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## II. 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.

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## IV. Message from the Chief Justice

### Fiscal Year 2024 First Quarterly Message for October, November, December, 2023 Chief Justice JoAnn B. Jayne (Aláájí Hashkééjí Nahat'á Nataani)

Yá'át'ééh, Shí Diné Doo Shíghéí, Ado Nihíí Nahata'jii Nataani Honorable 25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council Delegates, Doo Aláájí Hózhóójí Nahat'á Dájiz dah'yígí Dr. Buu Nygran, Doo Richelle Montoya Akódó Dájiz dah'yígí, Doo Crystalyne Curley, Aláájí Nahata'jii Nataani Dájiz dah'yígí, Doo distinguished guests. I respectfully present you the Hashkééjí Nahat'á ("Judicial Branch") First Quarterly Report for Fiscal Year 2024: Ghąaj' (October), Planting of Late Crops; Niłch'its'ósi (November), Ripening of Early Crops; Niłch'itsoh (December), Ripening of Late Crops.

The Hashkééjí Nahat'á ("Judicial Branch") begins with an *ahéhee'* to each of you, the 25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council, President Dr. Buu Nygren, Vice President Michelle Montoya, and Speaker Crystalyne Curley of the 25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council ("Council"), and our Navajo relatives for the opportunity to talk and work with you on the Judicial Branch's accomplishments, needs, goals, plans and challenges during this season from October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

The Judicial Branch began this quarter on October 1, 2023 by reviewing a legislative concern by the 25<sup>th</sup> Council during the 2024 general funds budget process through Resolution CS-78-23, and signed by President Dr. Buu Nygren in September 2023. A legislative concern is a "comment, directive or recommendation made by the Navajo Nation Council, by virtue of its legislative oversight authority and pursuant to its authority as the governing body of the Navajo Nation, raising an issue of concern with respect to the internal functioning of the three Branches. Such concerns are advisory in nature, but do not create legal conditions precedent to the expenditure of appropriated funds..." *Definitions, Navajo Nation Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Instructions Manual*. The Judicial Branch filed a report to the Law and Order Committee of the 25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council by end of this quarter which the Judicial Branch complied with.

The legislative concern required the Judicial Branch to provide information on a detailed breakdown of the 25,000 pending cases before the Navajo Nation courts describing the types of cases before each district court, a statistical breakdown of the time the cases are taking to resolve, all cases before the Navajo Supreme Court, and a list of the number of final rulings and orders that have been issued in the last 4 calendar years by the Navajo Supreme Court.

Rather than feeling misaligned, the Judicial Branch took this opportunity to provide the information and statistics to the legislative and executive branches. The Judicial Branch went further by providing clarification, goals, solutions, and recommendations to address the open caseloads in the justice system as well as identify and share some of the solutions the Judicial Branch have been working on and are currently implementing. This time also gave the Judicial Branch reflection to re-align performance management for cases.

Developing the legislative concern summary report gave the Judicial Branch the opportunity to reflect on its mandated responsibilities. The Judicial Branch's highest priority is to provide access to justice through the means vested to the Judicial Branch. The means are derived from Navajo Nation statutes, rules, Supreme Court case law, and fundamental law. During this time, it became

apparent that the Legislative and Executive Branches, too, have the responsibility for justice. An example is providing adequate and sustainable general funds allocation to the Judicial Branch.

The Judicial Branch relies on Navajo leadership in the Navajo Executive and Legislative Branches to advocate, allocate, and award adequate general funds to the Judicial Branch so that the Judicial Branch can judiciously make decisions on court cases, decisions in probation and parole or peacemaking. More funding for safer and adequate court and program facilities, increased funding for staffing, and adequate funding for operations and maintenance is required to sustain the Judicial Branch.

The Chief Justice stated a year ago that the Judicial Branch looked forward to working with the Judicial Branch oversight Law and Order Committee and with other branch leadership on issues that greatly affected the Navajo Nation. The Judicial Branch recognizes that the Legislative and Executive Branches did allocate more general funds to the Judicial Branch for 2024. *Ahéhee*! We look forward to working with both the Legislative and Executive Branches on appropriations that will provide better access to the justice system for our communities. This funding will be to improve facilities, develop court rules, create systematic changes to address case workflow, and enhance customer and justice partners interactions with the Judicial Branch through technology such as E-File and access to daily dockets. This will also include increased self-help systems for pro se litigants within our facilities and in the coming future online.

The Judicial Branch is honored and blessed to be the flagship of indigenous courts throughout the world. Upholding justice and sovereignty of the Navajo Nation is the mainstay of the court system, probation and parole services, and Peacemaking Program. The Navajo Nation justices and judges are mandated to remain neutral and impartial. Secondly, they have taken an oath to administer justice without bias and make decisions based on facts presented to them. The Judicial Branch is transparent because it operates in open court, relies on rule of law, and their decisions or orders are made only upon evidence introduced and otherwise are open for inspection, unless otherwise prohibited by law.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly 2024 report is prepared and highlighted by each of the 18 units within the Judicial Branch: District courts, Supreme Court, Peacemaking Program, and Probation and Parole Services. ‘*Ahéhee*’ to the Judicial Branch staff for your dedication, perseverance, and excellent work for the People, the Diné.

Respectfully,

Chief Justice JoAnn B. Jayne

## V. Navajo Nation Peacemaking Program

### Peacemaking Program Activities

#### 1. Accomplishments of set objective the previous quarter.

The Peacemaking Program delivered direct services exceeding our performance goals during the fourth quarter. Events this quarter have highlighted the critical importance of preserving and utilizing traditional, culturally relevant methods in conflict resolution, policy formation, and cultural events. Discussions with Branches of government and local communities are focusing on Peacemaking as primary forum of dispute resolution that is understood and used by the Diné, this engagement expands our broader responsibilities of providing services exemplified through Diné Bi Beenahaz'aanii to other agencies and departments.

Acting Peacemaking Program Coordinator has been active in the Executive Management Team Meetings; The team traveled to each Judicial District to meet with the Court Staff, Peacemaking Staff and Probation to find out the needs of these offices that were affected by the Pandemic, including building repairs.

##### a. Use Community-Based Peacemakers.

Outreach to Community-based Peacemakers is ongoing with continued recruitment efforts by assisting interested individuals to pursue peacemaking resolutions from their respective chapters.

The Peacemaking Program completed Peacemaker Orientation and Training, resulting in 32 certified Community Peacemakers. As the Peacemaking Program continues to recruit Community Peacemakers, they will be orientated and trained. The next schedule Peacemakers Orientation is scheduled in Tuba City for Tuba City and Kayenta Peacemakers. The orientation to open to other districts as well.

The Peacemaking Program continues to provide teachings on Traditional Ethics at Leupp Chapter each month at the Chapter Meetings.

The Peacemaking Program has been assigned to provide Traditional Teachings on Fundamental Law and work session at the Museum Hogan for a Navajo Nation Council Committee.

##### b. Maintain our professionalism.

Traditional Program Specialists (TPS) do their own mentoring by providing in-house training on difficult topics encountered through Life Value Engagements or traditional Peacemaking Sessions. We continue to focus discussions on how Navajo traditional values can be implemented to reduce conflict and seek Hozho.



The Peacemaking Program Staff conducted a work session in Albuquerque to revise its Plan of Operation, Vision Statement, Goal Statement, and the overall review of program forms to make uniformity. Peacemaking will continue to work this project.

The Peacemaking Program provided a 2-day Winter Peacemaking Conference open to all in Window Rock at the Navajo Nation Museum. The Conference was in-person and virtual. Many Positive response has been made of the Conference.

c. Advance our mission.

Our core work is conducting Peacemaking Sessions, Individual/Group Life Value Engagements, Diné Family Group Conferencing, and other traditional problem-solving that require some traditional knowledge. Providing traditional research for various issues facing Navajo Nation and/or when asked for guidance. Providing presentations in preserving Diné Way of Life teachings and our language as Primary based on Diné Fundamental Law. Presentations on a variety of traditional topics for youth and adults; and in the workplace.

The Peacemaking Program has provided and continues providing traditional guidance to Judicial Districts/Programs on using the steps identified for post-Covid traditional ceremonies using ARPA funding. Pending is continuing presentations to Judicial Districts/Programs to spend the ARPA funding.

The Peacemaking Program is involved in the generation of Court Security – Plan of Operations.

### **Peacemaking Role in Navajo Government.**

Acting Peacemaking Program Coordinator attended multiple external agencies and departments meetings for establishing and/or interest in Peacemaking Program, such as:

The Peacemaking Program provided traditional guidance in reform of the grazing permit at the Navajo Nation Resources and Development Committee Meeting.

The Peacemaking Program Staff assisted with Kids Day for Northern Navajo and Western Navajo Fairs in handing out promotional items to children and students attending the fair.

### **The Peacemaking Program prioritizes work based on the goals set by the Council and the Judicial Branch. These are examples from some of the Judicial Districts:**

Peacemaking Program – Alamo and To'hajiilee Offices

Traditional Program Specialist Annabell Pino provides Peacemaking Program Services for Alamo and To'hajiilee Offices. She has also been assigned to cover for Crownpoint office along with Ramah TPS while the Crownpoint Staff is out on sick leave.

She is receiving referrals from local schools and providing Life Value Engagement to the referred individuals using traditional teachings on !lch7n7 Bi Beehaz' lannii Act, Hogan Teachings and Vulnerable Adult Protection Act.

She is providing traditional teachings and mentorship during Kinaalda ceremonies and some for the topics are: Steps of the ceremony, dressing the young woman; the importance and meaning of the red sash belt; tying the hair into a bun; corn meal mixing, importance of clans, and the first Kinaalda that took place at Dzi[ N1'oodi[ii (Huerfano Mesa) with Asdz1 1n N1dleeh4.

