uniforms were ordered.
- Participated in discussions with the Arizona Supreme Court in reference to recruitment, selection, evaluation, and discipline of judges. Participants included the Arizona Supreme Court Chief Justice and staff of the Arizona Judicial Nominating Commission. Attended screening of judge applicants for vacant Arizona judge positions with Maricopa County Superior Court. Information is being gathered for the Judicial Conduct Commission.
- Made frequent visits to Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative in Cuba, New Mexico, to obtain a service line agreement and pricing for electrical hook-up for the new Pueblo Pintado modular court building. Continuous follow-up with Jemez Electric for service line agreement for approval by BIA to install electricity at Pueblo Pintado Circuit Court.
- Attended an internal Navajo Nation Contracts and Grants/OMB-sponsored orientation regarding "*Budget Formulation on FY2017 P.L. 93-638 BIA Funding.*"
- Participated in the Secretary of Interior Sally Jewell's overview of President Obama's proposed FY2016 budget for the Department of Interior. A summary was provided on the FY2016 Interior Budget in Brief.
- Presented the Judicial Branch FY2016 budget request during the BIA formulation meeting.
- Prepared and presented the Judicial Branch's priorities, i.e., facility needs, budgeting, technology, etc., to the new 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council.
- Met with Navajo Nation Division of Social Services and Department of Information Technology to discuss and negotiate sharing of network resources, bandwidth requirements, configuration, radio installation, and service line agreements.

- Attended meetings with Smittipong & Rosamond Associates, Inc., to begin discussions regarding architectural design and engineering for Kayenta Judicial District.
- Participated in Arizona State University's recruitment drive. Provided information on Judicial Branch vacancies and recruitment of judges, staff attorneys, and summer interns.
- Met with To'hajiilee/Alamo court administrator to present support of specialty courts to the New Mexico Native American Subcommittee.

#### Acting Director of Special Projects Sharon Begay-McCabe

- Ensured NNIJISP federal grant objectives were accomplished and closed.
- Assisted with 2016 NNIJISP Navajo fixed-cost.
- Reviewed P.L. 93-638 contract grants and federal fund for meeting timelines.
- Served as member of the salary study group and assisted with the extension of salary study contract.
- Served as member of the budget review team.
- Explored avenues for a case management and fine/fees audit.

#### Grants Administrator Raquel Chee

- Monitored federal grants on behalf of the Judicial Branch.
- Participated in the DOJ on-site evaluation of the Aneth Community Court, To'hajiilee Healing to Wellness Court, and NNIJISP. The monitoring visit was successful with a report of no findings.
- Submitted grant applications:
  - CTAS 2015 in the amount of \$1,797,263, for two purpose areas: (1) Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court, and (2) Enhanced Probation Services.
  - 2015 Smart Supervision Grant in the amount of \$749,956 to enhance Navajo Nation Probation and Parole Services.
  - JAG 2015 Grant in the amount of \$58,802 to assist victims of domestic violence and family violence with process serving of protection orders free of charge.
  - 2015 Second Chance Reentry Grant in amount of \$999,988 to develop and implement a reentry program for those reintegrating back into Navajo society from state and federal corrections systems.
  - 2015 Tribal Court Improvement Program Grant in amount of \$441,312 to provide needed child welfare training for judges, staff attorneys, and court staff.
- Had grant awards accepted and business units established:
  - A two-year grant for a tribal justice strategic plan in the amount of \$74,570.
  - A grant for family advocacy under the Violence Against Women Act in the amount of \$450,000.
  - A three-year grant for a tribal assistance program in the amount of \$450,000.
  - A four-year grant to pay for process servers on behalf of victims of domestic violence in the amount of \$58,802
- Participated in the Intergovernmental Reentry Workshop. From 13 applicants, the Navajo Nation was selected as one of three for the Southwest Region.
- Successfully completed grant activities and expenditure on two grants:
  - 2010 NNIJISP Grant. 99% of funds spent to support NNIJISP activities and enhance infrastructure.
  - 2013 JAG Grant. 100% of funds spent to purchase JusticeWeb.

#### Senior Budget Analyst Roberta Sam

- Monitored 12 business units with approximately \$5,000,000 in external funds on behalf of the Judicial Branch.
- K120725 / K150735 (P.L. 93-638 BIA Contract)



- Transferred funds in the BIA contract budget to fund a 3% general wage adjustment approved by the Navajo Nation Council effective October 1, 2014, for 22 bailiffs, 3 senior probation officers, and 1 chief probation officer.
- A request to extend the CY2014 P.L. 93-638 BIA contract for the tribal courts to December 31, 2015, was approved. With the uncertainty of when to expect the FY2015 allocation, funds were reserved in personnel services from the FY2014 allocation to cover payroll for 22 bailiffs, 3 senior probation officers, and 1 chief probation officer.
- Processed purchase requisition to purchase new bailiff uniforms and accessories.
- Attended internal Navajo Nation Contracts and Grants/OMB meeting regarding “*Budget Formulation on FY2017 P.L. 93-638 BIA Funding.*”
- The Judicial Branch received unilateral Modification No. 18 for FY2015 Tribal Priority Allocation two-year funding for Continuing Resolution at 19.739% in the amount of \$255,648 to cover payroll for 22 bailiffs, four probation/parole staff, and two traditional program specialists. One-time funding in the amount of \$30,000 was allocated to complete editorial work on Volume 9 of the Navajo Reporter.
- The Judicial Branch received unilateral Modification No. 19 for CY2015 in the amount of \$1,050,875, which represents the distribution of FY2015 Tribal Priority Allocation final funding through September 30, 2015. Funds are available through September 30, 2016.
- The Judicial Branch received unilateral Modification Number 20 for CY2015 Tribal Courts, Contract No. A12AV00698, in the amount of \$104,528. The modification represents the distribution of FY2015 Direct Contract Support Costs (DCSC). Funds are available through September 30, 2016.
- The Judicial Branch received a unilateral Modification Number 21 to CY2015 in the amount of \$111,000, which represents FY2015 distribution that corresponds to the base increase established in FY2014. Funds are to be used for two traditional program specialist positions. Funds are available through September 30, 2016.
- The Judicial Branch received unilateral Modification Number 22 for CY2015 Tribal Courts, Contract No. A12AV00698, in the amount of \$32,068. The modification represents the second distribution of FY2015 Direct Contract Support Costs (DCSC). Funds are available through September 30, 2016. Prepared the *Summary of Changes on External Fund Budget* and the Navajo Nation budget form to distribute funds: (a) \$32,068 to Fringe Benefits.
- The Judicial Branch received unilateral Modification Number 23 to CY2015 in the amount of \$8,846, which represents the third/final FY2015 distribution that corresponds to base increase established in FY2014. Prepared the *Summary of Changes on External Fund Budget* form to distribute funds: (a) \$8,846 into the Building R&M Supplies line item.
- K100803, K110801, K120801, K120802, K1405102 Grants
  - Provided to Navajo Nation Contracts and Grants/OMB copies of Judicial Branch USDOJ grants federal financial reports and progress reports for period ending:
    - June 30, 2014, and September 30, 2014. A *Letter of Assurance* was issued by C&G/OMB to drawdown funds expended during the quarters ending June 30, 2014, and September 30, 2014.
    - December 31, 2014, for the *Letter of Assurance* to drawdown funds expended during the quarter ending December 31, 2014.
    - March 31, 2015, for the *Letter of Assurance* to drawdown funds expended during the quarter ending March 31, 2015.
    - June 30, 2015.

- Submitted paperwork to Contract & Grants/OMB to process the transmittal letter for the “No Cost Extension” approved by the funding source for Business Units K100803, K120801, K120802, K120810, and K1405102.
- NNIJISP Project (BU 118019)
  - Processed orders and payments for internet charges of a 5meg Ethernet for Shiprock, purchased ten printer/scanners for legal secretaries with the Office of the Prosecutor, and one TeraStation USB port for the Judicial Branch Information Technology.
- Processed requisitions to order IT supplies and computer hardware. Processed payment for lodging for the NNIJISP training session.
- Prepared documents to amend/extend contracts for Rock Gap, Melissa Tatum, Journal Technologies, and CellularOne.
- Prepared and submitted to OMB/Contract and Grants budget revision requests for BU K120725, BU 118019, and BU K140510.

#### Construction Manager VanDerrit Poyer

- *Administrative Office of the Courts/Navajo Nation Supreme Court.* Site work for the Supreme Court and Administrative Office of the Courts began June 1, 2015. All sections were placed on permanent foundation on August 17, 2015. New roofing systems were installed on both structures to weatherize and prevent any moisture penetration. Final adjustments to structure positions are taking place as the structure is tied down. Funding for this project was depleted in October 2015, so a supplemental request to complete construction of the Supreme Court and Administrative Office of the Courts modular buildings in the amount of \$300,000 was submitted to the Legislative Branch.
- *Chinle Justice Facility.* Attended meetings to receive updates on the progress of the construction of new judicial complex and to build a working relationship with the management team and their working patterns. The courts and law enforcement buildings began construction in Spring 2015 and is anticipated to be complete in May 2016.
- *Dilkon Judicial District.* A roof leak at Dilkon Court was resolved with a call to the roofing manufacturer since it was still under warranty. The contractor patched up two holes in the roof membrane. No new leaks were reported. The construction manager assisted with the approval of the replacement of the Dilkon exterior façade to prevent further damage by discussing the issues with JRSa Architects.
- *Dził Yijiin Judicial District.* Dził Yijiin Court currently occupies half of the Whippoorwill RDBO office and does not have enough office space for all employees, a courtroom, or files. The construction manager worked with council delegate Dwight Witherspoon and Navajo Nation Design and Engineering Services. An estimate to rehabilitate a modular building for the court’s use in the amount of \$350,000 was compiled. This modular building is currently located next to Dził Yijiin Court and will need site/drainage development, structural improvements, new roofing system, and interior renovations, i.e., new electrical wiring, floor tiles, appliances, hardware, and HVAC system. The estimated amount and the remaining balance from the modular building project will be combined and sent to the legislators for possible funding. A supplemental funding request of \$340,725 was submitted to the Legislative Branch.
- *Kayenta Judicial District.* Attended several meetings to begin architectural and engineering services to design building for Kayenta Judicial District. The design from the Dilkon Judicial District will be used with minor modifications.
- *Pueblo Pintado Circuit Court.* The Pueblo Pintado modular building is fully constructed and ready to be moved into but is still awaiting utility connection. Upon completion, occupants will be staff of the Pueblo Pintado Court who are currently working out of Crownpoint Judicial District.

- *Ramah Judicial District.* The construction manager met with Ramah Judicial District to discuss options for their need of a new facility and to begin looking at other funding sources for Design and Engineering Services.
- *Shiprock Judicial District.* The Shiprock Court was selected for a new roof from Facilities Maintenance. Construction manager attended meetings related to the Shiprock Judicial Complex. Old structures will be assessed and demolished. Planning for site preparation needs to be completed as well as identification of funding for construction. For safety reasons, court administrator Ethel Laughing expressed need for a new fire alarm system to be installed in the court and new probation/peacemaking modular building. Working with Ms. Laughing, the construction manager compiled a scope of work with advice from Navajo Nation Design and Engineering Services and Navajo Nation Risk Management for issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP).
- *Shiprock Probation/Peacemaking Services.* Navajo Nation Design and Engineering Services conducted its final walk-through on June 3, 2015, and signed off on the Certificate of Occupancy. Frontier Communications completed wiring the facility on August 12, 2015. The facility opened August 3, 2015, and an open house was held on August 7, 2015. Occupants of the building will be probation and peacemaking staff.
- *Window Rock Judicial District.* Window Rock Judicial District was provided notice to vacate building by the end of May 2015. The construction manager attended several meetings with surrounding chapters and programs in efforts to locate available office space; however, no location had been identified as of the end of FY2015.

#### Administrative Service Officer Pauline Yazzie

- Worked with Judicial Branch fiscal staff, Navajo Nation Telecommunications and Utilities, and Frontier Communications in getting telephone/fax lines moved to current Office of Special Projects/Information Technology site.
- Assisted IT personnel with returning obsolete/excess computer equipment to Navajo Nation Property Department.
- Participated in court administrator teleconference on July 22, 2015, and court administrator meeting on August 25, 2015, in Window Rock, Arizona.
- Assisted with the hiring of the NNIJISP systems and programming manager in August 2015. Set up interviews, contacted applicants, and finalized the hiring recommendation memo.
- Participated in meetings with district court administrators and other branch staff in planning of the Judicial Branch 2015 Conference to be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, November 2-5, 2015.

#### **Archiving**

The primary objective of the Digital Archiving Section is to scan/archive closed civil, criminal, traffic, criminal/civil, and family civil case files and other records for the Judicial Branch. The Information Data Technician prepared and scanned 9,644 files, including:

- 2007-2014 Administrative Orders and 2002-2007 complaints for the Office of the Chief Justice;
- 2008-2009 case files for the Navajo Nation Supreme Court;
- Inactive personnel files, payroll distribution, and employee position reports for the Judicial Branch;
- 1989-2004 fines and fees for Alamo/To'hajiilee Judicial District;
- 1996-1998 fines and fees for Chinle Judicial District;
- 2013-2014 domestic violence, correction of records, criminal, and traffic civil/criminal for Dził Yijiin Judicial District;
- 1988-2000 surplus/excess property inventories;

- Navajo Nation fixed asset record listings and BIA property accountability record, furniture, equipment inventory list for Chinle Judicial District;
- Surplus/excess property inventory for Ramah Judicial District;
- Inventory listing of property and buildings for Alamo/To'hajiilee Judicial District;
- Inventory of excess office equipment/furniture/buildings for Kayenta Judicial District;
- BIA inventory/accountable property for Shiprock Judicial District;
- Excess property inventory for Window Rock Judicial District;
- Excess property inventory and digital equipment inventory list for Tuba City Judicial District;
- Inventory listings of office equipment/furniture for Crownpoint Judicial District;
- Equipment Loaner with U.S. BIA/Navajo Nation Inventory for Administrative Office of the Courts;
- Maintenance services agreements for AOC, Supreme Court, Peacemaking Program, and Window Rock Family Court;
- Computers, microfilm equipment, court recorders, transcribers, and other office equipment inventory listings for all judicial districts.

The Information Data Technician:

- provided assistance in retrieving archived records for Chinle, Crownpoint, Shiprock, Window Rock, Tuba City, and Dilkon District Courts. 330 microfilm cartridges were received from six judicial districts; located documents and made copies of records requested by the public.
- received 19 CDs/DVDs from Dilkon, Ramah, Window Rock, Crownpoint, Dził Yijiin Judicial Districts and Navajo Nation Supreme Court for safe keeping.
- provided training on use of archiving equipment and scanning of court records at Dilkon, Window Rock, Shiprock, and Ramah Judicial Districts.
- provided training at Ramah Judicial District on saving records onto compact discs for safe keeping.
- provided assistance to IT personnel, i.e., handling IT Service Requests submitted by the Judicial Branch judicial districts, Navajo Nation Supreme Court, Probation Services, Peacemaking Program, and Administrative Office of the Courts.
- provided assistance to the Office of the Chief Justice and Administrative Office of the Courts Fiscal Services, Human Resources, and Special Projects.

## B. Courts of the Navajo Nation

### Supreme Court of the Navajo Nation

#### FY2015 CASE ACTIVITY REPORT

Civil Cases	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	TOTAL
Cases Filed	6	7	6	2	7	6	11	7	6	3	5	5	71
Cases Completed	6	12	15	0	4	6	4	7	5	4	3	5	71
Hearings Held	2	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	18
Opinions	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
Orders	14	16	16	5	9	10	8	3	7	25	17	14	144
Memo Decisions	2	1	1	0	1	1	1	6	0	0	0	1	14

Criminal Cases	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	TOTAL
Cases Filed	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Cases Completed	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Hearings Held	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Opinions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orders	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Memo Decisions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

NNBA	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	TOTAL
Cases Filed	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	30
Cases Completed	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	27
Hearings Held	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	27
Opinions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orders	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	16	30	0	0	0	73
Memo Decisions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Special Proceedings	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	TOTAL
Cases Filed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cases Completed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hearings Held	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Opinions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orders	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Memo Decisions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

#### ANNUAL REVENUE / ACCOUNTING RECAP

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	TOTAL
Fines	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Photocopying	\$0.00	\$28.00	\$0.00	\$136.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$164.91
Certifications	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Filings Fees	\$360.00	\$420.00	\$300.00	\$120.00	\$360.00	\$420.00	\$720.00	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$180.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$4,200.00
Postage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19.99
Passport Fee	\$200.00	\$50.00	\$125.00	\$425.00	\$525.00	\$400.00	\$500.00	\$375.00	\$525.00	\$400.00	\$300.00	\$275.00	\$4,100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$560.00</b>	<b>\$498.00</b>	<b>\$425.00</b>	<b>\$681.91</b>	<b>\$885.00</b>	<b>\$820.00</b>	<b>\$1,220.00</b>	<b>\$735.00</b>	<b>\$904.99</b>	<b>\$580.00</b>	<b>\$600.00</b>	<b>\$575.00</b>	<b>\$8,484.90</b>

#### SALES OF NAVAJO REPORTER

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	TOTAL
Volume 1 and 2	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Volume 3	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$45.00
Volume 4	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$45.00
Volume 6	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Volume 7	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Volume 8	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Tax & Shipping	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$44.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$44.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$334.50</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$334.50</b>

#### U.S. PASSPORT APPLICATIONS

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	TOTAL
Accepted and transmitted for processing	12	2	4	17	20	16	15	15	21	14	14	11	161

#### PRO BONO APPOINTMENTS

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	TOTAL
Tuba City / Kayenta	8	11	2	11	11	7	6	3	8	7	3	5	82
Window Rock / Chinle	6	11	8	6	6	4	5	10	10	25	9	9	109
Crownpoint / Shiprock	0	3	0	0	2	1	1	3	4	3	1	2	20
Ramah / Alamo / Tohajilee	0	0	5	1	3	5	4	14	7	6	4	3	52
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>263</b>

## Accomplishments by Supreme Court Justices

National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) and Association on American Indian Affairs (AAIA) Meeting. On December 10-12, 2014, Chief Justice Herb Yazzie participated in the NICWA and AAIA meeting in Tucson, Arizona; this was the third in a series of think tank sessions on juvenile justice, alternatives to incarceration. The meeting featured a demonstration project being conducted by the Mississippi Choctaw. Participants were informed about the progress being made in efforts to reduce incarceration of Native American youth.