#### Peacemaking Program – Crownpoint and Pueblo Pintado Offices

Ruby Frank, Ramah TPS and Annabelle Pino, Alamo TPS, are covering this district, providing Peacemaking Program Services for Crownpoint and Pueblo Pintado Offices. The challenge in providing services is the heavy case referrals and walk-ins.

They conducted several Life Value Engagement Sessions that were referred from other Peacemaking Program Offices.

#### Peacemaking Program – Ramah Office

Traditional Program Specialist Ruby Frank provides Peacemaking Program Services for Ramah Office and Crownpoint Offices. The challenge in providing services at both Offices is no cellular phone coverage at the Ramah Judicial District.

She conducted three Life Value Engagement Sessions using traditional Emergence Story; the birth of White Shell Woman; giving birth to Twin Warriors; the killing and sparing of Naayee'; the establishment of original clans; the long walk; and the Treaty of 1868.

She is providing traditional teachings and mentorship during Kinaalda ceremonies and some for the topics are: Tying Kinaald1's hair; birth of the white shell woman; birth of Twin Warriors; and killing off the naay44'.

She assisted the Court in building development planning and assisted with developing the Proposal to get a new Court building.

#### Peacemaking Program – Window Rock Office

Traditional Program Specialist Elmer Yazzie provides Peacemaking Program Services for Window Rock Office. The challenge in providing services is the Navajo Nation Internet Security for delivery of emails to Navajo Nation Chapters, vice-versa.

He assisted the Peacemaking Program - Chinle Office as a Peacemaker with a Validation of Marriage.

He conducted one Peacemaking Session for parties that had a family dispute involving a valid domestic abuse protection order. The root cause was the sibling's children having drinking issues and supporting their children's conduct/behavior. Traditional teachings

on K'e, letting children explore for their benefit and respecting siblings. Parties restored harmony and successful outcome.

He held multiple Life Value Engagement Sessions starting with the explanation of K'e and why it is important to our Navajo people, the importance of the creation of K'e, how the K'e concept is collective rights and responsibility, baby's first laugh, and the worth of attention on one's compassion and sympathy.

It's sad the Peacemaking Program lost a valuable asset to the Program; he has been instrumental in Proposal Development, Traditional Knowledge/teachings and was always willing to taking challenges and assist in Peacemaking.

#### Peacemaking Program - Dilkon Office

Traditional Program Specialist Harry Begay provides Peacemaking Program Services for Dilkon Office.

He is assigned to the Judicial Branch Hashkeeji Nahat'a Beeso Ba Hooghan Committee. His participation is continuing and within FY 2024 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, he and the Committee have completed reviewing proposals and recommendation.

He was a member of the Judicial Branch Grievance Board and voted in as an Alternate.

He continues to be on the Peacemaking Program Delegation of Authority.

He provided traditional grief teachings to individuals that request this support.

He conducted thirteen Peacemaking Sessions with successful outcomes and several Life Value Engagements Sessions using traditional teachings on taking care of self-using: Adeehaniih, Adahodilzin, Adaa Ahaya, and Adaa Haah Hasin.

He and the Office Technician (OT) have been assigned to cover Window Rock Peacemaking Office until new TPS and OT are hired.

#### Peacemaking Program – Chinle Office

Traditional Program Specialist Laveena Begay provides Peacemaking Program Services for Chinle Office.

She conducted Peacemaking sessions with successful outcomes. The cases were probate, family dispute, validation of marriage, and dissolution of marriage.

She conducted Life Value Engagement Session using traditional teachings on K'e, self-value & care, roles of young male, dos and don'ts as an adolescent, Dine Fundamental Law, and Hooghan Haz'11d00 Na'nitin.

She is assigned to Missing and Murdered Diné Relatives task force and continues to take part in the meetings.

#### Peacemaking Program – Dził Yijiin Office

Traditional Program Specialist Anna Scott provides Peacemaking Program Services to Dził Yijiin Office. The challenge is finding a place to store firewood for the Peacemaking Hogan at Peacemaking Program – Chinle Office.

She attended chapter planning and regular meetings; and regional council meeting, to provide peacemaking program services and recruit peacemakers.

She conducted three Life Value Engagements Session using traditional teachings on Creation Stories and cultural values of Diné Life.

#### Peacemaking Program – Tuba City Office

Traditional Program Specialist Rosiene Charley provides Peacemaking Program Services at Tuba City Office. The challenge in providing services is waiting for the legs on the wire rack shelves. She continues to express, “Ahe’hee to our Acting Program Coordinator Mr. Dempsey Harvey. His dedication to the program and the program staff is not unnoticed. I appreciate the confidence that he has in each one of us. He is an awesome leader and leads us by example.”

She has a good knowledge of Diné Traditional Teachings and Stories and uses it to do presentations at conferences that Peacemaking schedule in Window Rock.

She is assisting the Judicial Branch Trainer conducting customer service training at each Judicial Branch district using Diné Teachings.

She provided individual Life Value Engagement sessions using traditional teachings on Peacemaking Program’s history, creation story, Diné Fundamental Law, ceremonial rituals to restore harmony, introduction of the Court of Indian Offenses, indigenous people becoming civilized, Navajo Court System, foundation of K’e’, story of the creation of the four primary clans (Kinyaa’aanii, Honaghaahnii, Todich’ii’nii doo Hashtl’ishnii) by Changing Woman, sacred of stones (White Shell, Turquoise, Abalone, and Obsidian) and the sacred elements of earth, air, water, and fire.

#### Peacemaking Program - Kayenta Office

Traditional Program Specialists Andy Harrison Jr. provides Peacemaking Program Services at Kayenta Office. He has been assigned to cover for Chinle Office and is traveling back and forth from Kayenta to Chinle to provide Peacemaking Services.

#### Peacemaking Program – Aneth and Shiprock Offices

Traditional Program Specialist Alfonso Nez Jr. provides peacemaking program services at Shiprock and Aneth Offices. The challenge in providing services is the HVAC not working in the building, causing it to be uncomfortable.

He conducted four Life Value Engagement Sessions using traditional teachings on marriage versus domestic violence, Twins Warrior stories, and the sparing of nayee.

He conducted presentations to Students on Dine Fundamental Laws, things that matter, individual choice, 77na, and K'4.

## **2. Objectives to be accomplished in the next quarter.**

- Enhance Peacemaking Program Services.
- Continue in reviewing program strategic plan.
- Complete the detailed work plan to enhance performance measurements.
- Assist with recruiting efforts fill vacant program positions.
- Continue to provide education regarding Fundamental Law and traditional education.
- Continue to coordinate recruiting efforts for new Peacemakers from local communities.
- Continue services such as Peacemaking Sessions, Individual Life Value Engagement, Group Life Value Engagement, and Diné Family Group Conferences

## **VI. Navajo Nation Probation Services**

### **1. Accomplishment of Objectives**

Chief Probation Officer (CPO) Lucinda Yellowhair was not able to achieve the first goal due to conflict of meeting between Grants Administrator and CPO. Both are assigned to complete other tasks and had deadlines that needed immediate attention; therefore, provided no time to meet and discuss to further the initiative for reentry efforts. CPO will meet with Grants Administrator Raquel Chee during the 2nd quarter to discuss further planning issues and funding for the Reentry effort.

CPO was able to achieve this goal by meeting and discussing with Senior Probation Officers that all probation officers will need to implement a case plan with risk assessment. Case plan and assessment will initiate adequate case management system, true statistical reporting, efficiency in terms of case vs. direct services and preparation for upcoming reentry implementation and Moral Reconciliation Therapy. Thus far, instructions have been provided and adhered to in terms of moving into 2024 all cases should be managed and filed with a proper case plan and risk assessment.

The next goal was achieved and accomplished working with the Probation and Parole Services (PPS) management team and Senior Budget Analyst Gwen Keedo with regards to ARPA funds. In October, CPO scheduled a Teams meeting with Gwen and Senior Probation Officers and our two Office Technicians identifying a list and checking them off with tasks and processes that needed attention to fulfill. The two PPS office Technicians, Diana Tsosie and Lena Manymules, have worked diligently assisting Gwen to ensure all the orders and lists were followed through. There were delays on Gwen's part in terms of processing PRs and ORs. Communication consistency was a vital component ensuring all orders were complete. Organization and sufficient support staff are also a key factor in making sure orders are fulfilled. Unfortunately, Gwen's office lacked, consistency because she is a one-man shop, delays occurred, and organization on her part in terms of overwhelming schedules and requests only delayed the process. Most of PPS's orders were fulfilled and receiving orders.

The next goal is partially achieved. CPO has been communicating with Law and Order Committee (LOC) Madam Chairperson Eugenia Charles Newton when it would be feasible for her to include CPO on the LOC agenda to revisit the issue of support and confirming the updated PPS Plan of Operations. Due to her travel and busy 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the year, she was unable to get PPS on the agenda. CPO will continue to communicate and work with her to put PPS on the agenda in the second quarter.

CPO was able to achieve district site visits. CPO's purpose conducting on-site visit is to meet with PPS staff and to observe and assess the offices, as staff have transitioned back into the office and to hear PPS staff identify needs and their perspective upon returning to the offices. It is always good practice to visit staff and just to spend the day and time with them, they do appreciate that. This is part of CPO's plan to conduct periodic district visits. It is good practice to demonstrate on-site visits with staff.

## **2. Other Significant Accomplishments:**

The first quarter of 2024 was busy. Chief Probation Officer Yellowhair had a list of tasks and deadlines to meet and needed attention to begin FY 2024.

Senior Probation Officer Sheila Begishie and CPO assisted one another effortlessly training a probation officer in managing cases and direct services. They listed, tasked, provided numerous instructions, and provided updates and continual training to ensure the probation officer did not get behind as he was struggling with the importance of his duties and responsibilities. At the end, he ended up resigning.