House Bill 2158. On February 10 and 17, 2015, Chief Justice Herb Yazzie met with Representative Albert Hale on HB 2158 in Phoenix, Arizona. On February 17, HB 2158 to provide funds for a Supreme Court facility was presented before the Committee on Rural and Economic Development. Chief Justice Yazzie testified in support of the Bill.

Budget Review Team. A Budget Review Team was established to oversee the FY2016 general funds budget development process for the Judicial Branch. Members included financial services manager Yvonne Gorman, Associate Justice Eleanor Shirley, Judge Allen Sloan, staff attorney Tina Tsinigine, law clerk LaVerne H. Garnenez, Judge Geraldine Benally, Judge Cynthia Thompson, court administrator Ethel Laughing, court administrator Lavonne Yazzie, grants administrator Raquel Chee, financial technician Melva Ramsey, and human resource specialist Marquerita Lincoln. The Budget Review Team met regarding the FY2016 Judicial Branch general funds budget and set the planning allocations for each judicial district and program of the Judicial Branch.

Title 7 Revisions. Chief Justice Herb Yazzie, Associate Justice Eleanor Shirley, and government relations officer Karen Francis participated in Title 7 revision work sessions from November 2014 to May 2015. The work sessions were held in different locations and covered:

- proposed Navajo language referendum/initiative, presentation on VAWA.
- discussion on amending the retirement sections, §102, 621-624, 631, 658, 711, Peacemaking, OPPS, Healing to Wellness Courts, proposed language for the Navajo Nation Probation and Parole Services.
- overview of the Peacemaking Program (PMP) evaluation, traditional aspects of the program, probate rejection of Western ideology.
- Presentations on the American Indian historical perspective, jury management, Healing to Wellness Court, retirement, and the federal Violence Against Women Act.

Retirement of Chief Justice Herb Yazzie. On May 13, 2015, the Judicial Branch of the Navajo Nation announced the retirement of Supreme Court Chief Justice Herb Yazzie, effective 5 p.m., May 15, 2015. Chief Justice Yazzie served as the Chief Justice of the Navajo Nation since April 21, 2005. He also served as Chief Legislative Counsel and Navajo Nation Attorney General. He is a 1975 graduate of Arizona State University College of Law and a member of the Utah State Bar and the Navajo Nation Bar Association. Chief Justice Yazzie is a veteran of the U.S. Army. The Judicial Branch thanks Chief Justice Yazzie for his years of public service and dedication to the Navajo Nation and the Navajo people.

Law and Order Committee Work Sessions. Government relations officer Karen Francis coordinated with the Law and Order Committee in the planning of a work session/orientation at Northern Arizona University for the Judicial Branch oversight committee and new Navajo Nation President from June 16 to 18, 2015. The session opened with a dinner on June 16 with guest speaker Patricia Zell who spoke about the effect that the Navajo Nation judiciary has on positions

of leaders in the federal government and on the sovereignty of American Indian tribes. The following day, on June 17, Dr. Raymond Austin (retired Navajo Nation associate justice) explained the history of the Navajo Nation Courts, Johnson Dennison spoke on traditional Navajo leadership, and Dr. Manley Begay presented on nation building and the judiciary's role in that context. Dr. Begay reiterated that to develop a strong economy, businesses need to know that courts are free of politics and that rules will be applied fairly and enforced. Eric Eberhard, Esq., gave remarks about how the Navajo Nation Courts protect sovereignty for all Indian tribes. On June 18, Dr. Larry Emerson spoke about the need for a paradigm shift and Roman Bitsuie spoke about a proposed preamble for Title 7 in the Diné language. Peacemaking coordinator Gloria Benally gave a presentation on Title 26 and how peacemaking provides technical assistance in establishing local dispute resolution systems. The work session concluded with presentations on statistics and specialty courts by Shiprock, Aneth, and To'hajiilee/Alamo Judicial Districts.

Appointment of Acting Chief Justice. On July 27, 2015, the Law and Order Committee passed Resolution LOCJY-06-15 appointing Honorable Allen Sloan as acting chief justice for the Judicial Branch. Acting Chief Justice Allen Sloan closed out his cases at Tuba City Judicial District before beginning his full-time duties as chief justice.

Evaluations of Judges and Executive Staff. Chief Justice Herb Yazzie completed annual evaluations of permanent/probationary judges and his executive staff in April and May 2015.

#### Probationary Judges Meetings/Public Hearings

- Chief Justice Yazzie met with Kayenta Judge Malcolm Begay on January 7, 2015, regarding his judicial appointment and requirements for his two-year probationary status. Chief Justice Yazzie reviewed and evaluated Judge Begay's performance every six months and at the end of his probationary period.
- Chief Justice Yazzie met with Judge Leonard Livingston on March 9, 2015, and Judge Victoria Yazzie on March 10, 2015, regarding their two-year probationary status and the approved course of study by the National Judicial College or the National Indian Justice Center. Completion of the course of study is necessary to satisfy the training requirements of 7 N.N.C. §355 (C) (1995). In addition to the required courses, all probationary judges attend courses in appellate rules and procedure in preparation for his/her permanent appointment.
- Acting Chief Justice Allen Sloan and Associate Justice Eleanor Shirley attended public hearings for probationary judges on the following dates:
  - July 7, 2015 Judge Victoria Yazzie, Dził Yijinn Judicial District
  - July 14, 2015 Judge Leonard Livingston, Ramah Judicial District
  - August 31, 2015 Judge Cynthia Thompson, Dilkon Judicial District

The Law and Order Committee voted to move forward with recommending each for permanent appointment at the public hearings. The legislation for Judge Thompson was approved on September 21, 2015. Legislations to recommend permanent appointments for Judge Livingston and to extend the probation period for Judge Yazzie were both withdrawn by the sponsor.

Navajo Nation Supreme Court Meetings. Throughout the year, Chief Justice Herb Yazzie, Acting Chief Justice Allen Sloan, Associate Justice Eleanor Shirley, and Supreme Court Law Clerk LaVerne H. Garnenez met on pending cases, cases that were heard, upcoming hearings, pending motions, opinions, and writs filed with the Supreme Court. They also traveled to the judicial districts of judges designated associate justice by order of appointment on Navajo Nation Supreme Court cases.

Extern Program. The Navajo Nation Supreme Court hosted a third-year law student from Brigham Young University from January 2015 to March 2015; two students from Boston College and one student from American University during the March 2015 spring break; and a one-year law student from Arizona State University in June and July 2015.

Judicial District/AOC/Executive Planning Meetings. Throughout the year, the chief justice met with his executive staff on issues related to on-going projects, personnel, budgets, and grants.

#### Quarterly and Special Judicial Conferences

- December 29, 30, 2014. Presentation by Gladys Ambrose of Division of Social Services on proposed changes to ABBA; a follow-up session was scheduled for judges and staff attorneys. Discussions on Define Civil Traffic Proceedings, NPEA, Title 7 Review (Navajo), and court buildings.
- May 1, 2015. Presentations on Title IV-E and Nunc Pro Tunc, Supreme Court performance criteria, COA on the salary study, Judicial Branch Annual Conference.
- July 31, 2015. Presentation on the Judicial Conduct Commission.
- September 25, 2015. Discussion on Judicial Branch goals and objectives for FY2016, judge/staff attorney shortage and assignments, and personnel and organizational structure status/changes.

Employee Housing Committee. Government relations officer Karen Francis and administrative secretary Linda Bitsoi represent the Judicial Branch on the Navajo Nation Employee Housing Committee. This year, Ms. Bitsoi was selected as vice-chair of the committee. They attended regular monthly meetings and special meetings to make tribal housing assignments, update the Employee Housing Rules and Regulations, revise the Plan of Operations, and discuss rate increases. DOJ attorney Kandis Martine worked with the committee by reviewing changes. Upon implementation, the Employee Housing Program conducted orientations on the new rules and regulations and rate increases.

Motor Vehicle Review Board. Financial technician Sandra Dalgai and administrative secretary Linda Bitsoi represented the Judicial Branch on the Navajo Nation Motor Vehicle Review Board. Linda Bitsoi was reappointed for another four years representing the Judicial Branch, and was selected to chair the MVRB. They attended regular monthly meetings and special meetings. The meetings were on purchase of new vehicles for Navajo Nation departments/programs, misuse and/or abuse of tribal vehicles, assignment of vehicles, and using tribal vehicles during tribal fairs, and updating the Navajo Nation Motor Vehicle Operator's Handbook.

Navajo Nation Insurance Commission. Linda Bitsoi served as the Judicial Branch representative on the Navajo Nation Insurance Commission. She attended monthly and special meetings. The Insurance Commission meets to ensure adequate insurance coverage and protection for Navajo Nation government, its political subdivisions, enterprises, assets, property, and employees. Ms. Bitsoi attended the commission actuary interviews and selection. Meetings were on approving and adopting the Navajo Nation Safety Manual, approving the professional service agreement between MARSH USA and the Navajo Nation, receiving HMA Financial Reports, and 2015 Stewardship meeting.

Oaths of Office. From October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015, Chief Justice Yazzie and Associate Justice Eleanor Shirley administered Oaths of Office to Navajo Nation President Ben Shelly, Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye, Vice President Jonathan Nez, Navajo Nation Board of Election Supervisors, two members of the Kayenta Township Commission, Red Lake



Chapter secretary/treasurer Richard Tsosie, cross-commissioned New Mexico State Police and Arizona DPS officers, Coconino County Sheriffs, and Paul Williams of Steamboat Chapter.

#### Accomplishments by Government Relations Officer Karen Francis

- Facilitated special judicial conference on July 2, 2015, for the judges and justices to appoint members to the Judicial Conduct Commission and communicated with the Navajo Nation Bar Association in its role to get members appointed. Ms. Francis presented resolutions to confirm the judges' and justices' appointments to the Judicial Conduct Commission at the quarterly judicial conference on July 30, 2015. The judges and justices appointed Bill Thorne and Robert Yazzie and the NNBA appointed Judy Apachee and Troy Eid. Drafted performance measures for the Judicial Conduct Commission to seek carryover for the commission budget for Fiscal Year 2016. The carryover was approved by the Navajo Nation Council with the comprehensive budget.
- On December 18, 2014, visited Arizona Supreme Court to learn about how the state of Arizona selects, evaluates, and retains judges and justices. Met with Chief Justice Scott Bales, AOC Director Dave Byers, legal counsel David Withey, and JPR Program Manager Vanessa Haney.
- Assisted Judicial Branch staff with establishing priorities of the branch and developing a PowerPoint presentation for the leadership work session to establish Navajo Nation Priorities held on June 27, 2015. There are nine priority areas that were listed for the Navajo Nation. Among the priorities of the branch were facilities, operations and maintenance, funding, restorative justice and local dispute resolution. Present at the work session were Associate Justice Eleanor Shirley, Speaker LoRenzo Bates, President Russell Begaye, Vice President Jonathan Nez, and council delegates.
- On January 16, 2015, presented at the orientation on the Judicial Branch for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council. Prepared booklets with basic information and a PowerPoint presentation in consultation with other members of the orientation team. The presentation was well received by the delegates in attendance.
- On March 20, 2015, attended the Arizona Public Information Officer Symposium in Phoenix, Arizona, to receive training on the role of a PIO and message integration. Heard presentations on working with the media by the Phoenix Bureau Chief for the New York Times Fernanda Santos and panel discussions on message integration and the changing media landscape. APS shared how it works to ensure that the message is consistent at all levels of the company through information sharing using technology, talking points, and training sessions. The changing media landscape with social media was also discussed by professionals in the fields of broadcast and print journalism.
- On May 28-30, 2015, attended the Navajo Studies Conference at Northern Arizona University with the theme, "Navajo Knowledge and Experiences for Our Future." Attended breakout sessions on "Who creates sovereignty for the Navajo Nation?," "Diné Iina: Life is Ceremony," "Perspectives on Diné Fundamental Law," and "Diné Perspectives: Revitalizing and Reclaiming Navajo Thought." There were also keynote addresses by Dr. Jennifer Denetdale and Dr. Manley Begay and a community dialogue session on why preserving the Diné language is a priority.
- Updated [www.navajocourts.org](http://www.navajocourts.org) website as necessary. Worked with Judicial Branch information technology staff and the Department of Information Technology to set up a laptop to be able to update the [www.navajocourts.org](http://www.navajocourts.org) website off-site. Also worked with Department of Information Technology to troubleshoot website issues after files were moved from the previous server.

## **Tuba City Judicial District**

Criminal Justice Summit (CJS). Tuba City Judicial District sponsored five criminal justice summit meetings during this reporting period. Judge Allen Sloan facilitated the meetings with assistance from staff attorney Tina Tsinigine, court administrator Alice Huskie, and office technician Orlando Sam. Groups in attendance included corrections, courts, law enforcement, prosecutor, probation/parole services, peacemaking, family services, local schools, and other service providers that have interest in delivery of services by the justice system. With collaborative efforts, the group hopes to continue work on identifying ways to share and streamline existing processes to better serve the community.

Pro Se Training. Staff attorney Tina Tsinigine provided 16 pro se trainings for the public. Training topics included dissolution of marriage, paternity, child visitation, child custody, child support, correction of record, declaration of name, answering a petition, guardianship of minor/adult, probate, quiet title, and name change. Trainings are for individuals who want to represent themselves and file pro se packets with the court. These individuals are required to attend pro se training so they are aware of what the law requires and their duties and responsibilities in court. The total number in attendance in FY2015 was 342.

Child Support Enforcement (CES). The courts and CSE collaborated information in hopes of locating and serving absent parents. CSE requested to hold monthly administrative hearings at the court where it is more structured and secured for clients.

Navajo Nation Judicial Conference. Judge Allen Sloan, staff attorney Tina Tsinigine, and court administrator Alice Huskie participated in quarterly judicial conferences. Chief Justice Herb Yazzie and Acting Chief Justice Allen Sloan facilitated these meetings to share updated information on governmental and branch activities.

2015 Justice Day. On April 1, 2015, the Tuba City Judicial District celebrated its 2015 Justice Day with an open house and luncheon for more than 600 students and the general public. Attendees had opportunity to tour the courtroom without the formalities of a court hearing, and enjoyed presentations about justice symbols, why Lady Justice is blindfolded, and the meaning of the justice scale. Staff explained courtroom rules, the different types of hearings held by the family and district courts, and the types of cases referred to probation or peacemaking. People toured the court building and expressed positive comments on the building. Overall, the turnout was excellent.

Flagstaff Justice Court. Judge Howard Grodman, Flagstaff Justice of the Peace, and his staff conducted court proceedings at the Tuba City Judicial District. This arrangement was for the benefit of the Diné people and so that defendants and family members do not have to travel far for court hearings. Defendants also have opportunity to speak with the judge without fear of being arrested.

TB Training by TCRHCC. On October 30, 2014, Dr. Ha Tang with the Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation gave training on tuberculosis to the court staff, CHR, Department of Family Services, and NN Probation Services. Dr. Tang covered the different types and levels of TB and the treatment and medication process. The training was educational and gave participants a better understanding of TB.

Class Lecture at Northern Arizona University (NAU). On December 4, 2014, staff attorney Tina Tsinigine, by invitation from Dr. Linda Robyn, Professor and Associate Professor at the Northern

Arizona University, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, presented information on the Navajo Nation criminal justice, Navajo Nation statutes, how a criminal case is processed through the justice system, and sentencing options to students of NAU.

Navajo Nation Inauguration 2015. On January 13, 2015, Judge Allen Sloan administered oaths of office to the Navajo Nation Board of Election Supervisors at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council Inauguration in Ft. Defiance, Arizona.

### **Kayenta Judicial District**

The Kayenta Judicial District commenced its Navajo Law Classes with effective training topics such as *Jurisdiction, Navajo Peacemaking, Navajo Nation Domestic Abuse Protection Act, Legal Advice vs. Public Information, Alchíni Bi Beehaz ánni Act, The Basics of Navajo Courts and Navajo Common Law, Strategies for Dealing with Trauma & Domestic Violence, and Communications & Stress Management in the Workplace.* The extensive 26-series class is designed to give district staff preeminent introduction to Navajo Nation rules, procedures and knowledge utilized in their daily duties and responsibilities. The district was fortunate to secure qualified NNBA members, judges, staff attorneys, and professionals to provide the in-house education.

The Kayenta Judicial District took a confident step in its use of the NNIJISP Justware court program by undertaking a test role in having its district court, probation services, and peacemaking software partition removed. The partitioning removal benefited users by gaining immediate data access to complete their duties and public inquiries.

Judge Malcolm P. Begay, court administrator Lavonne K. Yazzie, director of special projects Teresa Hopkins, and construction manager VanDerrit Poyer met with the original Dilkon Judicial District building architects as an initial step to update the plans for a future build for the Kayenta Judicial District. The district requires funding for the blueprint updates. The district plans to pursue Navajo Nation and State of Arizona funding for the construction ready site location.

Judge Malcolm Begay participated in the Federal Bar Association 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Indian Law Conference themed, “*40 Years Strong: The Indian Self-Determination Era Strengthening Tribal Sovereignty*” on April 9-10, 2015, in Scottsdale, Arizona. The conference focused on significant changes that have occurred in the relationship between Tribal Nations and the United States in the last four decades. The conference provided opportunity to discuss multiple governance issues, opportunities, and changes in Indian Country, plus strides made in the practice of Indian law.

Judge Malcolm Begay participated in National Judicial College trainings entitled, *Fourth Amendment: Comprehensive Search and Seizures for Trial Judges, Ethics and Judging: Reaching Higher Ground and Writing for Tribal Judges,* to fulfill his probationary judge training requirements. The courses offered insights on motion hearings practice, principles related to search warrants, foundation of ethics and legal writing. In addition, the courses offered an overview of developing principles related to computers and digital evidence.

Judge Malcolm Begay and staff attorney Letitia Stover earned nine hours of continuing legal education credits during the *Navajo Nation Bar Association 2015 Annual Conference* on June 4-5, 2015, in Flagstaff, Arizona.

The Kayenta Judicial District staged a successful *2015 Kayenta District Justice and Law Day* celebration with focus on public education and community awareness on May 14, 2015. Major

features were educational legal information, service provider information booths, and a free luncheon for all participants.

All five Kayenta Judicial District court clerks successfully completed “*Advanced Tribal Court Clerk Certification and Standards Testing*” on September 23-25, 2015, in Las Vegas, NV. The clerks received an overview of Basic Indian Law, understanding of the judiciary and important role as court clerks, customer service, professional responsibilities, case and records management, and effective communication skills. The clerks mastered the testing with high marks and received their certifications.

The Kayenta Judicial District conducted its bi-annual court clerk rotation on October 6, 2014, and April 6, 2015, to promote cross-training in different aspects of district and family court proceedings and case management.

Court administrator Lavonne K. Yazzie and staff attorney Letitia Stover participated in several meetings to address the Navajo Nation Judicial Branch Pay Plan Study awarded to the National Center for State Courts. The group conducted an executive overview of the project purpose and specifics for an in-depth review of position description questionnaires, on-site desk audits, and recommendations for position description revisions.

Kayenta Judicial District presented its proposed Navajo Nation Fiscal Year 2016 budget to the Law and Order Committee of the Navajo Nation Council on August 12, 2015, in Window Rock, Arizona. The proposal included the district’s unmet needs, its goals to meet public demand, and future endeavors that the fiscal year budget will be going towards.

### **Aneth Judicial District**

Staff attorney Glen Renner facilitated pro-se workshops on November 14, 2014, April 1, 2015, and May 29, 2015. These workshops educate participants on the process and filing of pro-se petitions as well as explain pro-se petitions available through the Aneth Judicial District. Ms. Renner assisted individuals with legal concerns who came to the Aneth court on a walk-in basis. She assisted the Dził Yijiin Judicial District by conducting a pro-se class in their district, and also met with officials from the State of Utah and the San Juan County Victim Advocate to answer questions and provide information on how protection orders are issued in the Navajo Nation courts.

In efforts to make justice more visible and bring justice directly to the offender’s community, the Aneth Community Court traveled to Dennehotso, Arizona, on December 3, 2014, to conduct hearings. Community members were receptive of and welcomed the initiative of the community court concept.

The Aneth Judicial District combined its 2015 Justice Day festivities with Aneth Chapter’s LGA certification celebration. The two entities combined efforts to increase community involvement through this event on March 31, 2015. The Aneth Judicial District hosted an open house, resource provider booths, provided information to promote Aneth Community Court, and educate the public on pro-se filing and the peacemaking program.

Judge Irene S. Black continued to assist with hearings at the Shiprock Judicial District to help Shiprock reduce its backlog of cases. By administrative order 68-2014, Judge Black conducted hearings at Shiprock on Monday, Thursday and Friday; she handled cases in Aneth two days a week, Tuesday and Wednesday. As a result, Aneth Judicial District noted its case scheduling fell

to three months advance calendaring. Further, Judge Irene S. Black continued to hear cases in Chinle, Kayenta, and Tuba City.

Aneth Community Court hosted two community resource meetings. The first meeting was held at the Mexican Water Chapter on January 27, 2015. The second meeting was held on March 18, 2015, at the Red Mesa Chapter House. Judge Irene S. Black presented on NNC Title 14 Traffic Laws “Oosbas” using Diné Fundamental Law coyote stories.

From June 16 to June 18, 2015, court administrator Susie Martin participated in the Law and Order orientation work session in Flagstaff, Arizona. A two-day orientation was provided for Navajo Nation council delegates vested with oversight authorities for the Navajo Nation Judicial Branch. The Aneth Judicial District presented on its Community Court Project.

The U.S. District Court of Utah, Tribal and Community Re-Entry Court (TCRC), traveled to Aneth Judicial District once a month to meet with participants who have been released from federal incarceration in efforts to address the high recidivism rate of individuals re-offending. TCRC holds review hearings for participants at the beginning of each month to assist them with re-entry into the Aneth community. The Aneth Judicial District and the Aneth Community Court are supporting the TRCR team in their efforts as a means to heal communities within the Aneth district.

On September 18, 2015, office technician Elvira Benally and court clerks Darlena Mustache and Percy Mitchell completed four hours of training on *Records Management* provided by the Navajo Nation Staff Development and Training Program in Window Rock, Arizona.

### **Chinle Judicial District**

Title 7 Revision. Judge Rudy Bedonie participated in Title 7 revisions with other judges, justices, and administrators. He participated in discussions and made recommendations for consideration by the attendees. The revisions will be proposed as a referendum to the people.

JBEPP Revision. The court administrator facilitated several work sessions in revising the current Judicial Branch Employee Policies and Procedures. The group proposed language for employee conduct, leaves and coverage, and talking things out. In the upcoming fiscal year, the group plans to discuss disciplinary action and its process and the grievance section of the JBEPP.

Criminal Justice Summit. The court administrator participated in the planning of a Criminal Justice Summit for departments and divisions that are part of the court process. The group completed an agenda and recommended speakers for various topics.

Staff Attorney Position. Judge Rudy Bedonie, court administrator Vanessa Mescal, and Tuba City staff attorney Tina Tsinigine interviewed two applicants for the vacant staff attorney position with Chinle Judicial District. The interview panel forwarded its recommendation to the chief justice; however, a decision was made by the chief justice to re-advertise the position. The Chinle Judicial District remains without a staff attorney.

Justware Training. The court administrator and court clerks Shaun Sells, Jeremiah Tsosie, and Valerie Descheny attended Justware meetings. Any changes to Justware are shared with the district staff through training.

Salary Study. The court administrator participated in discussions for an updated salary study for the Navajo Nation Judicial Branch. The preliminary discussions set the perimeters for the staff survey and for an on-site visit by the conductors of the salary study. The staff completed the survey which was compiled by the conductors. The results of the survey were shared with court administrators and program managers. Further discussions will be continued into the next fiscal year.

Chinle Justice Day. The Annual Chinle Judicial District Justice Day was a success. Activities included an open house, vendors, dee-jay, and a luncheon. Several classes visited and were impressed with the court system. The staff answered questions and shared their role and responsibilities with the students.

Health Commitment Resource Meeting. Judge Rudy Bedonie and the local psychologist met several times to discuss a simpler process for health commitment petitions. A key area of concern was getting IHS doctors and psychologists to testify in tribal court. They were advised by their attorney to not testify. Discussions are continuing to seek solutions.

Chinle Justice Center. Construction commenced for the Chinle Court building. The foundation is being worked on by construction workers. The court administrator has been working with the senior program manager in identifying warm bodies for office space, telephone lines, fax lines, and computers lines.

Navajo Nation Bar Conference. Judge Rudy Bedonie, court administrator Vanessa Mescal, and other staff attended the Navajo Nation Bar Association Annual Conference at Twin Arrows Casino and Resort. The staff reported that the conference was beneficial to them and provided some insight on the law updates.

## **Dził Yijiin Judicial District**

The Dził Yijiin Judicial District successfully committed to attend quarterly Dził Yijiin Regional Council meetings held at Hardrock, Blue Gap, Forrest Lake, and Whippoorwill Chapters. Court administrator Arlene Lee, traditional program specialist Harry Begay, and the presiding judge provided updates and reported on the daily functions, management, and operations of the Dził Yijiin Judicial District.

Judge Victoria Yazzie, office technician Carolyn Ben, and court administrator Arlene Lee facilitated resource coordination and collaboration meetings with local service providers to share information, enhance networking among departments, and provide public education. In support of and to promote adequate services were representatives from Navajo Department of Law Enforcement, Navajo County Sheriff's Department, corrections, probation/parole, peacemaking, social services, prosecutor, Pinon Health Counseling Services, ADABI, local chapter officials, council delegates, and constituents.

With the assistance of Aneth staff attorney Glen Renner and DNA Legal Services, the Dził Yijiin Judicial District hosted three pro se clinics at various chapters.

Judge Victoria Yazzie administered oaths of office to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council during the 2015 Navajo Nation Inauguration on January 13, 2015, in Fort Defiance, Arizona.

The Dził Yijiin Judicial District celebrated its annual justice day on April 2, 2015. The event commenced with a fun walk from Pinon Health Center to Pinon Chapter. The program featured

Navajo veteran's color guards, distinguished guests, constituents, keynote speakers, educational resource booths, and lunch for the public. Navajo law enforcement personnel as well as Navajo County and Apache County Deputy Sheriffs contributed to the event.

The Dził Yijiin Judicial District staff successfully completed three in-service trainings each quarter throughout the year; the trainings were coordinated by the court administrator so staff can advance their knowledge in the legal aspects and to improve on providing more efficient services to the community.

Court administrator Arlene Lee contributed in various work sessions and meetings, i.e., salary study, 2015 conference planning, Justware case management, court administrators, FY2016 general funds budget orientation/preparation, and resource and local commitments on behalf of the district.

Dził Yijiin Judicial District successfully digitally scanned and archived 2014 district civil/family cases and 2012-2013 criminal/traffic cases.

Dził Yijiin Judicial District is fully staffed with two court clerks, office technician, bailiff, probation officer, and traditional peacemaking specialist. Judge Victoria R. Yazzie was reassigned to the Tuba City Judicial District. Chinle Judge Rudy I. Bedonie is currently the interim presiding judge of the Dził Yijiin Judicial District in addition to his regular assignment as the presiding judge of the Chinle Judicial District.

The Whippoorwill Chapter extended Dził Yijiin Judicial District's lease to continue to conduct daily operations and functions of the court at the Whippoorwill Chapter Administration. The project is pending an appraisal and cost assessment to confirm funding for renovation of the facility.

The Pinon Justice Center Project is continuing as an ongoing effort. Court administrator Arlene Lee participated in meetings to help plan and discuss construction phases and cost assessments with architects, NN Design and Engineering Services, Pinon Chapter officials, and primary stakeholders, i.e., public safety, corrections.

### **Dilkon Judicial District**

On October 1, 2014, pursuant to Administrative Order 60-2014, the Dilkon Judicial District welcomed Judge Cynthia Thompson as its permanent judge.

On October 6, 2014, the Dilkon Judicial District hosted Chief Justice Herb Yazzie and Chief Justice Scott Bales with the Arizona Supreme Court. The Dilkon Judicial District considers it an honor to host an event of this type and showcase its unique facility which promotes Diné justice as well as the Judicial Branch of the Navajo Nation.

Staff participated in the *Judicial Branch General Ledger* training held on November 12-13, 2014, so the judicial districts can collaborate with the Judicial Branch Fiscal Services staff regarding financial transactions. This is a new innovative challenge to enhance communication between the judicial districts and the fiscal office.

A kickoff resumption meeting for the Dilkon Justice Center phase two construction was held on March 18, 2015, at the court house with key stakeholders, public safety, and corrections. Items

discussed included needs assessment reports, water system PER, security consultant, existing police department, and DOC lessons learned.

Throughout the quarter, the Dilkon Judicial District court administrator and SMEs (subject matter experts) supported and attended all trainings and work sessions regarding the Justware case management application. Trainings by Judicial Branch IT staff enhanced staff knowledge and understanding to learn Justware for a more uniformed, efficient case management system as well as provision of quality customer services.

The courts and law enforcement teamed up for a successful 2015 Justice/Law Day on May 5, 2015, with the theme “*Strengthening Diné Justice and Protecting Our Community.*” Local resources set up information booths. Lunch was served to the visitors. The goal was to educate the community on the courts and peacemaking, and to offer traditional teachings and promote awareness of the consequences of drunk driving by the Angels vs. Drunk Drivers Foundation.

On April 1, 2015, the Dilkon Judicial District staff visited the Seba Dalkai School. Judge Cynthia Thompson and court staff (staff attorney, clerks, and bailiff) presented to 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on court functions and the roles and duties of court personnel. The presentations emphasized the unique design of the Dilkon court facility that promotes Diné justice. The event concluded with staff giving a demonstration of a mock court.

A salary study was introduced by the National Center for State Courts on April 9-10, 2015; a survey was launched. The last salary study for the Judicial Branch was conducted approximately ten years ago. This is a hopeful project for Judicial Branch personnel.

The court administrator participated in work sessions with the Judicial Branch Budget Review Team in preparation for the FY2016 General Fund budget. The finalized proposed budget for the district was presented to the team and the Law and Order Committee on August 12, 2015.

A public hearing was held on August 31, 2015, by the Law and Order Committee of the Navajo Nation Council for Judge Cynthia Thompson. The hearing went well with the majority of the committee in favor of recommending permanent appointment. A big thank you to the Law and Order Committee.

### **Window Rock Judicial District**

The FY2015 budget development was successfully completed. The Window Rock Judicial District’s allocation for FY2016 is \$1,044,096.

In the month of November 2014, staff attorney Robyn Neswood-Etsitty and Judge Geraldine Benally created and implemented a pro-se petition to assist petitioners and respondents of adult guardianship.

The Window Rock Judicial District visitor, client, and guest register for the year totaled 12,135. This is the number of individuals who signed in for judicial services.

The Window Rock Judicial District actively kept up with the numerous special prosecutor cases. The criminal defense attorneys filed many motions which the court clerks, staff attorney, and judges addressed.



The staff attorney and court administrator assisted with direct services in addressing the public's needs by meeting with them, evaluating their needs, and guiding them in the right direction. The staff attorney assisted the Peacemaking Program in establishing policies and procedures.

The Window Rock Judicial District had a high domestic violence docket with complex child custody issues. Prudent efforts are made to ensure that orders are issued in a timely manner. The total number of domestic violence petition filed in FY2015 was 760 cases.

The Window Rock Judicial District completed 422 document requests in FY2015. These figures are relatively low because the district did not have staff available to complete the requests timely. The court was inundated with requests which have yet to be completed.

The Window Rock Judicial District's FY2015 fines and fee collection was \$60,255.95. That amount is broken down into: District Court Fines/Fees = \$19,406.95; Family Court Fines/Fees = \$9,085.00; Traffic Fines/Fees = \$31,764.00.

Judge Geraldine Benally and Carol Perry administered oaths of office for police officers, prosecutors, and council delegated. U.S. Representative Ann Kirkpatrick was sworn in February 6, 2015, in a special ceremony event hosted by the Navajo Nation.

The court clerks and court administrated participated in the Annual Four Corners Indian Country Conference in Ignacio, Colorado.

Staff attorney Robyn Neswood-Etsitty met with Leona Leonard and Wilfred Yazzie from Division of Social Services to turn over all nunc pro tuncs and amended orders. Altogether, 29 case files were reviewed and fixed making them Title IV-E eligible.

To understand the process, the staff attorney first met with families to explain the new Adult Guardianship Act before giving them a pro se packet.

### **Shiprock Judicial District**

Fiscal Year 2015 was a success for the Shiprock Judicial District with major building accomplishments on the probation and peacemaking modular building and roof repair on the court building.

The probation/peacemaking modular building was delivered onsite to Shiprock on December 19, 2014. Recognition goes to key individuals, including project manager M. Teresa Hopkins and construction manager VanDerrit Poyer, for taking the leads and overcoming tough obstacles. Through their excellent planning and collaboration skills, the project was finally on its way toward completion. In the second and third quarters of FY2015, the modular building was set up, Navajo Tribal Utility Authority completed the water line, sewer line and electrical connection, Frontier Communications installed the phone lines, and Judicial Branch Information Technology completed computer hardware and wireless internet installation. The Shiprock probation and peacemaking staff identified and purchased supplies, equipment and furniture. On April 30, 2015, a traditional blessing ceremony of the modular building was held. The certificate of occupancy was issued on June 3, 2015. The Shiprock Probation/Parole and Peacemaking Programs moved into their new building on July 27-31, 2015. They opened their doors on August 3, 2015, and celebrated an open house on August 7, 2015. The Shiprock Judicial District management, court personnel, construction project manager, fiscal staff, and probation and peacemaking staff successfully worked together to accomplish the move in and open house. The

Shiprock Judicial District is grateful for its new modular building which now houses the probation/parole services and peacemaking program.

Management of the Shiprock Judicial District implemented a general ledger maintenance process for the FY2015 general fund budget. Local maintenance of the business unit will allow for up-to-date information on line item expenditures, account balances, and reconciling. Court administrator Ethel Laughing participated in training in *General Ledger* on November 12, and office technician Emma Hannah attended on November 12-13, 2014. The district has access to the Navajo Nation Financial Management Information System (FMIS).

The Shiprock Judicial District Daily Visitors Register for FY2015 is as follows:

	District Court Hearing	Questions	Pay Fine	Paperwork	Family Court Hearings	Questions	Pay Fine	Paperwork	Peacemaking Session	Questions	Pay Stipend Fee	Paperwork	Probation Services	Questions	Others	TOTAL CLIENTS	METAL DETECTOR READINGS
1st Qtr	368	194	192	121	792	225	23	180	512	115	15	3	540	26	1,144	4,450	10,995
2nd Qtr	360	218	129	140	744	233	34	221	665	149	4	4	495	10	1,252	4,658	12,113
3rd Qtr	433	189	89	192	747	253	21	202	608	155	11	1	443	19	1,274	4,637	12,026
4th Qtr	347	221	117	137	645	257	14	173	702	63	8	1	186	9	1,207	4,087	11,306
TOTAL	1,508	822	527	590	2,928	968	92	776	2,487	482	38	9	1,664	64	4,877	17,832	46,440

District staff attorney Derrick Burbank held six pro se clinics throughout the fiscal year. Topics included divorce, probate, paternity, and custody.

Aneth Judge Irene S. Black assisted the Shiprock Judicial District on a part-time basis beginning December 8, 2014.