CPO continues to meet bi-weekly with the PPS management team to update the processing of the ARPA listing PPS submitted. The management team also found other needs within PPS to resort to using the ARPA funds. They continue to communicate, and coordinate needs to improve PPS infrastructure such as addressing HVAC issues and other building needs and security. Equipment needs have also been addressed and identified to purchase. PPS has been receiving new equipment, replacing old, outdated equipment that was handed down by the districts.

In October, CPO participated in the weekly and bi-weekly district site visits for ARPA needs. CPO was able to support the PPS districts that have needs that require purchase for building, equipment and other identified necessities that are outlined in the ARPA scope of work and eligibility. Site visits are provided as a perspective for AOC staff that observed and heard onsite needs. It was an interesting task.

Probation & Parole Services have started expending the first 25% of the FY 2024 budget. The management team with office technicians have been identifying supplies and other items that are not part of the eligibility for other funding sources to use. PPS updated vehicle permits, Classes, IDs, First Aid & CPR. All credentials, scheduling of classes, renewals are done every year in the first quarter. Staff submit supply needs and are distributed accordingly also during this time. It's preparation time for the year. First quarters are also time to reflect on what may not have been achieved in the previous year and time to close and complete. It is also time to identify new goals and plan, schedule and coordinate the yearly endeavors. It is a busy time to close and a time to move forward. This also applies to all PPS staff when managing cases as well as direct services with clients. It can be a busy time.

Chief Probation Officer Yellowhair was also involved in the ranking committee in the first quarter for the Hashkééjí Nahat'á Béeso Bá Hooghan Funding. CPO attended meetings to review and score proposals. She was glad to have assisted reviewing and scoring proposals submitted by respective districts requesting funding.

On November 10, 2023, a scheduled meeting took place between New Mexico State Corrections (NMSC) and Navajo Department of Justice (NDOJ) to further discuss the issue of letters that were being requested by family members who have a family member being paroled for release. Apparently, there were agreements made years ago between NMSC and NDOJ to have an agreement by the local Chapter officials to have the approval of the community approve release of the individual for parole. Navajo Nation Probation Services got involved when family members resorted to the New Mexico probation services requesting PPS's assistance to obtain letter for their family members parole status. Because Navajo Nation PPS is not involved in any agreement or contact with NMSC, PPS was not able to assist. PPS may only assist in a matter where NMSC is requesting Navajo Nation PPS assistance as courtesy to supervise their client. In November, PPS, NDOJ and NMSC met to clarify questions and issues of a "letter" that was being requested by NMSC. All agencies put forth their understanding and it was concluded that NMSC will work with NDOJ to revisit an agreement that was put in place years ago and redraft another agreement. PPS was not involved in the agreement, nor do we have any authority to draft letters. The request for letters by family members continue and we forward their calls and questions to NDOJ and/or Judicial Branch Associate Attorney, Cherie Espinosa.

CPO was requested by Law & Order Committee to provide a verbal in person report with regards to prisoners released from custody and returned to Navajo Nation, who monitors them and how supervision is provided. CPO explained to the committee how the "Courtesy Supervision" is handled and managed. A request is made by outside agencies to the Office of Chief Probation Officer. CPO reviews and docket the request. The request is then forwarded to where the parolee or probationer is from and a Probation Officer is assigned. Communication then begins between the Navajo Nation Probation Officer and outside agency probation officer. Once the case has expired, documents are returned to the sender with notes and completion. CPO provided a report that there is never a time where Navajo Nation probation officers write letters for family members. Again, PPS is not authorized to draft such letters for release of parolee to Navajo Nation and allow outside agency probation officers to enter on to Navajo land to supervise their clients. CPO explained the processes PPS uses as authorized by statute.

Navajo Nation Probation Services sought an opportunity to register for a 4-day training through the American Probation & Parole Association (APPA) Training Institute. Probation staff will be traveling to Seattle, Washington to attend the training. The purpose of this travel is to provide first-hand experience of APPA's vast training opportunities. It will provide an outlook perspective to Navajo Nation Probation staff and training that will validate their work and efforts in terms of case management, networking, collaboration, and direct services. New ideas, new tools and information shared will open and broaden their supervision levels.

The PPS management team and CPO are also in the process of scheduling, organizing, and coordinating the Tribal Probation Academy, a refresher for some and new to others. They will be attending a three-week academy, which includes a curriculum-based training course for probation. The academy will be broken down to one-week a month with the first class starting the week of

April 15, 2024. The next class will be scheduled for the week of June 03, 2024. The third week will be scheduled on the week of July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. Probation Services Management team will continue to organize and plan for the training event.

PPS Management is also planning to have probation staff recertify their certification for those who have received certification in 2018. Certification will also be for new staff who do not have certification. PPS will be planning for this in the next three quarters or this coming fall 2024.

CPS closed out the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter by organizing with PPS staff a Christmas potluck luncheon. Probation staff gathered for a briefing reflecting in 2023 and moving into 2024. Staff enjoyed the lunch and gifts they gave each other, also leaving the gift of continual camaraderie among the staff.

### **3. Objectives to be Accomplished in the Next Quarter**

- a. To revisit the Reentry Effort and MRT, initiate Training for PPS Staff.
- b. To communicate with LOC to place the PPS Plan of Operation on the agenda for updates and renewal.
- c. To continue coordination of upcoming APPA training travel for PPS staff.
- d. To continue the enhancement of PPS department.
- e. To complete and submit annual staff evaluations for PPS.
- f. To revise the report in the next quarterly report.

### **District Summary**

No significant reporting from district probation officers for the first quarter. Probation Officers primarily reported on updating, implementing a case plan and risk assessment for their cases.

Local resources meetings are taking place in most of the districts, communicating and collaborating with their respective local resources.

Most districts have reported that they are back into the full swing of working from the offices, communication and collaboration are reintegrated to provide direct services for clients. Referrals of clients to inpatient and outpatient services have been reinforced and reports on in-person case staffing. Probation Officers are reaching out to local resources for assistance and collaboration.

Statistically and narratively, most cases managed are pretrial cases. Most not guilty pleas are supervised by probation officers, rather than utilizing the statute options for defendants return to court for further hearings. Pre-trial hearing take time away from probation officers managing actual probation cases which include case management, referrals, and direct services.

There are two probation officers leaving probation services, one has resigned as of December 22, 2023 and another probation officer provided notice of retirement.



## **VII. Judicial Conduct Commission**

Judicial Conduct Commission members are Chairman Robert Yazzie, Vice Chairman Dr. Manley Begay Jr., Dr. Raymond Austin, William Battles and Rhonda Tuni. Judicial Branch staff who assist the Commission are Government Relations Officer and Human Resources Director.

The Judicial Conduct Commission held a meeting on November 18, 2023, to develop a report to the Law and Order Committee.

The Judicial Conduct Commission Chairman Robert Yazzie and Member William Battles provided a verbal and written report to the Law and Order Committee on November 27, 2023.

Mr. William Battles attended his first meeting as a Judicial Conduct Commission member as an appointee of the Navajo Nation Bar Association (NNBA) on November 18, 2023. Ms. Rhonda Tuni was also re-appointed to the Commission from the NNBA. The Commission thanks Judy Apachee for serving on the Commission from 2016-2023.

## **VIII. Administrative Offices of the Courts**

The Acting Administrative Director and the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) staff worked on expending American Recuse Plan Act Fiscal Recovery Funds. The Judicial Branch has expended 18.6% of its allocation of Section 6, defunded CARES Act. During this quarter, administrative staff conducted site visits to each of the judicial districts to identify the needs and recommend how to address the needs with ARPA or other funding sources. The various needs include storage space, HVAC repair and maintenance, information technology equipment, landscaping services and other building and facility needs. The judicial districts and programs were given deadlines to submit purchase requisitions and asked to prepare budgets for needs that could not be funded by ARPA and were not funded with general or other external funds. Many of the judicial districts and programs submitted their requisitions and are awaiting purchase orders.

The Acting Administrative Director, IT staff and the Associate Attorney have begun researching how to implement e-Court for the Judicial Branch. They met with Administrative Office of the Courts staff from Arizona and New Mexico as part of their research. They have also drafted a Request for Proposals for an IT consultant to assess the Branch infrastructure and determine what needs to be done for e-Court to be implemented. The RFP will be issued in the next quarter. This is an ongoing and long-term project for the Judicial Branch.

The Acting Administrative Director was a part of the Hashkééjí Nahat'á Béeso Bá Hooghan (HNBBH) Ranking Committee, which received, determined eligibility of and scored proposed projects for recommendation for funding through the expenditure plan for the HNBBH. The expenditure plan is being finalized and will be submitted for approval to the Law and Order Committee and Budget and Finance Committee.

The Acting Administrative Director and Senior Budget Analyst have been assisting Window Rock District Court with obtaining a temporary modular facility in Fort Defiance, Arizona. The Window Rock Court has no facility and has been operating out of the AOC building since July 2018. Andy Thomas of the Division of Community Development has been moving the project forward by issuing

a Request for Proposals for the modular building and assisting with the contract for the selected vendor. The contract is going through the approval process. The AOC thanks Mr. Thomas for his excellent work in helping the Branch with this project.

Data and Information Technician Teresa Chee retired from her position in October 2023 after 37 years of service with the Navajo Nation. The Judicial Branch thanks her for her important work in preserving records and documents for the Branch's courts and programs.

The AOC welcomed Glenda Begay as the Office Technician in November 2023. Ms. Begay has worked for the Judicial Branch for many years, most recently as an Office Technician with the Peacemaking Program.

Financial Services Manager Yvonne Arviso Gorman resigned in December 2023 after nearly 10 years of service with the Judicial Branch. The Judicial Branch expresses its appreciation to Ms. Gorman for her work.