The district continued its efforts in the project planning of a Diné Justice Complex in Shiprock, NM. On March 12, 2015, the Northern Justice Committee (Northern Navajo Agency/Shiprock Public Safety and Judicial Facilities Task Force) met at the Shiprock Office of Diné Youth. The Committee formulated a demolition plan for the old Boys and Girls Club building which is located on the proposed site, components to review floor plan schemes, and updated the project proposal. Representatives present were from Shiprock Navajo Department of Law Enforcement, Shiprock Judicial District, Navajo Nation Corrections, AOC construction manager Van Poyer, and members of the Shiprock Planning Committee. The Committee is continuing efforts to seek funds for the demolition.

Six district court clerks and one bailiff completed advanced and specialized training as follows:

- Three district court clerks were awarded scholarships for airfare and lodging to participate in the advance court clerk training through the Tribal Judicial Institute.
- District court clerks Lucia Jensen and Marlene Johnson participated in the advanced court clerk and court administrator training on March 18-19, 2015, in Denver, Colorado. Ms. Jensen and Ms. Johnson were refreshed on understanding the judicial system, case management, customer service, financial management, statistics collection, and teamwork.
- On August 17-22, 2015, court clerk Caroline Barber attended the Basic Tribal Court Clerk Certification Training at the Tribal Judicial Institute in Bloomington, Minnesota. Participants received training on customer service; professional responsibilities; district and family proceedings; and case and records management to enhance clerk skills in all aspects of required duties and responsibilities.

District court clerks Shirley Ned, Daisy Paul, and Cornelia Jones completed training in “*Handling Domestic Violence Cases in Tribal Courts*” at the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada. Participants obtained new knowledge in handling domestic violence cases in tribal, state, and federal courts, as well as refresher information on other types of family, civil, and criminal cases.

On July 6-10, 2015, court bailiff Myron Begay completed Court Security Training at the County Sheriff’s Office of Colorado in Littleton, Colorado, to attain knowledge to perform his daily job activities more effectively. Participants completed 24 hours of ALERT security training and received certificates of completion.

The Shiprock Judicial District worked closely with Navajo Nation Facilities Maintenance on several renovation projects of the courthouse and other premise projects, i.e., repair of sink fixtures in the public and employee restrooms, replacement of damaged ceiling tiles, and roof repair. Facilities Maintenance built concrete steps for the entrance to the three portable storage buildings for safe, easier access to the units. Shiprock Judicial District appreciates the continued support of the Navajo Nation Facilities Maintenance.

The Shiprock Judicial District celebrated its 2015 Justice Day on April 10, 2015. The program featured a welcome address, introduction of staff, a moment of silence for fallen police officer Alex Yazzie, refreshments, and a luncheon of Navajo tacos. Local service providers set up informational/educational booths. Staff gave tours of the court building and disseminated door prizes and promotional items. Judge Genevieve Woody and probation officer Brent Detsoi gave a radio presentation on the history of the Navajo Nation Courts; passage of the Judicial Reform Act to create the NN Supreme Court; application of traditional principles; use of peacemaking; and the mandate of applying the Fundamental Law of the Diné in decision making. All thirteen judicial districts were acknowledged, and the Shiprock Judicial District staff was recognized for their participation and hard work.

On May 15, 2015, Judge Genevieve Woody spoke on the ‘Alchíni Bi Beehaz ánni Act of 2010 during the Shiprock 2015 Law Day. She presented on current laws concerning dependency, child in need of supervision, and delinquency, and addressed truancy, alcohol and substance abuse issues, and curfew laws.

The Shiprock Judicial District management participated in the FY2016 budget work sessions and served on the Budget Review Team. The district business unit budget was successfully developed and accepted for the FY2016 by the Law and Order Committee. The process involved extensive work with all Judicial Branch business units and the Budget Review Team.

### **Crownpoint Judicial District**

The modular building units were delivered to Pueblo Pintado on December 8, 2014. The modular units were set up and the water, sewer, and telephone lines were installed. The electrical connections have not been completed by Jemez Mountains Electric due to technicalities. Preliminary meetings to discuss implementation of the circuit court were held in preparation for the transition from Crownpoint to Pueblo Pintado as well as a meeting with surroundings communities on January 9, 2015. The Judicial Branch is working with officials of Pueblo Pintado Chapter in getting the electrical connection completed.

Staff of Crownpoint Judicial District met with the BIA superintendent and his realty office staff to discuss ways the two entities can address issues related to land status and claims.

In this fiscal year, the district's scanning activities included:

- 417 civil cases from calendar year 2006;
- 927 probation cases from calendar years 2006, 2007, 2008;
- 476 civil cases from year 2008;
- 413 civil cases from year 2009;
- 311 civil cases from year 2010.

The district still has approximately 28,527 backlogged cases that remain to be scanned.

In-service trainings were held for court staff throughout the year. Staff learned about personality disorders, civil procedures, evidence, team building, appeal case procedures, history of the courts, Title 7 revisions, and case management. Other trainings included a presentation by bi-culture training manager Roger Begay during the 2015 Justice Day celebration held in April 2015. Staff also attended various training offered by various entities, i.e., domestic violence training in Chinle, AZ; defensive tactics with local law enforcement; Four Corners Indian Country Conference in Ignacio, CO; Title IV-E at Twin Arrows, AZ; Criminal Justice Summit in Albuquerque, NM; and Background Investigation Conference in Albuquerque, NM; the Women's Conference in Albuquerque, NM; and MS Advance Excel in Albuquerque, NM.

The Crownpoint and Pueblo Pintado Courts celebrated its 2015 Justice Day in April 2015 with a presentation by bi-culture training manager Roger Begay, resource booths, and a luncheon served by the staff.

The Crownpoint Justice Center hosted a meeting with the Law & Order Committee of the Navajo Nation Council. The Judicial Branch oversight committee heard reports from the Law & Order Committee, Crownpoint Judicial District, and Crownpoint Department of Corrections.

Four temporary workers were hired to the end of September 2015: Elaine Billie as court clerk, Patrina Belen-Thompson as document technician; Berinda Blackie as custodian, and Loritta Largo as judicial hearing officer.

### **Ramah Judicial District**

The presiding judge heard 1,933 district and family court cases in FY2015.

In FY2015, the judge, staff attorney, and court administrator participated in quarterly judicial conferences, FY2015 budget hearings, and trainings that benefit their positions. The court administrator and office technician attended Justware conferences and trainings to benefit the court case management application in preparation for the district to go live.

Throughout the year, the Ramah Judicial District shared its staff attorney with Crownpoint, Chinle, and Dził Yijiin Judicial Districts. The judge also assisted with Crownpoint, Dilkon, To'hajiilee, and Alamo courts in handling cases and arraignments.

The court administrator and court staff held monthly staff meetings. These meetings helped the judge, court administrator, and other court employees to address personnel and operations concerns. These meetings helped to improve working relationships among staff, the public, and other departments.

The Ramah Judicial District hosted four quarterly joint resource meetings for area service providers to share information about resources available to defendants and community members, and to address concerns. Participants included the judge, staff attorney, court administrator, traditional program specialist, probation officer, Department of Behavioral Health Services, Office of the Prosecutor, Pine Hill Health Center, Ramah Navajo Division of Social Services, and local school officials.

The staff attorney gave training on “*Legal Information vs. Legal Advice*” and lunch was served to the staff during the annual staff development day.

The Ramah Judicial District hosted its 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Justice Day with a program, open house, and lunch for the public.

The staff completed training and obtained certification in CPR and first aid.

The Ramah Judicial District collected fines and fees in FY2015 as follows:

District Court	\$1,560.40
Family Court	\$565.00
Traffic fines	\$8,220.83
Cash Bond	<u>\$2,762.02</u>
Total	\$13,108.25

The district/family courts submitted quarterly reports/statistics and weekly recaps of revenue as required. Monthly vehicle mileage log reports were submitted on time.

The judge and staff attorney revised sample orders so that disposition of cases can occur more promptly. The judge and staff attorney assisted the NN Supreme Court and other judicial districts.

### **Alamo/To’hajiilee Judicial District**

Navajo Nation Criminal Justice Summit – Tribal Action Plan 50% Complete. On September 8, 9, and 10, 2015, the Navajo Nation Executive and Judicial Branches of government (Alamo/To’hajiilee Judicial District, Navajo Department of Law Enforcement, Navajo Nation Public Defender) hosted the 2015 Criminal Justice Summit in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Over 77 individuals from 12 districts attended. Presentations were designed to support the following goals of the summit:

1. Incorporating peacemaking into the criminal justice system.
2. What are the steps to implementing VAWA (Violence Against Women Act) in Navajo Nation.
3. Improve access to behavioral health services and support services (training for alcohol related offenses for police; Healing to Wellness Courts) for pretrial and post-conviction offenders.
4. Strengthening victim services in Navajo Nation (SORNA, DV).
5. Strengthening recruitment and retention of Navajo attorneys in the justice system.
6. Ascertain whether the Navajo Nation should adopt the Tribal Law and Order Act or find other alternative solutions.
7. Developing re-entry programs for Navajo for adults and youth.

The summit provided information on alternative sentencing initiatives, i.e., Aneth Community Court, the Alamo/To’hajiilee Judicial District Healing to Wellness/Teen Courts. There were presentations by the Federal Public Defender’s Office on the impacts of the Tribal Law and Order

Act and the Violence Against Women's Act on justice-involved Navajo defendants; the Navajo Department of Justice and Navajo Department of Law Enforcement on efforts they are making for SORNA (Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act); and the Fort Defiance Indian Hospital on the impacts of alcohol-related crime causes to children; and Hope McDonald-Lonetree, Tribal Relations Advisor for the Arizona U.S. Attorney's Office and Lenny Foster with the Navajo Department of Behavioral Health Services Corrections Project on re-entry programs for justice involved defendants exiting federal and state systems.

One important presentation was by Dr. Carolyn Morris (Diné) from United Healthcare. As a psychologist, she provided information on assessments and how they are used for co-occurring disorders. She talked about how to build bridges as justice communities with the health communities. Participants were engaged in this presentation because of the systems of care in their communities which consist primarily of Indian Health Services and P.L. 93-638 tribal behavioral health programs. She talked about historical trauma, trauma informed care, and hope for the addicted. It was an interesting, informative presentation from a Navajo psychologist on coordination of services for justice-involved Navajo defendants and access to services.

In order to facilitate the creation of a Tribal Action Plan, each district completed resource mapping and fears/needs assessment with the assistance of USDOJ consultant Melissa Riley and the Healing to Wellness care coordinator Jamie Mike, Veterans Justice Outreach coordinator Robertson Yazzie Jr., and Teen Court coordinator Eva Shenale. The results of the resource mapping and the fears and needs assessments for the Navajo Nation show that the top three fears are (1) domestic violence (elderly abuse/domestic violence); (2) substance and alcohol abuse/addictions; and (3) suicide. These activities are the beginning of the creation of a Navajo Nation Tribal Action Plan. A second summit will be scheduled in 2016 to complete the specific action plans in the 12 judicial districts that will support the assessments.

Presiding Judge William J.J. Platero provided information on his vision for strengthening the justice system for the Navajo Nation. Former Chief Justice Herb Yazzie gave participants advice on "nation building" and utilizing a Navajo restorative justice model. He supports development of Navajo fundamental law and utilizing a multi-disciplinary approach to address dispute resolution as a sovereign nation. The Summit was a great success; the next Summit is scheduled for Spring 2016.

Teen Court Program and Teen Court Activities. The Teen Court Program and Teen Court was created under the Diné Restorative Justice model whereby at Title 1, Section 204: The Diné Customary Law declares and teaches that: "(f) It is the right and freedom of the people that our children are provided with education to absorb wisdom, self-knowledge, and knowledge to empower them to make a living and participate in the growth of the Navajo Nation." The Teen Court coordinator provided services to three targeted populations: (1) youth involved in the justice system (delinquency, CHINS); (2) youth in school not yet abusing substances (school-based training); and (3) youth in the larger Navajo Nation. The goals of the program are to increase knowledge of the Navajo Judicial system and restorative justice; increase awareness of substance abuse issues and increase cultural awareness. For the youth involved in teen court proceedings, the goal is to address issues related to the original arrest and to find services to reduce recidivism. Based on these targeted goals and population, the Teen Court coordinator provides an array of services for the two communities. This initiative addresses a continuum of care from prevention to intervention specifically for youth.

Teen Court Hearings and Youth Juror Training. The Teen Courts for Alamo and To'hajiilee received referrals from the court for delinquency and Child in Need of Supervision (CHINS)

cases. The Teen Court coordinator recruited youth in the community to serve as jurors and receive training on how to render decisions on actual cases. The Alamo Teen Court held a training of jurors and teen court hearings on July 2, August 21, August 25, 2015. The court administrator was the acting Teen Court judge. A presentation was held for jurors on Navajo laws and judicial processes. The jurors were able to ask the child (defendant) and their parents questions and rendered a decision for community service or teachings or both.

School-Based Alcohol Prevention Programming in School with Teen Court. As a prevention component of restorative justice, the Teen Court is utilizing Botvin Life Skills substance abuse prevention curriculum in the middle school and high school at To'hajiilee. The curriculum teaches youth to make good decisions, utilize good communication skills, and set important goals for the future instead of abusing alcohol and/or drugs.

School-Based Alcohol Prevention Programming in School. Over 162 Navajo youth at To'hajiilee Community School completed an evidence-based substance abuse prevention program through the Alamo/To'hajiilee Judicial District Teen Court. In the Alamo Community, the coordinator, with assistance from Barbara Gordan, Alamo High School counselor, conducted a pre-survey with two freshmen classes on August 27 and August 31, 2015. Also, at Alamo School, Eva Shenale, behavioral health services, and the school counselor conducted Botvin Life Skills classes for middle school and high school students. Topics ranged from self-esteem, self-image, making good decisions, effects of tobacco use, alcohol/drug myths and realities, coping with anxiety. Similar presentations were provided to students at To'hajiilee Community School.

Home Safety Camp. The Navajo Times featured the Home Safety Camp held at the To'hajiilee Court in its July 20, 2015, edition. On July 21, 2015, the Peacemaking Teen Court and Office of Diné Youth hosted the safety camp to provide youth with resources and skills to address the multitude of issues at home when they may be alone. Local police officers provided information on meth and drugs and how they address those issues. There were also demonstrations on healthy snacks, fire safety, basic first aid, and compulsory school laws, and fun activities. It was a great success!

To'hajiilee Youth Council. The To'hajiilee Youth Council was created out of the Teen Court training and activities that occurred last fall. Some of the activities of the council included:

- elect officers for the youth council.
- train youth to be peer jurors for actual cases.
- conduct drug prevention activities in the community.
- putting up anti-drug and anti-alcohol messages in the community.
- strengthen their skills as youth advocates by putting together their own strategic plan and participating in the New Mexico Teen Court Association Leadership training (February 15-16, 2015) during the New Mexico legislative session. The New Mexico Teen Court Association provided free training on how to advocate for legislative initiatives that impacts youth in New Mexico.
- planned spring break activities for youth in the community from March 30 through 31, 2015. They outreached to youth in the community to do positive activities. They decided to do activities at the To'hajiilee Senior Center in order to learn from the local senior citizens. Over 285 youth attended the three-day event.
- provided fire safety, cultural activities, preparation of blue corn mush, egg hunt, coloring, crafts and games.
- with assistance from Teen Court coordinator Eva Shenale, helped the To'hajiilee Behavioral Health Services establish and implement Camp Triumph 2015 on June 17-18, 2015. The

- summer camp was taught by local law enforcement, court staff, peacemaking, and behavioral health services to teach youth critical life skills.
- forged new partnerships with the Navajo Nation Office of Diné Youth. The local office is located in Crownpoint New Mexico.
  - discussed raising funds for participation in the 2016 National UNITY (United National Indian Tribal Youth, Inc.) Conference in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. There was a tribal youth gathering in Washington, D.C., on July 9, 2015, that they watched and they were inspired to do something more. They felt that going to the UNITY conference in Oklahoma would be feasible.
  - met with Judge William J.J. Platero who gave them a presentation on leadership using the principles: (1) willingness in helping others; (2) having courage; (3) setting standards; (4) having confidence; (5) being competent; (6) being a team player; (7) being practical; (8) need to care; and (9) having fun.
  - helped with banners, decorations, and supplies to enter a float in the New Mexico State Fair parade. Everyone worked hard and helped clean afterwards.

Veterans Justice Outreach Project of the Healing to Wellness Court. The Veterans Justice Outreach Project of the Alamo and To'hajiilee Healing to Wellness Court expansion serves justice-involved Navajos both on and off the reservation who are involved in tribal or state courts by connecting them with services through the Veterans Affairs. The highest reported population of Navajo veterans was in Apache County in Arizona (1,877) and San Juan County in New Mexico (1,522). The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs contacted the Navajo Nation Judicial Branch in 2012 regarding the high number of justice-involved Navajo veterans found in the state courts in New Mexico. Their request was to assist them with connecting Navajo veterans with services that are currently located on reservation for the large population they were experiencing and serving. The Veteran's Justice Outreach Project is an expansion of the Healing to Wellness Specialty Courts for Alamo and To'hajiilee and funded through a 2013 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation USDOJ grant. The intent is to assist the VA with getting Navajo veterans signed up for services for service connected disabilities and to strengthen the tribe's response to address the increasing mental health (PTSD) issues associated with the large number of returning veterans that experienced trauma from combat who also end up in state courts or state prisons.

The Veterans Justice Outreach coordinator Robertson Yazzie was hired in early 2015, but, in November 2015, he resigned to join the New Mexico Veterans Services Department Rural Veterans Project to provide the same type of services for veterans in Northern New Mexico. He remains part of the evaluation and planning team as a state partner.

Before his departure, Mr. Yazzie was part of a tribal-federal work group to develop culturally appropriate behavioral health services for Navajo veterans. On August 24, 2015, Mr. Yazzie participated in a teleconference with the Veterans Affairs Indian Health Services workgroup 9, "Cultural Competency and Awareness" comprised of 15 members from the Veteran's Administration, Indian Health Services, Social Security Administration, tribes, and other professional disciplines. The purpose was to increase cultural awareness and develop culturally competent care for VA and IHS beneficiaries, including the dissemination of video/written materials, tribal consultation, health education materials, development of webinars, etc. Some of the challenges they have is increasing numbers in webinar attendance, sharing of information, collection of accurate data, measuring veteran metric and offering CEUS for social workers through the webinars. Their current projects include getting a Native American centric webinar collaboration with the VA's National Center for PTSD, create a PTSD-free consultation service for IHS providers, digital storytelling, webinar on WSU national tribal veteran study, create a VA



National Chaplaincy Center guidelines for native traditional practitioners and create a Tribal Veteran Quick Book.