## **Grants Management**

### **Accomplishments this quarter**

The Grants Administrator was able to receive valuable information and training presentations to increase and improve understanding of Diné Fundamental Law, court case management protocol and customer service.

The Grants Administrator participated and collected data about needs at the Judicial District during site visits that were conducted. Technical assistance and support were provided for the visits, to engage district staff in utilizing funding sources that are available to address building, case management challenges at the district sites.

Participated and engaged in community outreach and planning as a part of the Crownpoint Community Resource Meeting.

Strategized and planned as a part of the Executive Staff Meetings and Managers meetings that are periodically held.

Supported and provided technical assistance to the implementation of the ARPA Fiscal Recovery Fund expenditure plan with the procurement of Rodent and Pest Control Services, HVAC services and Service of Process. All 12 Districts and programs were able to have their fire extinguishers serviced and procured toward the same effort.

The Grants Administrator understands that an important function or job responsibility is to work to build capacity for the Judicial Branch by participating in various committees and initiatives like the Tribal Opioid Response Task Force Meeting and the Diné Action Plan Advisory Group. She also worked on building capacity for youth mentoring programs through the Tribal Youth Resource Center Talking Circle. The Grants Administrator also supported Attorney General Ethel Branch's Public Safety Summit planning meetings and efforts.

Other projects that are being implemented by the Grant Administrator include the Haashkeeji Nahat'a Beeso expenditure plan. As a co-lead, she led the Ranking Committee to produce a written recommendation to the Chief Justice for potential funding.

Administrative duties for the Grants Administrator included managing the external grants for the branch and developing the 2024 request for one-time funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs – Office of Tribal Justice Support. She also provided technical support and reports on various projects with the Court Administrators at their regular, monthly meetings. The Grant Administrator is also delegated for the Acting Administrative Director of the Courts for FY 2024

## **Human Resource Department**

During the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2024 (October-December 2023), the Judicial Branch's Office of Human Resources ("HR") completed the following:

### **Recruitment**

1. To fill vacant judge and staff positions, HR advertises on the Judicial Branch and law school websites, social media sites, local newspapers and radio stations, local/state organizations, and with national tribal organizations. Job vacancy announcements (JVA) have been posted at the following law schools:
  - University of New Mexico School of Law
  - Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor School of Law
  - University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law
  - University of Colorado School of Law in Boulder, Colorado
  - University of Utah School of Law
  - Brigham Young University J. Rueben Clark Law School
  - University of Nevada, Las Vegas, William S. Boyd School of Law
  - University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law
  - University of California, Berkeley, School of Law
  - University of Oregon School of Law

Judiciary and attorney JVAs are also posted at the following organizations' websites:

- Turtle Talk, the Michigan State University's blog on legal issues in Indian Country – weekly updates are emailed to Turtle Talk on Thursdays.
- Navajo Nation Bar Association

JVAs were also posted for all vacancies at the following universities and websites:

- Western New Mexico State University
- Navajo Technical University
- Navajo Nation Judicial Branch's Facebook page
- Navajo Nation Judicial Branch's website
- National Native American Human Resources Association

2. HR attends career days at local universities and colleges, and area law schools as part of its recruitment efforts.
3. Judicial Branch (JB) staff also make one-on-one contacts regarding vacancies.

### **Judge Applicants**

No judge applications were received in the first quarter.

### **Selection during FY 24 First Quarter**

During this quarter, HR processed new hire, resignation, and retirement personnel action forms (PAF), as well as change notice PAFs (introductory to regular status).

1. Five (5) positions were filled.
2. Six (6) employees transitioned from 90-day introductory to regular status.
3. Two (2) retirements
4. Six (6) resignations
5. Zero (0) terminations
6. Zero (0) lay offs
7. One (1) death – exit PAF
8. Two (2) ended temporary employment with the branch.

The JB programs and districts engaged in tele- or video-conference or in-person interviews to recruit and select for the vacancies. The initial onboarding process for new hires is conducted in-person meetings. When the new employee reports to work in-person, the districts/programs conduct in-person training for new hires.

### **Navajo Nation Judicial Branch Trainings - FY 2024 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter**

#### **October 2023**

- Three (3) HR staff attended a three-week online training to receive Tribal Human Resources Professional certification through National Native American Human Resources Association.
- Judicial Branch Employee Policies/Procedures (JBEPP) during the Navajo Nation Staff Development and Training's New Employee Multi-Service Orientation (SDTD NEMSO). The JBEPP training was offered twice in Oct. 2023.
- Navajo Business Opportunity Act training received from Navajo Business Regulatory Department.

#### **November 2023**

- Judicial Branch Employee Policies/Procedures (JBEPP)
- Judicial Branch Training Manager and the Peacemaking Program began a series of customer service training to each Judicial District, beginning with the Window Rock Peacemaking Program and the Administrative Office of the Courts.
- AOC staff received Diné Fundamental Law training from the Peacemaking Program.

- HR Director provided specific JBEPP training on tour of duty, leave requests and chain of command to Crownpoint/Pueblo Pintado staff. On the same date, the Training Manager and Peacemaking provided customer service training.

### December 2023

- Training Manager and Peacemaking provided customer service training to Chinle Judicial District staff.
- Training Manager and Peacemaking provided customer service training to Ramah Judicial District staff.
- HR staff presented qualification assessment trainings for Dilkon and Dzil Yijiin Court Administrators.
- HR Director attended an informational session at the Navajo Retirement Office regarding the Judges retirement program. This information was provided to the Retirement Plan Administration Committee in December, which was attended by the Chief Justice.
- Navajo Nation Benefits Program provided virtual training on the revised employee benefit plan that now includes Teladoc benefits.

### **Policy Development**

The Training Manager participates in two workgroups that are revising Judicial Branch policies:

1. Judicial Branch court safety policy
2. Training Policy

### **Other**

1. The HR Office provides customer service to applicants during the application, recruitment, and selection process; and provides guidance to staff regarding employee policies and procedures. HR assists supervisors with employee relations matters; completes bi-weekly master timesheets on behalf of the JB; and, assists JB leadership and management in other areas as assigned, e.g. interbranch projects, external grant applications.
2. The HR Office assists the Office of the Chief Justice with probationary judge/justice evaluations.
3. Because the Judicial Conduct Commission (JCC) does not have its own staff, a couple of JB staff, including the HR Director, assist JCC in fulfilling its duties and responsibilities.
4. The HR Director is assigned to represent the branch on the Motor Vehicle Review Board (MVRB). The board meets monthly.
5. The HR Director is assigned to represent the branch on the Employee Housing Committee. The Committee meets monthly.

## **Information Technology**

### **1. Accomplishments of objectives set the previous quarter:**

Provided continual personal computer support at Tuba City, Kayenta, Chinle, Window Rock, Crownpoint, Ramah, Alamo, To'hajiilee, Dilkon, Dził Yijiin and Aneth courts.

Provided continual support for video conferencing communications for AOC, Tuba City, Dilkon, Ramah, Shiprock, Window Rock, Window Rock Detention, Supreme Court, Tuba City Detention, Kayenta, Aneth, Chinle and Crownpoint courts, utilizing Skype For Business and CourtCall.

Provided System Administration support for the Journal Technologies JustWare computer software application for NN Supreme Court; Shiprock Courts, Probation and Prosecutors; Dilkon Courts, Probation, Peacemaking and Prosecutors Office; Chinle Courts, Probation, Peacemaking and Prosecutors Office; Aneth Courts, Probation and Peacemaking; Kayenta Courts, Probation, Peacemaking and Prosecutors Office; Tuba City Courts, Probation and Peacemaking; Window Rock Courts, Probation, Peacemaking and Prosecutors Office; Crownpoint Courts, Probation, Peacemaking and Prosecutors Office; Dził Yijiin Courts; To'hajiilee Courts, Probation, Peacemaking and Prosecutors Office; Alamo Courts, Probation, Peacemaking and Prosecutors Office; Ramah Courts, Probation, Peacemaking and Prosecutors Office.

Continued network monitoring of the NN Court's network infrastructure for malware activity.

Continued providing technical support for the Judicial Branch for telecommuting. Laptops were verified that JTI JustWare, PAN Global Protect, Foxit Phantom PDF and Skype for Business as working from external networks.

Continued maintenance and software updates to NN Judicial Branch database servers to comply with security protocols.

Provided JustWare user training for new employees.

### **2. Other significant accomplishments**

- Attended the bi-weekly Judicial Branch teleconference meetings.
- Continue to prepare and configure computers for new employees hired by Judicial Branch. Also assist with establishing email, Microsoft 365 profiles.
- Begin attending mandatory Executive Staff meetings.
- Attended Hashkeji Fund meetings and work sessions.
- Continue meetings with Pine Technologies to update JusticeWeb API portals.
- Attended meetings on expenditures of ARPA funds for the Judicial Branch.
- Continue working on RFP for purchase of audio archiving for the courts to replace dated equipment.
- Continue working on RFP for purchase of kiosks to automate check-in and other services for PPS.

- Server UPS batteries have been purchased and are awaiting Inventory labels.
- Microsoft 365 has been fully deployed to Microsoft Cloud Services.
- DUO has been implemented, a security appliance for remote access to the Navajo Nation servers.

### **3. Objectives to be accomplished in the next quarter**

To complete the Request for Proposals (RFP) process for selection of vendor to provide equipment and services for Digital Recorders.

To complete the RFP process for selection of vendor to provide equipment and services for Probation Kiosks.

To maintain personal computer support at Tuba City, Kayenta, Chinle, Window Rock, Shiprock, Crownpoint, Ramah, Pueblo Pintado, Alamo, To'hajiilee, Dilkon, Aneth and Dził Yijiin courts.