Important partnerships were established with the primary federal agency that provides service to disabled veterans, particularly those suffering from drug addiction and mental illness. Also, an important partner in this effort is the New Mexico Department of Veterans Services. This department has veterans service officers in each county or region, plus the infrastructure to work with the Veterans Administration. The project also partnered with the VA Veterans Justice Outreach Project as a federal agency. A LISW (licensed social worker) assists with immediate assessments and placements of service connected veterans who are eligible under the VA health systems. The goals are to get Native American veterans signed up with the VA for service connected services.

Presently, the project is working with two Navajo veterans from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District in Bernalillo County. One is incarcerated and is requesting for traditional services. The coordinator is working with on-reservation services to coordinate the effort.

Other activities of the project include presentations at local chapters and veteran organizations in the Navajo Nation. One of the more exciting efforts is the request by the Veterans Affairs and Indian Health Services to include the Veterans Justice Outreach coordinator in their efforts to improve cultural competent care for all Native Americans.

Healing to Wellness Court. The Alamo/To'hajiilee Judicial District Healing to Wellness Court treatment team presented their project to the Navajo Nation Office of Public Defender, other staff, and treatment center personnel on November 14, 2014, at the Tuba City Justice Center. The 10 key components were presented and discussed. Favorable review of the project was discussed by the Public Defender's office and they are very supportive of this specialty court that provides intensive supervision and opportunities for consumers of behavioral health services to receive needed treatment with assistance from the presiding judge. A multi-disciplinary approach with treatment providers, court wellness personnel, and others is utilized to facilitate the defendant's journey to wellness. The post-plea defendants are part of this specialty court.

Alamo Strategic Plan Completed in Tribal Oriented Policing Training. The Alamo/To'hajiilee Judicial District Healing to Wellness Court treatment team, peacemaking, and Alamo Drug Task Force members attended the Tribal Oriented Policing training in Crownpoint on November 12-13, 2014. The group worked on a strategic plan for the Alamo community utilizing the TTeams Planning worksheet. Problems and resources were identified. The team analyzed underlying conditions and developed an action plan which will be distributed to the Alamo community and key policy makers. Highlights of the strategic plan include lack of police services in the Alamo community even though there is a high volume of drug trafficking, meth, ICE, pills, and alcohol leaving the community afraid to speak out. Further, there is no coordination of services and not enough being done for the community in prevention and intervention. This information will be taken back to the Alamo community task force for further discussions and implementation. The process for developing this strategic plan was facilitated by the Fox Valley Technical Assistance group for BJA funded projects.

Community Outreach and Education - Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The Alamo/To'hajiilee Judicial District specialty courts, Peacemaking Program, and Probation and Parole Services worked together to conduct domestic violence prevention presentations to defendants, the community, and to specialty court participants on October 10, 2014. The traditional program specialist presented information on how the Peacemaking Program can assist

in restoring peace and harmony among family members in situations when families are referred to the program or through walk-in referrals. Traditional teachings were presented as well. Probation Services informed clients that help is available through the Alamo Behavioral Health Services and Peacemaking Program. Referrals that come from the court are monitored to assure compliance and getting the services needed for families. Other guest speakers included Miss Alamo Nanette Ganadonegro who presented information on bullying in the school. She stated that she was bullied and had no interest in school; however, by talking with professional counselors and family members, she was able to overcome being bullied in school. Peacemaker David Singer presented traditional teachings on Ké. The feedback on the presentations from clients was excellent; the event concluded with a hot meal.

In the community of To'hajiilee, on October 29, 2014, the district specialty court coordinators for Healing to Wellness and Teen Court coordinated a community awareness presentation to prevent domestic violence to probation clients, BHS clients, and community members. The mini-conference, "Honoring Healthy Relationships," was co-sponsored by the Navajo Department of Behavioral Health Services. There were discussions as to how to deal with domestic violence and shelter homes available within the border town. There were also anti-drug information booths. The Alamo/To'hajiilee Judicial District provided information on Peacemaking Teen Court and the steering committee. The event concluded with a meal.

Alamo Town Hall. The Alamo/To'hajiilee Judicial District held a community town hall on November 10, 2014, in Alamo. Community members, the incoming council delegate, tribal and county police, Socorro County commissioners, and many others voiced concerns about the need for systems changes in the form of developing a better law enforcement and justice system. Several people shared their stories about how they are dealing with law enforcement services that are primarily located in Crownpoint, New Mexico, approximately 230 miles away. They discussed the challenges and offered solutions. One solution was to support the district's request for a new justice center with a detention facility to be built in Alamo. This effort is being spearheaded by the district judge. The establishment of a justice center would help Socorro County officers book and arrest criminal defendants without transporting them all the way to the Crownpoint Detention Facility. All agreed that this was a viable solution and efforts to advocate for them should be the focus through the Alamo Drug Prevention Task Force. The group decided to change its name to Naasgo Hozho Yin'zinn (Hope for Future Generations) Task Force. This naming in Navajo has power and direction for the group. This is an example of cultural sensitivity for this community.

Site Visit by USDOJ. The USDOJ BJA program manager conducted a site visit of all Judicial Branch projects including the Alamo/To'hajiilee Judicial District Healing to Wellness Court, the Aneth Community Court, and Peacemaking Program on October 28, 2014. The district shared information on program activities and received a letter stating that the district was in compliance with the grants. The Alamo-To'hajiilee Judicial District has a process of documenting all activities with grant activity reports with supporting information.

Health, Education and Human Services Committee. The Alamo/To'hajiilee Judicial District specialty courts coordinators presented the design and implementation of the Healing to Wellness Court and Teen Court that serve justice-involved adults and youth involved in alcohol-related crimes or activities to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council on March 17, 2015, at To'hajiilee Community School. The specialty courts use a Total Community Approach to address alcohol-related crime and offenses in coordination and collaboration with local behavioral health services, peacemaking, social services, and community steering committees. HEHSC member council delegate Norman M. Begay (Alamo, Ramah,

To'hajiilee) commended the project and said it was an important program which he has witnessed growing over time.

In support of the program, HEHSC member Amber Kanazbah Crotty (Beclabito, Cove, Gadiiahi/To'Koi, Red Valley, Tooh Haltsooi, Toadlena/Two Grey Hills, Tse' alnaozt'i'i') suggested to committee members that, as the oversight for the Nation's social programs, it is important to continue advocating for funding for behavioral health services. Delegate Crotty added that although the majority of programs on the Navajo Nation are geared toward services for women and children, it is imperative to also include social programs that serve the needs of Navajo men and boys who are also victims of violence, domestic abuse, and alcoholism.

Alamo Alcohol and Drug Prevention Task Force. The Alamo Alcohol and Drug Prevention Task Force was created as part of the Healing to Wellness and Teen Court specialty courts. The task force, formerly called a "steering committee," is comprised of local community members interested in voicing their concerns and advocating for increased behavioral health services for justice-involved individuals and families. The task force worked on a strategic plan and one of their policy issues is to support the building of a multi-purpose justice center. On March 11, 2015, members of the task force attended the New Mexico State Legislature Behavioral Health Day and met with key New Mexico legislators to request for funding for the project. Judge William Platero of Alamo/To'hajiilee Judicial District submitted a funding request for over \$13 million for a justice center through the New Mexico Tribal Infrastructure Fund (TIF). This effort is a result of the lack of law enforcement and detention facilities to hold defendants for purposes of engaging alcohol and drug intervention. Presently, justice-involved defendants are transported to Crownpoint and are out of their service areas and often return without needed coordination and services. On March 26, 2015, the task force met with Secretary of Indian Affairs Christine Zunie, county commissioners, Chief Justice Herb Yazzie, and others to discuss the community policy initiative. On June 8, 2015, the task force gave a presentation to the Law and Order Committee of the Navajo Nation Council to request more police services in the community.

#### To'hajiilee Steering Committee

- The To'hajiilee Steering committee was created last year as part of the specialty court projects. They completed a strategic plan and worked with the programs to plan and implement drug-free activities in the community.
- On June 15, 2015, at the Law and Order Committee meeting, the committee presented its strategic plan for the community and requested for more police services in the community.
- The committee worked with the To'hajiilee Youth Council. Advocacy training was given to committee members and their legislative initiative is to support the continued work of the specialty courts. They helped with community movie nights and winter storytelling, including coyote stories. The Peacemaking Program provided a presentation on "values" and how it relates to wellness.

Healing Day at To'hajiilee School. The district specialty court staff assisted with "Healing Day" at the To'hajiilee Community School on March 25, 2015. The programs provided empowerment training, teen building, and cultural education about corn pollen.

Eastern Navajo Agency Council. The specialty court team attended the Eastern Navajo Agency Council meeting on June 6, 2015, for the purpose of getting a supporting resolution for the collection of qualitative and quantitative data for the Healing to Wellness Courts and Teen Courts at Alamo and To'hajiilee. The team gave a short presentation on its efforts and received overwhelming support of the projects from the communities. Council Delegate Norman Begay (Alamo, Ramah, and To'hajiilee) was there to give support to this effort.

Law and Order Committee. The Law and Order Committee of the Navajo Nation Council had two meetings in the Alamo/To'hajiilee Judicial District on June 8 and June 15, 2015. Judge William J.J. Platero presented information on the district specialty court development and the special projects of the district including the design and construction of a multi-purpose justice center in Alamo. Court administrator Regina Roanhorse provided data on alcohol-related deaths and chronic illnesses of the Healing to Wellness Specialty Court justice-involved defendants in the district. She presented information on the Teen Court and programming for youth project called a Total Community Approach. A full presentation incorporating all the discussions of restorative justice and the use of traditional teachings in the specialty courts (Healing to Wellness and Teen Court) was provided to the Law and Order Committee on June 18, 2015.

Veterans Justice Outreach Coordination. On June 2, 2015, the specialty court team met with Camille Lopez, LISW with the Veterans Affairs Veterans Justice Outreach Project, to introduce new Veterans Justice Outreach coordinator Robertson Yazzie, Jr., provide an outline of services and activities, and to establish an important partnership with the primary federal agency that provides service connected disabled veterans, particularly those suffering from drug addiction and mental illness. This was a pivotal meeting to begin the process of strengthening our program in efforts to establish a coordination of services for Navajo Nation veterans who are involved in the justice system. The Veterans Justice Outreach project for the Healing to Wellness Court is funded through a 2013 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation USDOJ grant. The vision is to begin the process of establishing a specialty court for justice-involved veterans in the Navajo Nation. There are services provided through Indian Health Services and the VA that would benefit their recovery and keep them out of jail. The group also discussed sharing of data and scheduling a future tour of the Albuquerque VA hospital.

Law Enforcement Coordination of Services. The specialty court team met with Captain Steve Nelson, Officer Julian Henry, and the Office of Diné Youth to discuss future youth “police academy” in To'hajiilee or Alamo. The Office of Diné Youth does not have offices in To'hajiilee or Alamo so this was an opportunity to reach out for services for To'hajiilee and Alamo youth. An agenda was developed to provide a one-day outreach and to assist with Camp Triumph for the youth. Efforts are being made to recruit and educate the police in the area about participating in the healing to wellness courts. The specialty court team provided outreach and education at Crownpoint Law Day in Crownpoint, NM, on May 8, 2015.

### **C. Peacemaking Program of the Navajo Nation**

The goal of Peacemaking is to find justice and restore participants to harmonious, productive membership in their families and communities. Peacemaking is not Anglo-style mediation or arbitration. The process engages people facing disharmony by talking it out, finding solutions to their problems, and removing chaos from their lives. Peacemaking is governed by a Plan of Operations that was adopted in 2012. The first value in the Plan is that these services be available to Diné of all denominations. Peacemaking practices are relevant to Diné of all religious beliefs because they are deeply rooted in Navajo culture.

Long-time program coordinator Gloria Benally retired, and has been replaced by Roman Bitsuie. Mr. Bitsuie is reviewing the organizational structure and other aspects of the Program. Facilities and equipment continue to be significant obstacles to service delivery. Addressing these issues and strengthening the role of peacemaking as an alternative to adversarial court processes are priorities in FY2016.

With services to youth as a high priority, the program is focused on direct services. Traditional education is focused on life values, i.e., individuals taking more personal responsibility for resolving their conflicts, rather than depending on the courts. When conflicts must be addressed, traditional program specialists and peacemakers are skilled professionals, respected in their communities, who guide participants through the process. They guide people to manage difficult discussions productively.

Program services include peacemaking, *Álchíní BáNdazhnit'á* (Diné family group conferencing), and individual and group life value engagements in which cultural values such as *k'é* (importance of relationships), *t'ááhó ájít'éigo*, (it is up to you), *nábináhaazláago* (completeness), and *bitsé silei* (the process of thinking, planning, effecting, and ultimate responsibility) are conveyed through applying narratives to the matter at hand. The Program's group engagement circles focus on traditional parenting, substance abuse, despair and other themes. It is the only program on the Navajo Nation providing such services to families and individuals involved in dependency proceedings on the Navajo Nation.

Most peacemaking services fall into these categories:

- Youth (CHINS, delinquency, beyond control, truancy, expulsion from school, fighting, tardies, home problems)
- Youth Classified Under Title 4E (custody, visitation, guardianship, neglect, abuse, endangerment)
- Criminal (unlawful use of weapon, DUI, aggravated assault, threatening, disorderly conduct, public intoxication, criminal damage, criminal, battery)
- Family Disharmony (divorce, home issues, family conflict)
- Elderly (custody, guardianship, in need, abuse)
- Petitions (probate, quiet title, declaration of name, validation of marriage, paternity)
- Traditional Teachings (alchi yalti)
- Domestic Violence (spouse, in-laws, siblings, parents, children, neighbor, relative, non-relative)

Services are delivered in several ways. The central office is in Window Rock, where program coordination, oversight, and policy work are done by the program coordinator, traditional Diné researcher, community development specialist, and an office technician. Each judicial district is home to a traditional program specialist (TPS). TPS perform intake and evaluation, some peacemaking services, community outreach, coordination with other service providers, and develop agreements with schools for youth services. Other peacemaking services are performed by community peacemakers, selected by each chapter.

The TPS and other members of the Peacemaking Program staff provided services and promoted peacemaking to approximately 7,000 individuals at 17 locations. The program entered into Memoranda of Agreement with over 30 schools to provide services to youth and in support of school administrators. The Peacemaking Youth Engagement and Apprenticeship Program trains youth peacemakers to restore harmony among their peers.

The Program had many accomplishments in FY2015. Here are a few examples:

#### Youth and Education Services

- Shiprock traditional program specialist Ray Deal provided traditional education on the importance of positive child development/celebration during the 16<sup>th</sup> Division of Social Services Annual Domestic Violence Conference. The program worked with students on

- truancy and life value engagement services. The sessions were a success and, as a result, it helped the students to graduate from high school in May 2015. The Shiprock PMP conducted a successful 2015 Peacemakers Youth Community Conference on June 26, 2015, for a total of 94 participants. This year's theme was domestic violence awareness. On June 23 and 24, 2015, the Shiprock Peacemaking Program held its 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Conference at the new Shiprock Youth Center. The TPS collaborated with the Restoring and Celebrating Family Wellness (RCFW) team to present on *ada'hodilzin* (reverence for self).
- Chinle Peacemaking Program obtained Memoranda of Agreement with Pinon Schools, Chinle Unified School District #24 and Chinle Unified School District # 27, and Ramah Peacemaking Program worked on an MOA with Pine Hills Schools. These MOAs authorize the program to provide peacemaking services to students in local schools. The program will focus on conveying a sense of pride to students using Diné traditional knowledge. The peacemaking coordinator, bi-culture training manager, and traditional Diné researcher gave presentations during the "Saving Our Students Conference" in Chinle, Arizona. Presentations were on traditional values and education in issues that directly involve the youth, i.e., truancy, bullying, social problems, substance abuse, etc. The program provided Navajo traditional teachings to empower the youth to deal with disputes and violence issues.
  - The Window Rock PMP assisted the family court judge in providing traditional *achi'yati* to individuals going through the divorce process, especially in cases where children are involved. Through this *achi'yati*, parents are reminded that they have responsibilities as parents regardless of their decisions to go their separate ways. Most participants expressed appreciation for the *achi'yati*; most saying that traditional *achi'yati* and teachings of the elders are absent from their lives. The judges also noticed less recidivism in the district through the criminal process and in the family court.
  - In Tuba City, the program received a referral to help a family with four children to address truancy issues. The assigned peacemaker met with the children on a weekly basis at the school. At the end of the school year, the children had fewer absences and improved grades. The program worked with a one-year old case involving a delinquent child. The child was provided individual and Diné family group conferencing. The parents were impressed with the group conferencing so they requested for services to include their other children. The eldest child graduated from high school this past spring and is seeking employment. The younger children are still in school, and they continue to stay out of trouble. The father, through self-realization, started his own counseling sessions to address anger issues.