To continue support for digital recorders, document archival computer systems.

To provide configuration/maintenance support to the NNIJISP Project at the Tuba City, Kayenta, Chinle, Window Rock, Shiprock, Crownpoint, Dilkon, To'hajiilee, Aneth, Alamo, Ramah and Dził Yijiin courts, probation offices, peacemaking offices.

To provide limited configuration/maintenance support to the NNIJISP Project at the Tuba City, Kayenta, Chinle, Window Rock, Shiprock, Crownpoint, Dilkon, To'hajiilee, Alamo and Ramah prosecutor offices.

To provide continued support and training for JTI's JustWare application for all NN Courts, Prosecutors, Peacemaking, Probation and Public Defender staff.

To continue to provide support for webpage modifications for navajocourts.org website and to continue with the development of the upgrade/replacement of the <https://courts.navajonnsn.gov> website.

To continue deployment and support of telecommuting equipment for Judicial Branch personnel. Printers, portable digital recorders, laptops, dock systems, backup batteries, Skype For Business application, Microsoft Office 365, Global Protect, Palo Alto XDR and computer system drivers for Judicial Branch staff.

To repair and maintain JustWare on-line payment portals.

To continue working with Obsidian for Website Re-Design Project.

To continue research on Liberty Recorder to enable recording of hearings that occur on MS Teams or Skype for Business to be recorded directly to Liberty Recorder instead of the cloud.

To provide technical support to Aneth District Court by re-cabling the network infrastructure in the building.

## **IX. Navajo Nation Integrated Justice Information Sharing Project**

### **1. Accomplishments**

The Budget and Finance Committee approved for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Navajo Nation Integrated Justice Information Sharing Project (NNIJISP) amount of \$375,000. NNIJISP has a limited budget which only allows for payment of internet service fees, computer maintenance and support contract fees, and payment for professional training fees.

Current monitoring of active Professional Service Contract with Sacred Wind Communications for internet services to To'Hajiilee New Mexico Court.

Judicial Branch currently has internet providers for internet to the courts and payment processing for monthly internet connections are being made to Sacred Wind Communications and Smith and Bagley/Cellular One.

NNIJISP leadership are focusing on concerns among partners and are currently addressing data sharing for a more effective and efficient flow of moving court cases forward, along with the processing of accurate status reports for custom reporting. NNIIJISP partners have been informed of the importance when inputting data for accuracy of reporting purposes. NNIIJISP Partners will continue work sessions and continue discussion of JustWare for options for a more effective and effective case management system.

On a monthly basis or as requested, attended:

- Process NNIIJISP Budget Status Reports
- ARPA expense and budget meetings
- Execution of Professional Service Contracts are submitted when requested
- Assist with Request For Proposal submissions as needed
- Attend Fiscal Office financial and external funds meetings
- Website design meetings

## 2. Activities

Drafting professional service contracts for; Pine Technologies LLC., who provides support and maintenance of JustWare, Court Case Management System, and Smith Bagley formally known as Cellular One, who provides internet services to Navajo Nation Courts and NNIIJISP Partners for approval.

Professional services contract currently going through the Navajo Nation 164 Review and Approval process are: Matrix Imaging, who provides technical support for 12 Fujitsu Scanners; and WASP, IT Inventory Software that will be used by the Information Technology office for tracking of equipment.

Provide IT request assistance, solutions, upgrades for software support, software upgrades for desktop computers, installation of printers, training, hardware and software using virtual means to resolve trouble shooting issues.

Assist in providing quotes for computer equipment, printers, monitors, MiFi, external drives, desktops, and laptops for Administrative Office of the Courts, Supreme Court, and Judicial Courts.

Completed NNIIJISP FY 2024 1st Quarter Performance Criteria and quarterly narrative report.

Completed Information Technology (IT) FY 2024 1st Quarter numbers.



Assist fiscal staff utilizing IT ARPA funds and requesting quotes.

Provide continuous information technology support of computers and network usage, JustWare, hardware and software for Judicial Branch.

Complete receiving reports, process procurement of billing statements for 7 internet connections and other internet devices.

Research and assess companies to attend information technology training.

Continued assistance with NNIJISP monthly meeting.

## **X. Courts of the Navajo Nation**

### **A. Supreme Court**

#### 1. Caseload Statistics

##### a. Civil

(1) Cases Filed	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Total</u>
-Certified Question.....0	5	3	3	11
-Child Custody/Child Support.....1				
-Civil Rights/Other.....1				
-Contract.....0				
-Decedent Estate.....0				
-Delinquency.....1				
-Domestic Relations.....0				
-Elections.....0				
-Employment/Labor.....3				
-Ethics.....0				
-Forcible Entry and Detainer.....2				
-Grazing.....0				
-Land Dispute.....0				
-Probate.....0				
-Torts.....0				
-Writs.....3				
-Reconsiderations.....0				
(2) Cases Completed	0	1	1	2
(3) Hearings Held	0	0	0	0
(4) Total Decisions this Quarter:				
Memorandum Decision	0	0	0	0
Orders	2	1	1	2
Opinions	0	0	0	0

##### b. Criminal

	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Total</u>
(1) Cases Filed	0	0	0	0
(2) Cases Completed	0	0	0	0
(3) Hearings Held	0	0	0	0
(4) Total Decisions this Quarter:				
(a)Memorandum Decision	0	0	0	0
(b) Orders	0	0	0	0
(c) Opinions	0	0	0	0

c. Navajo Nation Bar Association

	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Total</u>
(1) Cases Filed	6	6	0	12
(2) Cases Completed	6	0	0	6
(3) Hearings Held	0	6	0	6
(4) Total Decisions this Quarter:				
(a)Memorandum Decision	0	0	0	0
(d) Orders	6	12	0	18
(e) Opinions	0	0	0	0

d. Special Proceedings

	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Total</u>
(1) Cases Filed	0	0	0	0
(2) Cases Completed	0	0	0	0
(3) Hearings Held	0	0	0	0
(4) Total Decisions this Quarter:				
(a)Memorandum Decision	0	0	0	0
(f) Orders	0	0	0	0
(g) Opinions	0	0	0	0

e. Summary of all cases on appeal

- (1) Brought Forward: 116
- (2) Filed: 22
- (3) Reconsiderations: 3
- (4) Closed: 8
- (5) Pending: 133

Pending cases	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
Civil	1	0	1	3	12	19	13	6	4	13	26	25	123
Criminal	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	4
NNBA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6
Special proceeding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1	0	1	3	13	19	13	6	6	14	26	31	133

2. Motions Reviews and Decided:

Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
0	0	0	0

3. Oral Arguments/Hearings Held: 6

4. Pro Bono Appointments:

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Tuba City/Kayenta/Dilkon	13	16	11	40
Window Rock/Chinle/Dzil Yijiin	21	7	18	46
Crownpoint/Shiprock/Aneth/ Pueblo Pintado	10	6	4	20
Ramah/Alamo/To'hajiilee	0	0	0	0
Total	44	29	33	106

1. Navajo Reporter Sales

The Navajo Nation Supreme Court sells Navajo Reporter books which are official reports of cases argued and decided in the Navajo Nation Supreme Court and the District Courts of the Navajo Nation. The books are sold in volumes starting from volume 1 to volume 9, except for volume 5, which are sold at Diné College Book Store. The prices of the books range from \$45.00 to \$100.00 per book. The order form for purchasing the Navajo Reporters is located on the Judicial Branch website.

There was a total of 22 book sales in the first quarter.

### **Supreme Court and Judicial Branch**

The Chief Justice JoAnn Jayne and Associate Justice Eleanor Shirley reviewed caseloads and any pending motions and apprised each other of the status of the cases as to the draft decisions they are working on. The Justices participated in discussing motions, issues of the appeal, and research they completed. Moreover, these discussions include comments and edits made to the draft orders and decisions made on the cases with some cases continuing for further meeting dates as decided by the Court. They conducted preliminary reviews of cases as to whether the appeal is timely, whether record compilation has been completed, and whether the filings are following the Navajo Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure, statutes of the Navajo Nation Code, and case laws. In conducting preliminary reviews, the Justices coordinate the research and review of the lower court record with the Supreme Court Clerk on the discussion and drafting of Orders. There were six (6) oral hearings in the first quarter.

On October 5, 2023, Chief Justice Jayne and Associate Justice Shirley did a site visit to the Shiprock Judicial Court.

On November 1, 2023, Chief Justice Jayne and Judicial Branch Administrative Office of the Courts staff met with Rex Lee Jim from Diné College on planning for Judicial Branch training needs.

### **Oath of Office**

On December 5, 2023, Associate Justice Eleanor Shirley assisted in giving oaths to the Greasewood Springs Chapter President and the Pinedale Chapter President.

On November 7, 2023, Associate Justice Eleanor Shirley gave the oath of office to Shiprock Chapter School Board Member.

On October 4, Associate Justice Eleanor Shirley gave the oath of office to Cornfields Chapter Farm Board Member.

### **Supreme Court Vacancies**

The Navajo Nation has seven (7) vacant Judicial District Judge positions. Recruiting efforts are ongoing and paramount for the Branch.

The Supreme Court has vacant positions: Associate Justice, Supreme Court Law Clerk, Supreme Court Administrator, and Administrative Service Officer.

### **Probationary Judges and Justice Evaluations**

The Navajo Nation evaluation process for Probationary Judges is performed in accordance with the Judicial Branch Personnel Rules and Policies for Judges and Justices. Each probationary Judge is evaluated every six months during the judge's probationary period. Chief Justice appoints a performance review team for each judicial performance review. The performance review team consists of the Chief Justice, a District Court Judge, a Navajo Nation Bar Association Commission member, and a Law and Order Committee member.

Currently, there are a total of five (5) probationary Judges with the Navajo Nation. Two (2) Judges have completed their first six-month evaluation, one (1) Judge has completed their first and second evaluation, one (1) Judge completed their first, second, and third six-month evaluations, and one (1) Judge needs their first evaluation.

Surveys on performance were given to Navajo Nation Bar Association and Law Enforcement members. The surveys are an integral part of the evaluation process. There were three performance review team meetings in the first quarter.

### **Office of the Chief Justice**

The Office of the Chief Justice continues to work on system change projects to develop the Judicial Branch as a whole. Extensive work was completed to develop a request for proposals for a comprehensive infrastructure assessment for an e-File system for the Judicial Branch. Meetings were held with various court jurisdictions to review their prior processes as issues faced during implementation of an e-File system. Research and document review was completed to assess the foundational steps to begin this process.

To determine the needs with each court and program and possible funding sources to address the needs, site assessments were completed. Every location was assessed, specifically targeting the expenditure or possible expenditure of ARPA funding.

Worked with Probation and Parole regarding its Standard Operating Procedures as well as issues raised by state probation offices. The redevelopment of courtesy supervision is a top priority with continued work into the next quarter. In addition, research and revision of the Peacemaking Plan of Operation have begun and will also be a priority for completion in the next quarter.

### **Office of Pro Bono Services**

The Office of Pro Bono Services rules were approved by the Judicial Conference of the Navajo Nation on August 21, 1992. The Office of Pro Bono Services was given the authority by the Navajo Nation Bill of Rights to give the discretion of the Navajo Nation courts to determine when legal counsel should be appointed for legal cases within the Navajo Nation courts.

The Office of Pro Bono Services receives requests from the Navajo Nation Judicial Districts for legal counsel for individuals who cannot afford an attorney for legal cases filed within the Navajo Nation Judicial Family and/or District Courts.

The process of obtaining legal counsel from the Office of Pro Bono Services starts with an application from the Navajo Nation Probation and Parole Services. The Navajo Nation Probation and Parole Services screen and determine eligibility for legal counsel. The approved application by the Navajo Nation Probation and Parole Services is sent to the court for the Navajo Nation Judge to Order for a member of the Navajo Nation Bar Association (legal counsel) be assigned to the individual that needs legal assistance. The Office of Pro Bono Services then makes an assignment for legal counsel to assist the individual in need of legal assistance pertaining to their cases with the Navajo Nation courts.

The Office of Pro Bono Services received 106 Pro Bono requests for the first quarter: 40 requests were from Tuba City, Kayenta and Dilkon Judicial Districts; 46 requests were from Window Rock, Chinle and Dził Yijiin Judicial Districts; 20 requests were from Crownpoint, Shiprock and Aneth Judicial Districts; and 0 were from Ramah, Alamo, and To'hajiilee Judicial Districts.

### **Navajo Nation Government**

Chief Justice JoAnn B. Jayne is a member of the Retirement Plan Administration Committee (RPAC) of the Navajo Nation. An RPAC meeting was held this quarter on October 9, 2023; an RPAC work session was held on December 13, 2023; and the Annual RPAC Financial Investment meeting was held on December 14 and 15, 2023.

Chief Justice Jayne attended the Navajo Nation Investment Committee Meeting from November 28 to November 29, 2023. As the Chief Justice, she associated with Navajo Nation Investment Committee members, Budget and Finance, and retirement offices of the Navajo Nation. As a member of RPAC she received reports on the retirement funds from fund managers.

On October 23, 2023, Chief Justice met with Council Delegate Norman Begay and Ramah District court staff, regarding Ramah Court facility and funding.

### **State Government**

Navajo County Public Defender requested for the Navajo Nation Judicial Branch to meet with staff and discuss the culture and traditions of the Navajo Nation Judicial Court system. Chief Justice JoAnn Jayne, Peacemaking Program Acting Coordinator, and Probation and Parole Services participated in the discussion on November 3, 2023.

## **Public Events**

As part of the educational arm of the Judicial Branch, the Branch continues its outreach to various sites and audiences.

Chief Justice and Judicial Branch staff attended the Northern Navajo Fair and the Western Navajo Fair. Chief Justice Jayne participated in activities and the parade for public relations and recruitment.

On November 2, 2023, Chief Justice was invited by Raytheon Diné Facility to attend the Raytheon Land Acknowledgement Ceremony in Farmington, N.M.

## **B. Tuba City Judicial District**

### **1. Accomplishments**

- a. Court Operation. For October, November and December 2023, the Tuba City Judicial District continued to deliver in-person court services. All court hearings are in-person court hearings except for those that request for telephonic court hearings. Telephonic and conference call numbers are provided to the customers to call in for their court hearings. Court documents are still being received via postal mail, in-person, facsimile, credit card/money order for payments are received at the service counter inside the court building. Judge Cecelia Tallman continues to hear all cases filed with the court. Currently, as the court docket allows, the court is working on the backlog of court cases.
- b. General Staff Meeting. Court Administrator Alice Huskie provided updates on court operations and shared information on plans, budgets, supplies, training, and events. With the lingering effects of the COVID-19 virus, staff are encouraged to continue keeping their office areas clean. For health and safety reasons the court staff are highly encouraged to continue to sanitize their workspaces.
- c. Office Technician Meetings. Financial Technicians Sandra Dalgai, Linda Williams and Paulette Begay held meetings with the office technicians from all the Judicial Districts. The meetings are to provide instructions to follow all requirements of the FMIS purchasing procurements. Participants raised questions and clarifications were provided to the staff. Office Technician Orlando Sam participated in the meetings. Ms. Sandra Dalgai facilitated the meetings.
- d. Tuba City Fair – Kids Day and Elder Day. On October 19, 2023, Court Clerk Lorisa Begay, Bailiff Paradise Bitsoi, Office Technician Orlando Sam and Facility

Maintenance Technician Waymore Scott participated in the Kids and Elder Day at the Fair grounds. They greeted and provided promotional items to the kids, elders and family members that came to the booth. A total of 614 participants came to visit the Tuba City Judicial District’s booth.

- e. Court Administrators, Business Managers and AOC Meeting. On November 13, 2023, Chief Probation Officer Lucinda Yellowhair facilitated the meeting. Acting Administrative Director Karen Francis provided information on the legislative concerns by the Navajo Nation Council and the Fiscal staff provided an overview of the Navajo Nation Procurement Act of 2023.
- f. Judges Round Table Meeting. On November 30, 2023, the Navajo Nation Judges held a round table discussion via Zoom meeting. Topics discussed included proper data entry into Justware, pending cases, scheduling of cases, proper handling of court orders when the judge that presiding over the cases is no longer available and court rules and procedures. Judge Cecelia Tallman participated in the meeting.
- g. Case Certification Training. On December 8, 2023, Court Administrator Lavonne Yazzie and Programmer Support Specialist Melanie Price provided the training. Topics presented were History of the Judicial District case management, caseload processes and Justware reports relative to case certification. Court Administrator Alice Huskie attended the case certification training provided at the Chinle Judicial District.
- h. Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Meetings. Grants Administrator Raquel Chee facilitated numerous meetings to streamline Judicial Districts’ needs for contract development for building repairs and maintenances following the FMIS 6B procurement policies. Court Administrator Alice Huskie, Office Technician Orlando Sam, and Facilities Maintenances Waymore Scott participated in the meetings.
- i. Daily Visitor Sign-in and Metal Detector Count for October, November & December 2023.

MONTH	Court Hearing	Protection Order	Pay Fine/Cash Bond	Filing Documents	Obtain Information	Check Mail	Attend Training	Background Check	Oath of Office	Maintenance of Building	Attend Meeting	Other Hearings	Other	Total Clients Served	Metal Detector Reading
October 2023	260	29	39	155	154	71	0	2	1	0	10	3	22	746	1093
November 2023	151	37	53	145	110	68	1	0	13	0	5	0	48	631	1118
December 2023	176	26	29	112	164	80	0	0	14	0	4	1	36	642	993

<b>Total:</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>3204</b>
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j. Request for court documents and audio for October, November & December 2023.

Month:	October - 2023	November - 2023	December - 2023	Total:
<b>Total Court Document Request</b>	8	12	14	34
Completed documents. Request	4	7	3	14
Pending Document Request	4	5	11	20
<b>Total Audio Request</b>	2	1	2	5
Completed Audio Request	2	1	2	5
Pending Audio Request	0	0	0	0

2. **Other Significant Accomplishments:**

- a. Fundamentals of Evidence: Web-based. Judge Tallman attended the Fundamentals of Evidence training via web-based on Fridays from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. The course is designed to provide participants with a practical framework for ruling on evidence. The course also includes the principles of the Federal Rules of Evidence with a focus on using the rules to decide evidentiary issues. Judge Tallman completed the training on October 27, 2023.
- b. District Site Visit. On October 18, 2023, key staff from the Administrative Office of Courts (AOC) held a meeting with Acting Court Administrator Orlando Sam and Facility Maintenance Technician regarding the needs for the Court. Mr. Sam and Mr. Scott presented the needs list for the Tuba City Judicial District. The AOC staff shared the plan to use the ARPA funding and all purchases must be following the FMIS 6B purchase procurement policies.
- c. Risk Management Training. On November 15, 2023, Insurance Claims Analyst Dorothea Dedman provided virtual training on “accident and property loss”. The training provided information for staff to gain a better understanding of accidents and property loss within the work environment. Office Technician Orlando Sam attended the training.