#### Adult and Community Activities

- The Dził Yijiin Peacemaking Program is offering counseling and education on prevention services within the community to address concerns regarding alcohol and substance abuse in efforts to make the community a safer environment.
- The traditional Diné researcher provided education to probationers with the Kayenta Judicial District. The audience was receptive to his presentation on "*Self-Identity—Traditional Diné Perspective.*" There were discussions which let individuals express themselves and engage in dialogue to allow them to release stress and worries. The traditional Diné researcher provided a second session on "*Diné Dolzin.*" This presentation touched on abuse among family members with a focus on respect.
- Bi-culture training manager Roger Begay gave a presentation on peacemaking in the educational environment during the Native American Grant School Association Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. The presentation focused on peacemaking services and life value engagement services in the schools to address truancy, bullying, gang violence, parenting, and different types of social problems. The Alamo PMP partnered with the Healing to Wellness Court by holding a "Talking Circle" at the Alamo peacemaking hogan for clients to

- address stress and anger issues. After the event, some of the clients requested to use the peacemaking hogan for traditional ceremonies.
- Window Rock PMP's objective is to outreach to local service providers through educational presentations. The traditional program specialist met with the Navajo Housing Authority housing coordinator and housing specialist to discuss strategies to implement this objective and discuss topics, scheduling, and location of classes. In Tuba City, the staff of Ganado/Burnside NHA requested education on traditional teachings of Hogan hazaado nanintin (care of the dwelling), living in a cluster community, being neighborly, and encouraging public rental tenants to pursue home ownership.
  - Representatives from the Navajo Nation Peacemaking Program, Administrative Office of the Courts, Probation/Parole Services, Office of Public Defender, Office of Prosecutor, Navajo Department of Law Enforcement, Department of Corrections, Workforce Development, Arizona State, and Navajo Nation Council Law and Order Committee participated in a meeting regarding reentry of incarcerated Navajo individuals back into Navajo society and where these individuals can obtain assistance to help them transition from the jail environment back to the reservation and once again be part of the Navajo Nation.
  - Administration. The traditional Diné researcher, community development specialist, and program coordinator completed case reviews, case inventories, and personnel evaluations at Crownpoint, Shiprock, Aneth, Kayenta, Chinle, Dził Yijiin, Dilkon, Ramah, and Window Rock. Training needs were also identified.
  - Window Rock PMP provided technical assistance to TPS and peacemakers in the areas of dispute resolution and implementation, and development of peacemaking in the communities. In February 2015, the Central PMP implemented weekly Navajo language classes. The instruction is integrated with cultural awareness, traditional values and history, and the importance of cultural knowledge related to court terminology. Participants included peacemaking staff, traditional program specialists, peacemakers, and personnel from the districts, Administrative Office of the Courts, and Supreme Court.
  - Community development specialist Kristina Manymules coordinated and facilitated four Tribal Court Improvement Program advisory meetings during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. In addition, the CDS developed a Community Service Plan for the following regions: Tuba City/Kayenta, Dził Yijiin/Dilkon/Chinle, Crownpoint/Ramah, and Shiprock. In conjunction with the Community Service Plan, priority communities in need of peacemaking services were identified. She also organized and facilitated the Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect training and Tribal Court Improvement Program meetings in several communities.

#### **D. Probation Services of the Navajo Nation**

The Navajo Nation Probation and Parole Services identified three probation officers to serve as subject matter experts (SMEs) to represent probation services and to provide technical support and guidance regarding issues with the Justware case management application. The three SMEs are assigned to district regions, Eastern, Central and Western. The SMEs worked with assigned districts, reported to PPS supervisors, and provided the status of end users at the districts. This method is working well so SMEs are able to obtain pros and cons of end users and find solutions to make Justware a more user-friendly tool. Navajo Nation Probation and Parole Services is also working toward uniformity in this area.

Navajo Nation Probation Services coordinated a two-day training on investigating pre-sentence report cases and compiling reports for submission. The training instructor was knowledgeable in investigation techniques, awareness of safety issues (location and surroundings), asking appropriate questions, obtaining pertinent information relating to the crime and victims as well as

other vital information. Probation officers made inquiries and illustrated scenarios they experienced. They walked away from the training session with a better understanding of compiling a pre-sentence report and investigation.

The Navajo Nation Probation and Parole Services completed annual evaluations for all probation staff. Thirty probation personnel within 11 districts were evaluated by their respective regional supervisor. The evaluation process consisted of having each probation officer fill out his/her own evaluation form and then sitting down with his/her supervisor to go over the evaluation to discuss ratings and set goals to meet before the next evaluation date.

The chief probation officer (CPO) and senior probation officers worked on revising the Standard Operating Procedural Manual. The revision of the manual is a lengthy process. The group is taking into consideration detailed aspects of duties and responsibilities, the probation/parole process, and safety issues of the probation staff. Each section of the manual is specific in terms of process for an easy user-friendly manual for the probation staff. The group completed over half of the manual and will continue to work on the revisions until it is completed.

The Shiprock Probation and Parole Services moved into its new modular building and opened its doors to the public for direct services. The probation officers are now able to provide adequate and efficient services with sufficient office space that requires meeting with clients on a private or confidential level and environment.

The Navajo Nation Probation and Parole Services coordinated the 2<sup>nd</sup> Navajo Tribal Probation Academy. Four one-week sessions will be held in the next fiscal year.

Probation and Parole Services compiled its budget for 2016 and took a slight cut but managed to calculate funds in its appropriate line item. Justification and presentation for the department were provided before members of the Law and Order Committee. The presentation was accepted.

Probation and Parole Services coordinated and held three quarterly meetings for probation officers and support staff. During these meetings, probation officers and staff obtained pertinent information regarding their job duties and responsibilities, received updates regarding the Judicial Branch, discussed the continual development of probation services and shared district announcements. A one-day training session is included with the quarterly meeting.

The Navajo Nation Probation and Parole Services has 13 locations open and operating at Aneth, Shiprock, Crownpoint, Pueblo Pintado, To'hajiilee, Alamo, Ramah, Window Rock, Dilkon, Chinle, Kayenta, Dził Yijiin, and Tuba City. PPS is receiving cases, providing services for clients, and obtaining and reporting statistical data for all 13 locations on a monthly and quarterly basis.

Calendar year 2015 was a productive and busy year for Navajo Nation Probation Services. The probation officers worked diligently, applied professionalism, and demonstrated integrity throughout the year. The CPO worked on and advocated for more training and provided direction on a daily basis. The CPO appreciates the probation officers' patience, consideration, and understanding. The program looks forward to enhancing the Navajo Nation Probation Services into the next fiscal year with more opportunities.



## 5. Judicial Branch FY2015 Statistical Caseload Reports

### FY2015 OVERALL STATISTICS BY LOCATION

LOCATION	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Supreme Court	69	0.3%	108	0.3%	177	0.3%	101	0.3%	76	0.4%
Alamo	172	0.8%	227	0.7%	399	0.8%	229	0.7%	170	0.8%
Aneth	305	1.4%	674	2.1%	979	1.8%	612	1.9%	367	1.7%
Chinle	2,047	9.6%	3,057	9.7%	5,104	9.6%	3,265	10.2%	1,839	8.7%
Crownpoint	1,336	6.2%	2,519	8.0%	3,855	7.3%	2,349	7.4%	1,506	7.1%
Dilkon	913	4.3%	1,349	4.3%	2,262	4.3%	1,180	3.7%	1,082	5.1%
Dził Yijjin	605	2.8%	910	2.9%	1,515	2.9%	972	3.0%	543	2.6%
Kayenta	1,228	5.7%	2,220	7.0%	3,448	6.5%	2,401	7.5%	1,047	5.0%
Pueblo Pintado	113	0.5%	247	0.8%	360	0.7%	278	0.9%	82	0.4%
Ramah	1,933	9.0%	775	2.5%	2,708	5.1%	660	2.1%	2,048	9.7%
Shiprock	3,529	16.5%	3,177	10.1%	6,706	12.7%	4,199	13.2%	2,507	11.9%
To'hajilee	356	1.7%	180	0.6%	536	1.0%	220	0.7%	316	1.5%
Tuba City	1,527	7.1%	3,726	11.8%	5,253	9.9%	3,571	11.2%	1,682	8.0%
Window Rock	4,262	19.9%	3,652	11.6%	7,914	14.9%	3,117	9.8%	4,797	22.7%
Probation Services	2,699	12.6%	7,912	25.1%	10,611	20.0%	7,985	25.0%	2,626	12.5%
Peacemaking	338	1.6%	806	2.6%	1,144	2.2%	743	2.3%	401	1.9%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,432</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>31,539</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>52,971</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>31,882</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>21,089</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### FY2015 OVERALL STATISTICS BY CASE TYPE

CASE TYPE	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	1,506	7.0%	1,225	3.9%	2,731	5.2%	1,216	3.8%	1,515	7.2%
Criminal	6,496	30.3%	6,633	21.0%	13,129	24.8%	6,022	18.9%	7,107	33.7%
Civil Traffic	4,988	23.3%	7,340	23.3%	12,328	23.3%	8,428	26.4%	3,900	18.5%
Criminal Traffic	1,964	9.2%	1,027	3.3%	2,991	5.6%	1,251	3.9%	1,740	8.3%
Family Civil	1,788	8.3%	1,921	6.1%	3,709	7.0%	1,805	5.7%	1,904	9.0%
Domestic Violence	1,011	4.7%	4,105	13.0%	5,116	9.7%	3,942	12.4%	1,174	5.6%
Dependency	300	1.4%	258	0.8%	558	1.1%	183	0.6%	375	1.8%
Delinquency	183	0.9%	116	0.4%	299	0.6%	134	0.4%	165	0.8%
CHINS	90	0.4%	88	0.3%	178	0.3%	72	0.2%	106	0.5%
Supreme Court	69	0.3%	108	0.3%	177	0.3%	101	0.3%	76	0.4%
Probation/Parole	2,699	12.6%	7,912	25.1%	10,611	20.0%	7,985	25.0%	2,626	12.5%
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### SUPREME COURT OF THE NAVAJO NATION

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed		Pending	
Civil	65	94%	76	70%	141	80%	71	70%	70	92%
Criminal	3	4%	2	2%	5	3%	3	3%	2	3%
NNBA	0	0%	30	28%	30	17%	27	27%	3	4%
Special Proceedings	1	1%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	1	1%
<b>Annual Case Load</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>100%</b>

**ALAMO COURT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	17	10%	57	25%	74	19%	33	14%	41	24%
Criminal	77	45%	46	20%	123	31%	49	21%	74	44%
Civil Traffic	30	17%	10	4%	40	10%	21	9%	19	11%
Criminal Traffic	9	5%	4	2%	13	3%	6	3%	7	4%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>133</b>		<b>117</b>		<b>250</b>		<b>109</b>		<b>141</b>	
Family Civil	14	8%	38	17%	52	13%	37	16%	15	9%
Domestic Violence	16	9%	57	25%	73	18%	71	31%	2	1%
Dependency	1	1%	3	1%	4	1%	2	1%	2	1%
Delinquency	1	1%	2	1%	3	1%	2	1%	1	1%
CHINS	7	4%	10	4%	17	4%	8	3%	9	5%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>39</b>		<b>110</b>		<b>149</b>		<b>120</b>		<b>29</b>	
<b>Annual Case Load</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>100%</b>

**ANETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	40	13%	43	6%	83	8%	53	9%	30	8%
Criminal	105	34%	150	22%	255	26%	75	12%	180	49%
Civil Traffic	45	15%	286	42%	331	34%	292	48%	39	11%
Criminal Traffic	42	14%	25	4%	67	7%	23	4%	44	12%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>232</b>		<b>504</b>		<b>736</b>		<b>443</b>		<b>293</b>	
Family Civil	59	19%	75	11%	134	14%	73	12%	61	17%
Domestic Violence	9	3%	94	14%	103	11%	92	15%	11	3%
Dependency	3	1%	1	0%	4	0%	2	0%	2	1%
Delinquency	2	1%	0	0%	2	0%	2	0%	0	0%
CHINS	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>73</b>		<b>170</b>		<b>243</b>		<b>169</b>		<b>74</b>	
<b>Annual Case Load</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>100%</b>

**CHINLE JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	85	4%	168	5%	253	5%	169	5%	84	5%
Criminal	947	46%	1,185	39%	2,132	42%	1,093	33%	1,039	56%
Civil Traffic	565	28%	879	29%	1,444	28%	1,217	37%	227	12%
Criminal Traffic	156	8%	92	3%	248	5%	62	2%	186	10%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>1,753</b>		<b>2,324</b>		<b>4,077</b>		<b>2,541</b>		<b>1,536</b>	
Family Civil	118	6%	243	8%	361	7%	247	8%	114	6%
Domestic Violence	144	7%	453	15%	597	12%	429	13%	168	9%
Dependency	22	1%	21	1%	43	1%	25	1%	18	1%
Delinquency	8	0%	11	0%	19	0%	18	1%	1	0%
CHINS	2	0%	5	0%	7	0%	5	0%	2	0%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>294</b>		<b>733</b>		<b>1,027</b>		<b>724</b>		<b>303</b>	
<b>Annual Case Load</b>	<b>2,047</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3,057</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5,104</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3,265</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,839</b>	<b>100%</b>

**CROWNPOINT JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	90	7%	180	7%	270	7%	204	9%	66	4%
Criminal	564	42%	511	20%	1,075	28%	496	21%	579	38%
Civil Traffic	237	18%	908	36%	1,145	30%	761	32%	384	25%
Criminal Traffic	176	13%	135	5%	311	8%	107	5%	204	14%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>1,067</b>		<b>1,734</b>		<b>2,801</b>		<b>1,568</b>		<b>1,233</b>	
Family Civil	96	7%	232	9%	328	9%	205	9%	123	8%
Domestic Violence	71	5%	465	18%	536	14%	498	21%	38	3%
Dependency	54	4%	52	2%	106	3%	37	2%	69	5%
Delinquency	19	1%	21	1%	40	1%	31	1%	9	1%
CHINS	29	2%	15	1%	44	1%	10	0%	34	2%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>269</b>		<b>785</b>		<b>1,054</b>		<b>781</b>		<b>273</b>	
<b>Annual Case Load</b>	<b>1,336</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,519</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3,855</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,349</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,506</b>	<b>100%</b>

**DILKON JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	45	5%	47	3%	92	4%	37	3%	55	5%
Criminal	513	56%	428	32%	941	42%	235	20%	706	65%
Civil Traffic	93	10%	477	35%	570	25%	542	46%	28	3%
Criminal Traffic	77	8%	19	1%	96	4%	20	2%	76	7%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>728</b>		<b>971</b>		<b>1,699</b>		<b>834</b>		<b>865</b>	
Family Civil	127	14%	153	11%	280	12%	139	12%	141	13%
Domestic Violence	22	2%	201	15%	223	10%	188	16%	35	3%
Dependency	18	2%	20	1%	38	2%	18	2%	20	2%
Delinquency	18	2%	4	0%	22	1%	1	0%	21	2%
CHINS	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>185</b>		<b>378</b>		<b>563</b>		<b>346</b>		<b>217</b>	
<b>Annual Case Load</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,349</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,262</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,180</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,082</b>	<b>100%</b>

**DZİŁ YJIIN JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	24	4%	57	6%	81	5%	65	7%	16	3%
Criminal	266	44%	402	44%	668	44%	480	49%	188	35%
Civil Traffic	167	28%	142	16%	309	20%	127	13%	182	34%
Criminal Traffic	28	5%	40	4%	68	4%	55	6%	13	2%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>485</b>		<b>641</b>		<b>1,126</b>		<b>727</b>		<b>399</b>	
Family Civil	41	7%	71	8%	112	7%	48	5%	64	12%
Domestic Violence	75	12%	176	19%	251	17%	187	19%	64	12%
Dependency	3	0%	13	1%	16	1%	5	1%	11	2%
Delinquency	1	0%	7	1%	8	1%	4	0%	4	1%
CHINS	0	0%	2	0%	2	0%	1	0%	1	0%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>120</b>		<b>269</b>		<b>389</b>		<b>245</b>		<b>144</b>	
<b>Annual Case Load</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,515</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>972</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>100%</b>

**KAYENTA JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	44	4%	115	5%	159	5%	121	5%	38	4%
Criminal	613	50%	337	15%	950	28%	508	21%	442	42%
Civil Traffic	160	13%	1,113	50%	1,273	37%	1,086	45%	187	18%
Criminal Traffic	133	11%	55	2%	188	5%	92	4%	96	9%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>950</b>		<b>1,620</b>		<b>2,570</b>		<b>1,807</b>		<b>763</b>	
Family Civil	91	7%	124	6%	215	6%	123	5%	92	9%
Domestic Violence	163	13%	452	20%	615	18%	453	19%	162	15%
Dependency	14	1%	21	1%	35	1%	12	0%	23	2%
Delinquency	10	1%	2	0%	12	0%	5	0%	7	1%
CHINS	0	0%	1	0%	1	0%	1	0%	0	0%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>278</b>		<b>600</b>		<b>878</b>		<b>594</b>		<b>284</b>	
<b>Annual Case Load</b>	<b>1,228</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,220</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3,448</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,401</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,047</b>	<b>100%</b>

**PUEBLO PINTADO COURT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	10	9%	16	6%	26	7%	20	7%	6	7%
Criminal	47	42%	94	38%	141	39%	105	38%	36	44%
Civil Traffic	24	21%	7	3%	31	9%	19	7%	12	15%
Criminal Traffic	7	6%	9	4%	16	4%	9	3%	7	9%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>88</b>		<b>126</b>		<b>214</b>		<b>153</b>		<b>61</b>	
Family Civil	7	6%	35	14%	42	12%	37	13%	5	6%
Domestic Violence	13	12%	76	31%	89	25%	85	31%	4	5%
Dependency	5	4%	10	4%	15	4%	3	1%	12	15%
Delinquency	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
CHINS	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>25</b>		<b>121</b>		<b>146</b>		<b>125</b>		<b>21</b>	
<b>Annual Case Load</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>100%</b>

**RAMAH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	40	2%	12	2%	52	2%	14	2%	38	2%
Criminal	438	23%	337	43%	775	29%	316	48%	459	22%
Civil Traffic	1,262	65%	285	37%	1,547	57%	221	33%	1,326	65%
Criminal Traffic	79	4%	42	5%	121	4%	41	6%	80	4%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>1,819</b>		<b>676</b>		<b>2,495</b>		<b>592</b>		<b>1,903</b>	
Family Civil	44	2%	35	5%	79	3%	19	3%	60	3%
Domestic Violence	46	2%	51	7%	97	4%	38	6%	59	3%
Dependency	11	1%	3	0%	14	1%	0	0%	14	1%
Delinquency	11	1%	9	1%	20	1%	8	1%	12	1%
CHINS	2	0%	1	0%	3	0%	3	0%	0	0%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>114</b>		<b>99</b>		<b>213</b>		<b>68</b>		<b>145</b>	
<b>Annual Case Load</b>	<b>1,933</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,708</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,048</b>	<b>100%</b>