- d. Oath of Office. On November 29, 2023, Judge Tallman administered the annual renewal work oath for Department Correction. Twenty-five staff, which included the Lieutenant, Sergeants, and Correction Officers, renewed their work oath for the Year 2024.
- e. Navajo Nation Employee Benefits Program. On December 5, 2023, the Navajo Nation provided a virtual training for the Judicial Branch staff. The training covered many topics such as plan information, eligibility, life benefits, beneficiary, premium rates for health and life, group health benefit, affordable care act, medical program, health ID cards, dental, vision, member portal, FML and supplemental benefits. The court staff attended the training which was very beneficial. Insurance Claim Coordinator Eulanda Ciccarello provided the training.
- f. Court Security – Critical Incident & Emergency Planning for Courts. On December 5 -7, 2023, Bailiffs Carl Nez, Paradise Bitsoi and Shaun Whitehair attended the training in Las Vegas, Nevada. The course topics included overview of courtroom security, daily operational concerns, prisoner/defendant security, high risk/ critical situations, bomb threats/ natural disasters, rights of defendants and other emergency situations that may arise. Mr. Rick Baker provided the training. He has lectured and taught at numerous National and State Conferences. All three bailiffs received their certificate of completion.
- g. Winter Peacemaking Conference 2023. On December 20-21, 2023, the Navajo Peacemaking Program held a winter conference in Window Rock, AZ. The conference topics included traditional leadership, traditional sentence v. modern sentencing/peacemaking, Diné language, fundamental law, Navajo twin story and mock session. The focus of the conference was for participants to gain knowledge on the traditional way of life with values and teachings by our elders. Court Clerk Lorisa Begay and Bailiff Paradise Bitsoi attended the conference.

### **3. Objectives of Accomplish in the next Quarter**

- a. To review court operations and processes to become more efficient and to eliminate duplication of services for court.
- b. To adjudicate and close cases.
- c. To arrange for in-person and telephonic court hearings for all cases filed with the court.

## **C. Kayenta Judicial District**

### **1. Accomplishments of Objectives Set the Previous Quarter**

- a. The Kayenta Judicial District commenced its bi-annual court clerk rotation on October 02, 2023. The rotation promotes cross-training in different aspects of district and family court proceedings and case management.

- b. Court administrator Lavonne K. Yazzie and office technician Regina Jones participated in a “*Navajo Business Opportunity Act Training*” on October 12, 2023. The training provided information on the Navajo Business Opportunity Act and Navajo Nation Procurement Code that both recognize Navajo Preference in vendor evaluation and selection.
- c. Court administrator Lavonne K. Yazzie facilitated two Judicial Branch Case Management Policy revision work sessions on October 27 and November 09, 2023.
- d. Court administrator Lavonne K. Yazzie and office technician Regina Jones participated in Navajo Nation Insurance Services Department’s “*Risk Management Program Training*” on November 15, 2023. The training provided valuable information on the department’s reporting requirements to ensure accurate insurance coverage and protection for the Navajo Nation government, enterprises, assets, property and employees.
- e. Bailiffs Brandon Benallie and Chaston B. Yazzie successfully completed “*Court Security – Critical Incident & Emergency Planning for Courts Training*” on December 5-7, 2023, in Las Vegas, NV. The bailiffs received information on security of the courts and protecting the judiciary, those in the courts who serve the public, and the public who come to the courts to be served. The bailiffs gained knowledge of courtroom security, violent court incidents/case studies, legal issues of courtroom security, daily operational concerns, prisoner/defendant security, high risk/critical situations, and emergency responses.

## **2. Other significant accomplishments**

- a. The Kayenta Judicial District facilitated a free DNA Legal Services’ Pro Se Legal Clinic on October 13, 2023, in Kayenta, AZ. The clinic helps individuals know and use available legal and non-legal resources to effectively advocate on their own behalf under the supervision of advocates who provide free legal advice.
- b. In the absence of our judicial hearing officer Dorothea Denetsosie, the Crownpoint and Window Rock Judicial District hearing officers Rodriguez Morris and Lorita Largo assisted the district with Domestic Abuse Protection hearings in November and December 2023.
- c. Judge Letitia M. Stover participated in a Quarterly Judicial Conference on December 01, 2023. Justices and Judges received Judicial Branch updates and new developments.
- d. Court administrator Lavonne K. Yazzie participated in a Private Process Server Update meeting on December 01, 2023. The meeting addressed services provided by private process servers to locate and serve legal papers to individuals pertaining to Domestic Violence Abuse Protection Act cases.
- e. Court administrator Lavonne K. Yazzie and court clerk Genevieve Curley provided training on the Navajo Nation Domestic Abuse Protection Act and local court process

- to the Tohdenasshai Woman’s Shelter Home staff on December 05, 2023, in Kayenta, AZ.
- f. By invitation, Judge Letitia M. Stover rendered the Oath of Office to Mr. Stanley Yazzie as the newly elected To’Nanees’Dizi school board member representing the Tsah Bii Kin, Kaibeto and Shonto Community Governance on December 07, 2023.
  - g. Court administrator Lavonne K. Yazzie provided a Judicial Branch Case Certification Training for all district court administrators and program managers on December 08, 2023, in Chinle, AZ. The purpose of the annual case certification is to ensure accountability of court case files and pending case status.
  - h. On December 11, 2023, court administrator Lavonne K. Yazzie participated in a Kayenta Township regular meeting that authorized the town manager to execute a grant agreement for transfer of funds approved by Navajo Nation Council resolution CJY-33-22 for the new Kayenta Judicial Complex construction. The 17,000 square foot complex will provide a permanent safe, secure, and modern building not only for the Judicial Branch but the Office of the Prosecutor and Office of Public Defender.
  - i. Court administrator Lavonne K. Yazzie, court clerk Valentina Smith and bailiff Chaston B. Yazzie served as presenters at the Kayenta Middle School Career Day on December 20, 2023, in Kayenta, AZ. The staff provided students with a history of the Navajo Nation Courts and branch employment opportunities.

### **3. Objectives to be Accomplished by Next Quarter**

- a. To provide three in-service training courses for the district staff.
- b. To complete the district Case Certification Report.
- c. To provide mobile court services to two Navajo chapters.
- d. To facilitate the Kayenta Judicial District Judicial Complex groundbreaking event upon approval of Navajo Nation and Kayenta Township grant agreement.
- e. To promote positive and more effective working relationships with the community, local law enforcement and other public service organizations through monthly meetings.

## **D. Aneth Judicial District**

### **1. Accomplishments of objectives set the previous quarter**

- a. All personnel in the Aneth Judicial District are continuing to wear their masks and disinfect their workstations daily because of the high rate of infections of COVID-19 in Aneth, Utah, and its vicinity. To address the rising rates of infections, the Aneth court has purchased more disinfecting supplies and masks for the staff. Aneth Court staff continue to self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 and for the seasonal cold before reporting to work.

- b. The Aneth Court building has been without a working HVAC system since 2020. Because of the Navajo Nation administrative procurement policies and vendor's complications, it took that long to procure four new HVAC units. On November 27, 2023, work began on installing the four new HVAC units on the Aneth Court modular building. We are happy to report that after almost four years, the Aneth Court building has new HVAC units.
- c. Aneth Judicial District administrative staff have developed an expenditure plan to spend its annual allotment of general funds budget. It will continue to work with the Judicial Branch – Human Resources to fill its vacant Staff Attorney position.

## **2. Other significant accomplishments**

- a. The Honorable Irene S. Black was tentatively assigned to Shiprock Judicial District and to the Judicial Grievance Board. The assignment started on December 01, 2014, by then Chief Justice Herb Yazzie by Administrative Order 68-2014. Because of the vast distances between the courts, Judge Black routinely conducts hearings via telephonic or web-based hearings. These assignments are influencing the turnaround in getting orders out to all the customers, which in turn, creates a backlog of cases, on top of an already backlog of court cases generated during the Navajo Nation Public Health Emergency.
- b. The Aneth District Court staff are participating in trainings offered by the Judicial Branch Training Manager. Aneth District Court staff have completed required mandatory trainings and other specialized education or trainings required for each job positions. Aneth District court staff will continue to take advantage of virtual trainings over in-person trainings.
- c. Aneth District Court continues to meet with its staff to provide court program updates, information being disseminated from Window Rock Administrative Offices of the Courts, from our justice partners, and other health relevant information. Aneth District Court's management continuously updates the personnel in hopes of disseminating all pertinent information.
- d. Aneth District Court has one vacancy: a Staff Attorney position. No one has applied for the Staff Attorney position. Judicial Branch Human Resources will continue to advertise the position.

## **3. Objectives to be accomplished by Next Quarter**

- a. Complete the Court case certification.
- b. Complete the annual report of the Aneth District and report back to the Administrative Offices of the Courts.
- c. Complete funds allocation of the Hashkééjį Nahat'á Béeso Bá Hooghan funds.

## E. Chinle Judicial District

### 1. Accomplishments of objectives

- a. Chinle Court Operations: Chinle court staff continued to provide services to the public. Court clerks have processed court cases from docketing new cases, processing court pleadings, updating the court's data system, collecting fines and fees as related to court cases, clerking court hearings, and closing out cases upon entry of the court's final order. Bailiffs provided the court security for the judges and court staff and maintained court decorum during court hearings. Staff Attorney assisted the judge by researching case laws as they pertain to the court case. Court Administrator continued to assist the judge as needed, maintained the operations of the courts, and maintained correspondence with local service providers i.e. law enforcement, corrections, prosecutors, public defenders, attorneys, local government officials, and school officials. Judge continued to hear cases, prepared and issued orders, maintain collaborations with service providers, and maintained the administrative aspects of the court.
- b. Resource Meeting: The court administrator and Judge Thompson facilitated a district resource meeting with the local service providers. The local service providers included the school counselors from Chinle High School, Many Farms High School, Red Mesa High School, family services, probation and parole services, peacemaking program, corrections, behavioral health services, prosecutors, and police department. The primary concern of the group was providing services to our children and their families. Schools reported their problems with truancy and substance abuse among their student population. The group is looking forward to planning services to address the issues.
- c. Northern Arizona Re-Entry Pilot Project: Chinle Judicial District continued to host the hearings for individuals going through the Northern Arizona Re-Entry Program with the United States Probation Services. The court provides a courtroom for the program to conduct their hearings for individuals who live within the geographical area of Chinle, Arizona. The hearings are scheduled one day, every other month.
- d. Uniform Case Management Policy Work Group: The staff attorney and court administrator participated in the uniform case management policy work group. The group has scheduled a few meetings during the quarter. The group worked on the purpose of the case management policy. Participants include staff attorneys, court administrators, chief probation officer, senior probation officers, associate attorney, acting director of administrative court, and acting peacemaking program director.
- e. Vacant Judge Position: The Chinle Judicial District has a vacant judge position that needs to be filled. Judge Thompson is assigned to cover Chinle Judicial District and Dził Yijiin Judicial District. Thus far, the court staff from both districts have been working closely with Judge Thompson to continue court services to the public. The main concern is burning out our Judge. Chinle Judicial District needs a judge to fulfill the vacant position.