**SHIPROCK JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	186	5%	169	5%	355	5%	178	4%	177	7%
Criminal	944	27%	1,007	32%	1,951	29%	1,005	24%	946	38%
Civil Traffic	1,241	35%	471	15%	1,712	26%	1,408	34%	304	12%
Criminal Traffic	758	21%	348	11%	1,106	16%	567	14%	539	21%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>3,129</b>		<b>1,995</b>		<b>5,124</b>		<b>3,158</b>		<b>1,966</b>	
Family Civil	220	6%	319	10%	539	8%	269	6%	270	11%
Domestic Violence	110	3%	824	26%	934	14%	723	17%	211	8%
Dependency	19	1%	21	1%	40	1%	21	1%	19	1%
Delinquency	24	1%	12	0%	36	1%	14	0%	22	1%
CHINS	27	1%	6	0%	33	0%	14	0%	19	1%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>400</b>		<b>1,182</b>		<b>1,582</b>		<b>1,041</b>		<b>541</b>	
<b>Annual Case Load</b>	<b>3,529</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3,177</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>6,706</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4,199</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,507</b>	<b>100%</b>

**TO'HAIJILEE COURT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	10	3%	6	3%	16	3%	12	5%	4	1%
Criminal	191	54%	41	23%	232	43%	75	34%	157	50%
Civil Traffic	82	23%	31	17%	113	21%	45	20%	68	22%
Criminal Traffic	22	6%	7	4%	29	5%	6	3%	23	7%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>305</b>		<b>85</b>		<b>390</b>		<b>138</b>		<b>252</b>	
Family Civil	27	8%	48	27%	75	14%	39	18%	36	11%
Domestic Violence	6	2%	29	16%	35	7%	31	14%	4	1%
Dependency	1	0%	7	4%	8	1%	2	1%	6	2%
Delinquency	7	2%	3	2%	10	2%	3	1%	7	2%
CHINS	10	3%	8	4%	18	3%	7	3%	11	3%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>51</b>		<b>95</b>		<b>146</b>		<b>82</b>		<b>64</b>	
<b>Annual Case Load</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>100%</b>

**TUBA CITY JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	44	3%	73	2%	117	2%	84	2%	33	2%
Criminal	717	47%	1,399	38%	2,116	40%	1,041	29%	1,075	64%
Civil Traffic	330	22%	1,476	40%	1,806	34%	1,637	46%	169	10%
Criminal Traffic	220	14%	121	3%	341	6%	174	5%	167	10%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>1,311</b>		<b>3,069</b>		<b>4,380</b>		<b>2,936</b>		<b>1,444</b>	
Family Civil	123	8%	106	3%	229	4%	97	3%	132	8%
Domestic Violence	34	2%	467	13%	501	10%	448	13%	53	3%
Dependency	34	2%	35	1%	69	1%	31	1%	38	2%
Delinquency	25	2%	27	1%	52	1%	38	1%	14	1%
CHINS	0	0%	22	1%	22	0%	21	1%	1	0%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>216</b>		<b>657</b>		<b>873</b>		<b>635</b>		<b>238</b>	
<b>Annual Case Load</b>	<b>1,527</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3,726</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5,253</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3,571</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,682</b>	<b>100%</b>

**WINDOW ROCK JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	871	20%	282	8%	1,153	15%	226	7%	927	19%
Criminal	1,074	25%	696	19%	1,770	22%	544	17%	1,226	26%
Civil Traffic	752	18%	1,255	34%	2,007	25%	1,052	34%	955	20%
Criminal Traffic	257	6%	130	4%	387	5%	89	3%	298	6%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>2,954</b>		<b>2,363</b>		<b>5,317</b>		<b>1,911</b>		<b>3,406</b>	
Family Civil	821	19%	442	12%	1,263	16%	472	15%	791	16%
Domestic Violence	302	7%	760	21%	1,062	13%	699	22%	363	8%
Dependency	115	3%	51	1%	166	2%	25	1%	141	3%
Delinquency	57	1%	18	0%	75	1%	8	0%	67	1%
CHINS	13	0%	18	0%	31	0%	2	0%	29	1%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>1,308</b>		<b>1,289</b>		<b>2,597</b>		<b>1,206</b>		<b>1,391</b>	
<b>Annual Case Load</b>	<b>4,262</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3,652</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>7,914</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3,117</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4,797</b>	<b>100%</b>

**NAVAJO NATION PROBATION SERVICES**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Adult Probation	937	35%	1,299	16%	2,236	21%	1,368	17%	868	33%
Adult Parole	23	1%	87	1%	110	1%	82	1%	28	1%
Adult Short-Term Probation	1,623	60%	6,258	79%	7,881	74%	6,288	79%	1,593	61%
<b>Adult Probation Total</b>	<b>2,583</b>		<b>7,644</b>		<b>10,227</b>		<b>7,738</b>		<b>2,489</b>	
Juvenile Probation	0	0%	51	1%	51	0%	28	0%	23	1%
Juvenile Short-Term Probatio	116	4%	217	3%	333	3%	219	3%	114	4%
<b>Juvenile Probation Total</b>	<b>116</b>		<b>268</b>		<b>384</b>		<b>247</b>		<b>137</b>	
<b>Annual Caseload</b>	<b>2,699</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>7,912</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>10,611</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>7,985</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,626</b>	<b>100%</b>

**NAVAJO NATION PEACEMAKING PROGRAM**

District	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Alamo	1	0.3%	15	1.9%	16	1.4%	8	1.1%	8	2.0%
Aneth	37	10.9%	27	3.3%	64	5.6%	20	2.7%	44	11.0%
Chinle	45	13.3%	36	4.5%	81	7.1%	43	5.8%	38	9.5%
Crownpoint	24	7.1%	102	12.7%	126	11.0%	112	15.1%	14	3.5%
Dilkon	99	29.3%	207	25.7%	306	26.7%	224	30.1%	82	20.4%
Dził Yijiin	10	3.0%	51	6.3%	61	5.3%	45	6.1%	16	4.0%
Kayenta	2	0.6%	46	5.7%	48	4.2%	31	4.2%	17	4.2%
Shiprock	27	8.0%	85	10.5%	112	9.8%	18	2.4%	94	23.4%
Ramah	9	2.7%	29	3.6%	38	3.3%	28	3.8%	10	2.5%
To'hajiilee	9	2.7%	12	1.5%	21	1.8%	5	0.7%	16	4.0%
Tuba City	21	6.2%	61	7.6%	82	7.2%	61	8.2%	21	5.2%
Window Rock	54	16.0%	135	16.7%	189	16.5%	148	19.9%	41	10.2%
<b>Caseload</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,144</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>743</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>100%</b>

## 6. Judicial Branch Financial Activities

### A. Budgets and Expenditures

The Judicial Branch receives operating funds from two main sources of continual appropriation to provide court services within the Navajo Nation.

#### 1. Navajo Nation General Funds (Reporting Period: October 1, 2014 – September 30, 2015)

The 22nd Navajo Nation Council approved Resolution CS-46-14 for Fiscal Year 2015 Comprehensive Budget from October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015. The Judicial Branch General Fund budget allocation was \$14,697,495 plus Indirect Cost Recovery of \$83,230 totaling \$14,780,725 (Original Budget); the General Fund Allocation includes supplemental funding of \$300,000 for AOC - JUD Operating Cost; \$100,000 for the Judicial Conduct Commission; and \$500,000 for Supreme Court (Judges Salaries). The General Fund Original Budget was revised to include \$463,746.31 in Prior Year Carry Over; \$13,554 in IDC; and \$383,677 for a 3% COLA increase, totaling \$15,641,702.31 (Revised Budget). The Judicial Branch FY2015 General Fund budgets consists of 18 Business Units plus one NN Integrated Justice - Fixed Cost Budget as follows:

No.	Business Unit/Object Code	Program/Description	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Actuals - YTD	Encumbrances	Budget Available	% Expensed of Total
<b>1</b>	<b>102001</b>	<b>Admin Office of the Courts</b>						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	(388,018.29)	0.00	0.00	(388,018.29)	0.00%
	1992	IDC Recovery	(83,230.00)	(83,230.00)	(92,414.19)	0.00	9,184.19	111.03%
	1996	Allocation	(1,649,423.00)	(1,688,530.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,688,530.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(1,732,653.00)	(2,159,778.29)	(92,414.19)	0.00	(2,067,364.10)	4.28%
	2000	Personnel Expenses	1,302,655.00	1,350,439.59	1,449,652.53	0.00	(99,212.94)	107.35%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	429,998.00	457,364.84	333,487.48	0.00	123,877.36	72.91%
	9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	351,973.86	302,123.23	0.00	49,850.63	85.84%
	2000	Expenses	1,732,653.00	2,159,778.29	2,085,263.24	0.00	74,515.05	96.55%
<b>2</b>	<b>102002</b>	<b>Chinle Judicial District</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	585,308.00	611,922.11	681,810.97	0.00	(69,888.86)	111.42%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	95,652.00	86,589.89	77,783.31	0.00	8,806.58	89.83%
	2000	Expenses	680,960.00	698,512.00	759,594.28	0.00	(61,082.28)	108.74%
<b>3</b>	<b>102003</b>	<b>Crownpoint Judicial District</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	460,904.00	474,715.00	541,881.26	0.00	(67,166.26)	114.15%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	100,564.00	100,564.00	80,253.99	0.00	20,310.01	79.80%
	2000	Expenses	561,468.00	575,279.00	622,135.25	0.00	(46,856.25)	108.14%
<b>4</b>	<b>102004</b>	<b>Window Rock Judicial District</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	508,860.00	534,326.00	581,778.53	0.00	(47,452.53)	108.88%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	85,341.00	75,121.00	61,545.02	0.00	13,575.98	81.93%
	2000	Expenses	594,201.00	609,447.00	643,323.55	0.00	(33,876.55)	105.56%
<b>5</b>	<b>102005</b>	<b>Shiprock Judicial District</b>						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	(46,027.70)	0.00	0.00	(46,027.70)	0.00%
	1996	Allocation	(668,192.00)	(684,305.00)	0.00	0.00	(684,305.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(668,192.00)	(730,332.70)	0.00	0.00	(730,332.70)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	537,352.00	553,465.00	629,087.13	0.00	(75,622.13)	113.66%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	130,840.00	130,840.00	71,055.96	0.00	59,784.04	54.31%
	9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	46,027.70	46,027.70	0.00	0.00	100.00%
	2000	Expenses	668,192.00	730,332.70	746,170.79	0.00	(15,838.09)	102.17%
<b>6</b>	<b>102006</b>	<b>Tuba City Judicial District</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	441,440.00	454,683.00	498,276.71	0.00	(43,593.71)	109.59%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	85,400.00	85,400.00	86,046.70	0.00	(646.70)	100.76%
	2000	Expenses	526,840.00	540,083.00	584,323.41	0.00	(44,240.41)	108.19%

No.	Business Unit/Object Code	Program/Description	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Actuals - YTD	Encumbrances	Budget Available	% Expensed of Total
<b>7</b>	<b>102007</b>	<b>Ramah Judicial District</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	249,616.00	257,119.00	291,810.30	0.00	(34,691.30)	113.49%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	72,468.00	72,468.00	45,406.92	0.00	27,061.08	62.66%
	2000	Expenses	322,084.00	329,587.00	337,217.22	0.00	(7,630.22)	102.32%
<b>8</b>	<b>102008</b>	<b>Supreme Court</b>						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	(14,666.42)	0.00	0.00	(14,666.42)	0.00%
	1996	Allocation	(4,256,506.00)	(4,380,453.00)	0.00	0.00	(4,380,453.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(4,256,506.00)	(4,395,119.42)	0.00	0.00	(4,395,119.42)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	4,153,992.00	4,279,931.89	4,081,632.82	0.00	198,299.07	95.37%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	102,514.00	108,521.11	78,310.25	0.00	30,210.86	72.16%
	9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	6,666.42	6,666.42	0.00	0.00	100.00%
	2000	Expenses	4,256,506.00	4,395,119.42	4,166,609.49	0.00	228,509.93	94.80%
<b>9</b>	<b>102009</b>	<b>Peacemaking Program</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	1,102,032.00	1,134,977.00	1,197,905.42	0.00	(62,928.42)	105.54%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	133,896.00	133,896.00	126,298.42	0.00	7,597.58	94.33%
	2000	Expenses	1,235,928.00	1,268,873.00	1,324,203.84	0.00	(55,330.84)	104.36%
<b>10</b>	<b>102010</b>	<b>Kayenta Judicial District</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	488,590.00	503,238.00	542,527.55	0.00	(39,289.55)	107.81%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	101,090.00	101,090.00	80,120.42	0.00	20,969.58	79.26%
	2000	Expenses	589,680.00	604,328.00	622,647.97	0.00	(18,319.97)	103.03%
<b>11</b>	<b>102011</b>	<b>Dilkon Judicial District</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	393,484.00	405,292.00	434,474.45	0.00	(29,182.45)	107.20%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	97,155.00	97,155.00	73,954.76	0.00	23,200.24	76.12%
	2000	Expenses	490,639.00	502,447.00	508,429.21	0.00	(5,982.21)	101.19%
<b>12</b>	<b>102012</b>	<b>Aneth Judicial District</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	249,616.00	257,119.00	286,656.80	0.00	(29,537.80)	111.49%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	85,243.00	85,243.00	67,087.20	0.00	18,155.80	78.70%
	2000	Expenses	334,859.00	342,362.00	353,744.00	0.00	(11,382.00)	103.32%
<b>13</b>	<b>102013</b>	<b>Tohajilee Judicial District</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	249,616.00	257,119.00	287,759.94	0.00	(30,640.94)	111.92%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	85,043.00	85,043.00	81,370.06	0.00	3,672.94	95.68%
	2000	Expenses	334,659.00	342,162.00	369,130.00	0.00	(26,968.00)	107.88%
<b>14</b>	<b>102014</b>	<b>Alamo Judicial District</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	124,404.00	128,145.00	138,455.88	0.00	(10,310.88)	108.05%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	68,447.00	68,447.00	63,788.27	0.00	4,658.73	93.19%
	2000	Expenses	192,851.00	196,592.00	202,244.15	0.00	(5,652.15)	102.88%
<b>15</b>	<b>102015</b>	<b>Dzil Yijin Judicial District</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	221,124.00	227,760.00	253,826.24	0.00	(26,066.24)	111.44%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	70,156.00	70,156.00	41,783.30	0.00	28,372.70	59.56%
	2000	Expenses	291,280.00	297,916.00	295,609.54	0.00	2,306.46	99.23%
<b>16</b>	<b>102017</b>	<b>Pueblo Pintado Circuit Court</b>						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	(28,587.90)	0.00	0.00	(28,587.90)	0.00%
	1996	Allocation	(247,004.00)	(252,744.00)	0.00	0.00	(252,744.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(247,004.00)	(281,331.90)	0.00	0.00	(281,331.90)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	191,824.00	197,564.00	151,718.68	0.00	45,845.32	76.79%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	55,180.00	55,180.00	40,445.95	0.00	14,734.05	73.30%
	9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	28,587.90	28,587.90	0.00	0.00	100.00%
	2000	Expenses	247,004.00	281,331.90	220,752.53	0.00	60,579.37	78.47%
<b>17</b>	<b>102018</b>	<b>Probation Services</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	1,469,890.00	1,516,521.00	1,709,467.85	0.00	(192,946.85)	112.72%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	151,031.00	151,031.00	120,485.67	0.00	30,545.33	79.78%
	2000	Expenses	1,620,921.00	1,667,552.00	1,829,953.52	0.00	(162,401.52)	109.74%

No.	Business Unit/Object Code	Program/Description	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Actuals - YTD	Encumbrances	Budget Available	% Expended of Total
<b>18</b>	<b>102019</b>	<b>Judicial Conduct Commission</b>						
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00	0.00	100,000.00	0.00%
	2000	Expenses	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00	0.00	100,000.00	0.00%
<b>Judicial Branch General Fund Total:</b>			14,780,725.00	15,641,702.31	15,671,351.99	0.00	(29,649.68)	100.19%

Overall Breakdown of General Funds:								
2000	Personnel Expenses	12,730,707.00	13,144,336.59	13,758,723.06	0.00	(614,386.47)	104.67%	
3000-7000	Operating Expenses	2,050,018.00	2,064,109.84	1,529,223.68	0.00	534,886.16	74.09%	
9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	433,255.88	383,405.25	0.00	49,850.63	88.49%	
2000	Expenses	14,780,725.00	15,641,702.31	15,671,351.99	0.00	(29,649.68)	100.19%	

19 118019 NN Integrated Justice (Fixed Costs)								
2001	Personnel Expenses	72,652.00	74,831.00	24,155.29	0.00	50,675.71	32.28%	
3000-7000	Operating Expenses	457,348.00	993,015.07	445,670.65	0.00	547,344.42	44.88%	
9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	58,398.00	0.00	0.00	58,398.00	0.00%	
2000	Expenses	530,000.00	1,126,244.07	469,825.94	0.00	656,418.13	41.72%	

Overall Breakdown of General Funds & Fixed Costs:								
2000	Personnel Expenses	12,803,359.00	13,219,167.59	13,782,878.35	0.00	(563,710.76)	104.26%	
3000-7000	Operating Expenses	2,507,366.00	3,057,124.91	1,974,894.33	0.00	1,082,230.58	64.60%	
9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	491,653.88	383,405.25	0.00	108,248.63	77.98%	
2000	Expenses	15,310,725.00	16,767,946.38	16,141,177.93	0.00	626,768.45	96.26%	

## 2. External Funds (Reporting Period: January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015)

The Judicial Branch currently has fifteen (15) External Fund Budgets (1) K120801 Alamo/To'hajiilee Youth Court - Substance Abuse Prevention Initiative, Contract Term, 10/1/11 - 9/30/15; (2) K120802 Aneth/Alamo/To'hajiilee - Community Wellness Courts, Contract Term, 10/1/11 - 9/30/15; (3) K1205113 DHHS Peacemaking Toward Asset - Building in Navajo Nation Rural Communities, Contract Term, 10/1/12 - 9/30/13 - extended to 9/30/15; (4) K130591 DHHS Peacemaking Toward Asset - Building in Navajo Nation Rural Communities, Contract Term, 10/1/13 - 9/30/14; (5) K1405102 DHHS Peacemaking Toward Asset - Building in Navajo Nation Rural Communities, Contract Term, 10/1/14 - 9/30/15; (6) K100803 Peacemaker Youth Education Apprentice Program, Contract Term, 10/01/09 - 9/30/15; (7) K110801 NNIJISP Tribal Court - Navajo Nation Integrated Justice Sharing Project, Contract Term 10/1/10 - 9/30/15; (8) K120810 JAG-Juvenile Peacemaking Project, Contract Term, 10/1/11 - 9/30/15; (9) K140801 Healing to Wellness Veteran, Contract Term 10/1/13 - 9/30/16; (10) K140802 FY 13 Edward Byrne Memorial; JAG, Contract Term 10/1/12 - 9/30/16; (11) K140803 CTAS 2014 TJSP, Contract Term 10/01/14 - 03/31/16; (12) K140804 CTAS 2014 VAW, Contract Term 10/01/14 - 3/31/16; (13) K140805 CTAS 2014 TVAP, Contract Term, 10/01/14 - 9/30/17; (14) K120725 CY 12 Tribal Courts - Public Law 93-638 Indian Self-Determination Act, Contract Term 1/1/12 - 12/31/16; and (15) K150735 CY 15 Tribal Courts - Two multi-year contracts with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to provide court services within the Navajo Nation.

No.	Business Unit/Object Code	Program/Description	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Actuals - YTD	Encumbrances	Budget Available	% Expended of Total
<b>1</b>	<b>K120801</b>	<b>Alamo/To'hajiilee Youth Court</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	188,437.00	287,890.00	102,084.61	0.00	185,805.39	35.46%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	228,646.00	131,526.00	29,902.39	44,415.00	57,208.61	56.50%
	9000	Capital Outlay	6,000.00	78,950.00	78,950.00	0.00	0.00	100.00%
	9500	Matching & Indirect Cos	75,283.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	2000	Expenses	498,366.00	498,366.00	210,937.00	44,415.00	243,014.00	51.24%
<b>2</b>	<b>K120802</b>	<b>Aneth/Alamo/To'hajiilee Comm</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	318,998.00	326,584.00	249,449.04	0.00	77,134.96	76.38%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	103,110.00	99,334.00	23,699.01	44,415.00	31,219.99	68.57%
	9500	Matching & Indirect Cos	76,190.00	72,380.00	49,984.99	0.00	22,395.01	69.06%
	2000	Expenses	498,298.00	498,298.00	323,133.04	44,415.00	130,749.96	73.76%



No.	Business Unit/Object Code	Program/Description	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Actuals - YTD	Encumbrances	Budget Available	% Expended of Total
<b>3</b>	<b>K1205113</b>	<b>DHHS Peacemaking Bldg.</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	60,403.00	17,739.14	17,739.14	0.00	0.00	100.00%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	64,898.00	6,245.45	6,245.45	0.00	0.00	100.00%
	9500	Matching & Indirect Cos	21,301.00	4,065.39	4,065.39	0.00	0.00	100.00%
	2000	Expenses	<u>146,602.00</u>	<u>28,049.98</u>	<u>28,049.98</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
<b>4</b>	<b>K130591</b>	<b>DHHS Peacemaking Bldg.</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	65,753.00	67,714.00	37,045.03	0.00	30,668.97	54.71%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	57,980.00	56,019.00	41,934.87	0.00	14,084.13	74.86%
	9500	Matching & Indirect Cos	21,035.00	21,035.00	13,387.09	0.00	7,647.91	63.64%
	2000	Expenses	<u>144,768.00</u>	<u>144,768.00</u>	<u>92,366.99</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>52,401.01</u>	<u>63.80%</u>
<b>5</b>	<b>K1405102</b>	<b>DHHS Peacemaking Bldg.</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	67,121.00	83,960.00	83,240.07	0.00	719.93	99.14%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	53,952.00	138,378.00	19,738.66	0.00	118,639.34	14.26%
	9500	Matching & Indirect Cos	20,522.00	37,809.02	17,500.66	0.00	20,308.36	46.29%
	2000	Expenses	<u>141,595.00</u>	<u>260,147.02</u>	<u>120,479.39</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>139,667.63</u>	<u>46.31%</u>
<b>6</b>	<b>K100803</b>	<b>PM Youth Educ/Apprentice</b>						
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	450,000.00	450,000.00	341,036.20	129.60	108,834.20	75.81%
	2000	Expenses	<u>450,000.00</u>	<u>450,000.00</u>	<u>341,036.20</u>	<u>129.60</u>	<u>108,834.20</u>	<u>75.81%</u>
<b>7</b>	<b>K110801</b>	<b>2010 NNIJSP Tribal Court</b>						
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	420,020.00	423,792.00	420,219.09	0.00	3,572.91	99.16%
	9500	Matching & Indirect Cos	75,812.00	72,040.00	71,792.28	0.00	247.72	99.66%
	2000	Expenses	<u>495,832.00</u>	<u>495,832.00</u>	<u>492,011.37</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,820.63</u>	<u>99.23%</u>
<b>8</b>	<b>K120810</b>	<b>JAG-Juvenile Peacemaking</b>						
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	73,497.00	73,497.00	4,755.81	0.00	68,741.19	6.47%
	2000	Expenses	<u>73,497.00</u>	<u>73,497.00</u>	<u>4,755.81</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>68,741.19</u>	<u>6.47%</u>
<b>9</b>	<b>K140801</b>	<b>Healing to Wellness Veteran</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	205,199.00	205,199.00	29,346.27	0.00	175,852.73	14.30%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	370,558.00	370,558.00	21,656.37	18,381.79	330,519.84	10.80%
	9500	Matching & Indirect Cos	97,591.00	97,591.00	8,669.80	0.00	88,921.20	8.88%
	2000	Expenses	<u>673,348.00</u>	<u>673,348.00</u>	<u>59,672.44</u>	<u>18,381.79</u>	<u>595,293.77</u>	<u>11.59%</u>
<b>10</b>	<b>K140802</b>	<b>FY '13 Edward Byrne Memorial JAG</b>						
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	71,121.00	71,121.00	71,121.00	0.00	0.00	100.00%
	9500	Matching & Indirect Cos	7,102.00	7,102.00	7,102.00	0.00	0.00	100.00%
	2000	Expenses	<u>78,223.00</u>	<u>78,223.00</u>	<u>78,223.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
<b>11</b>	<b>K140803</b>	<b>CTAS 2014 TJSP</b>						
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	63,762.00	63,762.00	0.00	0.00	63,762.00	0.00%
	9500	Matching & Indirect Cos	10,808.00	10,808.00	0.00	0.00	10,808.00	0.00%
	2000	Expenses	<u>74,570.00</u>	<u>74,570.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>74,570.00</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
<b>12</b>	<b>K140804</b>	<b>CTAS 2014 VAW</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	55,229.00	55,229.00	0.00	0.00	55,229.00	0.00%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	385,409.00	385,409.00	0.00	0.00	385,409.00	0.00%
	9500	Matching & Indirect Cos	9,362.00	9,362.00	0.00	0.00	9,362.00	0.00%
	2000	Expenses	<u>450,000.00</u>	<u>450,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>450,000.00</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
<b>13</b>	<b>K140805</b>	<b>CTAS 2014 TVAP</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	124,262.00	124,262.00	0.00	0.00	124,262.00	0.00%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	304,675.00	304,675.00	0.00	0.00	304,675.00	0.00%
	9500	Matching & Indirect Cos	21,063.00	21,063.00	0.00	0.00	21,063.00	0.00%
	2000	Expenses	<u>450,000.00</u>	<u>450,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>450,000.00</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Judicial Branch External Funds			<b>4,175,099.00</b>	<b>4,175,099.00</b>	<b>1,750,665.22</b>	<b>107,341.39</b>	<b>2,317,092.39</b>	<b>44.50%</b>

No.	Business Unit/Object Code	Program/Description	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Actuals - YTD	Encumbrances	Budget Available	% Expensed of Total
<b>14</b>	<b>K120725</b>	<b>CY 12 Tribal Courts</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	503,197.00	3,714,807.28	3,520,722.52	0.00	194,084.76	94.78%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	846,462.00	1,152,347.52	703,582.91	285,808.69	162,955.92	85.86%
	9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	379,270.20	270,555.00	0.00	108,715.20	71.34%
	2000	Expenses	<u>1,349,659.00</u>	<u>5,246,425.00</u>	<u>4,494,860.43</u>	<u>285,808.69</u>	<u>465,755.88</u>	<u>91.12%</u>
<b>15</b>	<b>K150735</b>	<b>CY 15 Tribal Courts</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	248,709.00	1,422,999.00	780,625.18	0.00	642,373.82	54.86%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	36,939.00	169,966.00	51,230.74	0.00	118,735.26	30.14%
	2000	Expenses	<u>285,648.00</u>	<u>1,592,965.00</u>	<u>831,855.92</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>761,109.08</u>	<u>52.22%</u>
	<b>Total CY 14 &amp; CY 15 Tribal Courts</b>		<u>1,635,307.00</u>	<u>6,839,390.00</u>	<u>5,326,716.35</u>	<u>285,808.69</u>	<u>1,226,864.96</u>	<u>82.06%</u>
<b>Judicial Branch External Funds &amp; P.L.</b>								
	<b>93-638 Grand Total:</b>		<u>5,810,406.00</u>	<u>11,014,489.00</u>	<u>7,077,381.57</u>	<u>393,150.08</u>	<u>3,543,957.35</u>	<u>67.82%</u>
<b>Overall Breakdown of External Funds:</b>								
	2000	Personnel Expenses	1,837,308.00	6,306,383.42	4,820,251.86	0.00	1,486,131.56	76.43%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	3,531,029.00	3,896,629.97	1,735,122.50	393,150.08	1,768,357.39	54.62%
	9000	Capital Outlay	6,000.00	458,220.20	349,505.00	0.00	108,715.20	76.27%
	9500	Matching & Indirect Cos	436,069.00	353,255.41	172,502.21	0.00	180,753.20	48.83%
	2000	Expenses	<u>5,810,406.00</u>	<u>11,014,489.00</u>	<u>7,077,381.57</u>	<u>393,150.08</u>	<u>3,543,957.35</u>	<u>67.82%</u>
<b>General &amp; External Funds - Grand Totals:</b>			<u>21,121,131.00</u>	<u>27,782,435.38</u>	<u>23,218,559.50</u>	<u>393,150.08</u>	<u>4,170,725.80</u>	<u>84.99%</u>

## B. Fines and Fees Collections

### FY 2015 - Annual - Budget Status Report as of 9/30/15

Object Code	Description	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Actuals - YTD	Encumbrances	Budget Available	% Expense of Total
1400	Financial Revenues	0.00	0.00	1,248.44	0.00	(1,248.44)	
1600	Fines & Court Fees	(400,000.00)	(400,000.00)	(465,227.86)	0.00	65,227.86	116.31%
1850	Other Revenue Sources	0.00	0.00	(432.55)	0.00	432.55	
1000	Revenues	<u>(400,000.00)</u>	<u>(400,000.00)</u>	<u>(464,411.97)</u>	\$0.00	\$64,411.97	116.10%

### Court Fines & Fees Collected by Quarter

Object Code	Description	FY 2015 1st Qtr.	FY 2015 2nd Qtr.	FY 2015 3rd Qtr.	FY 2015 4th Qtr.	TOTAL - YTD
<b>1600</b>	<b>Fines &amp; Court Fees</b>					
1611	District Court - Chinle	2,653.80	5,496.41	6,254.05	9,815.00	24,219.26
1612	District Court - Crownpoint	1,444.55	904.95	3,112.80	2,316.85	7,779.15
1613	District Court - Kayenta	3,869.87	2,844.55	1,428.18	3,266.06	11,408.66
1614	District Court - Ramah	584.20	62.70	845.00	68.50	1,560.40
1615	District Court - Shiprock	2,475.70	3,354.92	5,403.40	7,262.62	18,496.64
1616	District Court - Tuba City	2,679.15	2,569.05	12,600.78	10,570.95	28,419.93
1617	District Court - Window Rock	3,392.00	3,508.05	6,705.50	5,801.40	19,406.95
1618	District Court - Dilkon	527.20	642.72	1,000.28	1,198.51	3,368.71
1619.02	District Court - Aneth	724.46	359.00	960.00	320.00	2,363.46
1619.04	District Court - Dzil Yijiin	592.25	1,175.20	1,151.05	597.45	3,515.95
<b>1610</b>	<b>Dist. Fines &amp; Court Fees Total:</b>	<b>\$18,943.18</b>	<b>\$20,917.55</b>	<b>\$39,461.04</b>	<b>\$41,217.34</b>	<b>\$120,539.11</b>
<b>1620</b>	<b>Family</b>					
1621	Family Court - Alamo	146.90	125.00	380.00	352.55	1,004.45
1622	Family Court - Chinle	1,000.00	750.00	1,625.00	1,530.00	4,905.00
1623	Family Court - Crownpoint	1,535.00	530.00	3,431.00	2,220.00	7,716.00
1624	Family Court - Kayenta	685.00	395.00	675.00	990.00	2,745.00
1625	Family Court - Ramah	150.00	120.00	265.00	30.00	565.00
1626	Family Court - Shiprock	1,177.05	1,795.30	1,726.05	2,629.70	7,328.10
1627	Family Court - Tohajiilee	135.00	170.00	380.00	404.85	1,089.85
1628	Family Court - Tuba City	895.50	250.00	1,742.50	1,114.25	4,002.25
1629	Family Court - Window Rock	1,840.00	1,785.00	3,220.00	2,240.00	9,085.00
1630	Family Court - Dilkon	637.80	576.40	1,153.85	795.00	3,163.05
1631.02	Family Court - Aneth	395.00	85.00	555.00	205.00	1,240.00
1631.04	Family Court - Dzil Yijiin	265.00	260.00	575.00	305.00	1,405.00
<b>1620</b>	<b>Family Court Total:</b>	<b>\$8,862.25</b>	<b>\$6,841.70</b>	<b>\$15,728.40</b>	<b>\$12,816.35</b>	<b>\$44,248.70</b>
<b>1640</b>	<b>Circuit</b>					
1642	Circuit Court - Alamo	143.80	72.80	460.95	346.10	1,023.65
1644	Circuit Court - Tohajiilee	215.00	120.00	1,274.35	136.75	1,746.10
<b>1640</b>	<b>Circuit Court Total:</b>	<b>\$358.80</b>	<b>\$192.80</b>	<b>\$1,735.30</b>	<b>\$482.85</b>	<b>\$2,769.75</b>
<b>1650</b>	<b>Supreme</b>					
1652	Supreme Court - WR	2,185.00	3,149.91	2,715.00	844.99	8,894.90
<b>1650</b>	<b>Supreme Court Total:</b>	<b>\$2,185.00</b>	<b>\$3,149.91</b>	<b>\$2,715.00</b>	<b>\$844.99</b>	<b>\$8,894.90</b>
<b>1601</b>	<b>Court Total:</b>	<b>\$30,349.23</b>	<b>\$31,101.96</b>	<b>\$59,639.74</b>	<b>\$55,361.53</b>	<b>\$176,452.46</b>

Object Code	Description	FY 2015 1st Qtr.	FY 2015 2nd Qtr.	FY 2015 3rd Qtr.	FY 2015 4th Qtr.	TOTAL - YTD
<b>1660</b>	<b>Public Safety Fines</b>					
1661	Traffic					
1662	Traffic Fines - Alamo	171.50	87.50	50.00	241.00	550.00
1663	Traffic Fines - Chinle	16,430.00	7,440.00	13,507.50	11,117.50	48,495.00
1664	Traffic Fines - Crownpoint	5,934.60	3,061.56	9,061.35	9,984.50	28,042.01
1665	Traffic Fines - Kayenta	6,575.00	8,490.00	11,993.75	11,130.00	38,188.75
1666	Traffic Fines - Ramah	1,237.50	774.50	3,148.83	3,060.00	8,220.83
1667	Traffic Fines - Shiprock	15,465.59	11,387.75	7,992.25	8,352.20	43,197.79
1668	Traffic Fines - Tohajiilee	175.00	487.50	295.50	137.50	1,095.50
1669	Traffic Fines - Tuba City	12,547.50	7,830.00	26,510.00	14,144.00	61,031.50
1670	Traffic Fines - Window Rock	6,470.00	7,461.00	10,406.50	7,426.50	31,764.00
1671	Traffic Fines - Dilkon	895.00	2,672.50	3,252.52	3,507.50	10,327.52
1672.02	Traffic Fines - Aneth	3,300.00	1,600.00	3,950.00	2,780.00	11,630.00
1672.04	Traffic Fines - Dzil Yijjin	2,205.00	825.00	1,245.00	1,957.50	6,232.50
<b>1661</b>	<b>Traffic Total:</b>	<b>\$71,406.69</b>	<b>\$52,117.31</b>	<b>\$91,413.20</b>	<b>\$73,838.20</b>	<b>\$288,775.40</b>
<b>1600</b>	<b>Fines &amp; Court Fees Totals:</b>	<b>\$101,755.92</b>	<b>\$83,219.27</b>	<b>\$151,052.94</b>	<b>\$129,199.73</b>	<b>\$465,227.86</b>

**Judicial District Court Fines & Fees Summary:**

1600	Fines & Court Fees	18,943.18	20,917.55	39,461.04	41,217.34	120,539.11
1620	Family	8,862.25	6,841.70	15,728.40	12,816.35	44,248.70
1640	Circuit	358.80	192.80	1,735.30	482.85	2,769.75
1650	Supreme	2,185.00	3,149.91	2,715.00	844.99	8,894.90
1661	Traffic	71,406.69	52,117.31	91,413.20	73,838.20	288,775.40
	<b>Grand Totals:</b>	<b>\$101,755.92</b>	<b>\$83,219.27</b>	<b>\$151,052.94</b>	<b>\$129,199.73</b>	<b>\$465,227.86</b>