## **2. Objectives to be accomplished**

- a. The Chinle Judicial District judge and court administrator will participate in meetings with service providers and the Chief Justice's Office.
- b. The Chinle Judicial District will continue to work towards meeting its performance criteria.
- c. The Chinle Judicial District will complete the employee performance evaluations for its staff.
- d. The Chinle Judicial District will complete its caseload certification.

## **F. Dził Yijiin Judicial District**

### **1. Accomplishments of Objectives Set the Previous Quarter**

- a. Dził Yijiin Judicial District maintains Court operation on processing all case types filed and provides further in-person court services. Judge Thompson held court hearings in-person and by utilizing alternative means of presiding over cases through teleconferencing or virtual appearances, while overseeing two district courts. Judge Thompson also handled hearings on Petition for Domestic Abuse Protection Orders this quarter.
- b. Dził Yijiin court personnel successfully attended and completed three or more in-service trainings this quarter.

### **2. Other Significant Accomplishments**

- a. Dził Yijiin district made the initiative to meet timeline to submit purchase requisition for the Pinon district needs with Judicial Branch assessments and plan for the expenditure of any remaining funds for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Section 6.
- b. During this quarter Judge Thompson reviewed, issued judgment, and closed one hundred seventy-one (171) civil traffic cases to address the pending back log for Dził Yijiin district.
- c. During first quarter, Court Administrator (CA) Arlene Lee attended the following meetings to represent Dził Yijiin Judicial District:
  - On October 12, 2023, attend virtual training about Navajo Business Opportunity Act presented by Notah Silversmith and Ryan Holgate with Navajo Business Regulatory Department.
  - On October 24, 2023, the district had a site visit by the Administrative Office of the Courts to assess IT, equipment and building needs.
  - CA attended court security in-service at Chinle court with Cherie Espinosa, Esq. on November 7, 2023.

- CA attended virtual CA and Managers meeting on November 13, 2023.
- Court bailiffs attend Court Security training in Las Vegas, NV during the week of December 5, 2023.
- On December 7, 2023, district had staff in-service on legal advice vs. providing information presented by Brian Curley-Chambers, Staff Attorney.
- CA participated in the case certification training facilitated by Lavonne Yazzie at Chinle district on December 8, 2023.
- Dził Yijiin CA assisted with office technician interview for the Dilkon district court on December 18, 2023.
- Staff had meeting with Gwendolyn Keedo, Senior Budget Analyst, about technical assistance with Kitsilii construction on fencing for the court building.
- Dził Yijiin court staff attend the Peacemaking winter conference held during December 20 & 21, 2023 at the Window Rock Museum.

### **3. Objectives to Accomplished by Next Quarter**

- a. Dził Yijiin Judicial District will continue to facilitate Resource Meetings with various service providers to collaborate and network to improve essential service to the public.
- b. Continue working on Just Ware Case Load report by the end of February 28<sup>th</sup>. Update Just Ware to accurately reflect all pending cases including case types and statistical breakdown from the time a case is filed to resolution.
- c. Complete annual evaluation for Dzil Yijiin district personnel.

## **G. Dilkon Judicial District**

### **1. Accomplishment of objectives set in the last quarter**

- a. To facilitate the Dilkon Judicial District Resource Meetings to network and collaborate with local resources to improve services to the public. This quarter, a meeting was not facilitated; however, the court administrator will conduct the resource meeting in the next quarter. It is very important to have the resource meetings with the local resources to keep communication open and update each other to serve customers and clients.
- b. To conduct two in-service training for the district staff. In-services, meeting and planning regarding court scheduling, essential cases, and hearings; case management update/edits on forms to better communicate with customers and local resources.
- c. To plan, organize, and prepare budgets for FY2025. All necessary documents are submitted and approved to essentially work with for fiscal year 2025.

### **2. Other significant accomplishments**

- a. Court clerks attended training in Palm Springs. The clerks learned about the wellness courts and what they provided for the community. Court clerks and Court Administrator attended the Advance court clerks training and customer service.

### **3. Objectives to be accomplished in the next quarter**

- a. To facilitate the Dilkon Judicial District Resource Meetings ‘virtually’ to network and collaborate with local resources to improve services to the public. This is a continuous goal for each quarter.
- b. To conduct two (in-service) virtual training for the district staff regarding the current situation of coronavirus, protocols, self-care etc. This is a continuous goal for each quarter.

## **H. Window Rock Judicial District**

### **1. Accomplishment of objectives**

The Window Rock Judicial District continues addressing all cases on the Court's docket. The Court continues to address hearings telephonically with the exception of parties that request in-person hearings.

The WRJD’s daily focus is regarding the court's dockets on Children's, Civil, Family Civil, Criminal, Civil Traffic Hearings, and Domestic Violence proceedings due to daily filings and outstanding bench warrants. Court documents are received in-person or by drop-box, postal mail, and fax. All staff are cross trained to answer telephone calls, process fines and fee payments including processing postal mail, processing court filings, and are to clerk ALL scheduled hearings. Our current staffing has exemplary work performances and their desires to complete their task and have set outstanding measures to help in closing Court cases.

For the months of September, October, and November, Judge Malcolm Begay and Kendra Dale, Court Administrator, have been attending the planning of the new Tsehootsoi Judicial/ Public Safety Center which will be built North of the new NTUA complex in Fort Defiance, Arizona. The planning committee started from the beginning again due to some issues that occurred with the previous architects that were going to design the building. Another Architect Engineering firm has been selected and now is on the stages of floor plans. The Navajo Nation partners who will be in the same complex as Window Rock Court have been meeting monthly.

For the months of September, October and November, Judge Malcolm Begay and Kendra Dale, Court Administrator have been meeting with the Judicial Team- Ms. Cherie Espinosa, Ms. Karen Francis, and Ms. Gwendolyn Keedo and the DCD consultant Mr. Andy Thomas - regarding the Window Rock Judicial Modular building that will be set up west of the United States Postal Office in Fort Defiance, Arizona. The process started again in October when Mr. Thomas took over the project. The first meeting was regarding the process of bidding out the project and opening the bids. The team met on a bi-weekly basis for updates and right now the process is going through the 164 process and the contract is now at the Navajo Nation Department of Justice for review.

Administrative Response



- a. Honorable Judge Malcolm Begay, Honorable Judge Victor Clyde, and Judicial Hearing Officer Loritta Largo preside and hear all Window Rock Judicial Family and District Court cases.
- b. The Window Rock Judicial District (WRJD) has fully opened the court's front desk services for the public. The WRJD has allowed limited access to in-person services for the public and we are open daily from 8am to 5pm with exceptions during the lunch hour from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- c. WRJD holds 90% telephonic hearings and only by request from the involved parties to hold an in-person hearing. A designated location is sought outside of the Judicial Branch because WRJD currently has no court rooms to hold hearings. The Jury Trials that are scheduled are held at the sister locations at the Crownpoint and Chinle Judicial Districts.
- d. There were 261 Family Court hearings and 372 District Court hearings for this Quarter. Orders for these hearings contribute to the current backlogged WRJD cases.
- e. The Judicial Hearing Officer, Loritta Largo assists Window Rock Judicial District with Domestic Violence Petition hearings and presides over the Shelter Care hearings. Ms. Largo also assists Chinle, Dilkon, and Kayenta Judicial Districts on a weekly basis. For this quarter, the hearings for Window Rock Judicial District consisted of 184 cases. Ms. Largo assists the Judges by presiding over the cases and gives recommendations after each hearing, the Judges prepare the final Orders for distribution to the parties.
- f. The first quarter had 61 court document requests and 31 court document requests were completed.
- g. On a monthly basis, Jacqueline Francisco, Office Technician ensures, that all WRJD bank deposits were successfully recorded and closed by the Cashier's Office. The amount deposited were:
  - October total amount for Court and Traffic Fines: \$4,612.45
  - November total amount for Court and Traffic Fines: \$6,333.05
  - December total amount for Court and Traffic Fines: \$7,190.90
- h. Honorable Judge Malcolm Begay administered two Oaths of office for this quarter. The Oaths were administered for two Correction Officers with the Navajo Nation Department of Corrections.
- i. Honorable Judge Victor Clyde administered an Oath of office for this quarter. The Oath was administered for a new Prosecutor with the Navajo Nation Prosecutor's Office.
- j. Honorable Judge Victor Clyde officiated one marriage ceremony in October 2023.
- k. Court Schedule: Honorable Judge Malcolm Begay presides over all District Court cases and Honorable Judge Clyde presides over all Family Court cases with Window Rock Judicial District.

- l. Quarterly Judicial Conference: The quarterly Judicial Conference was scheduled for December 1, 2023, but was postponed by the Chief Justice.
- m. Judges' Round table: On November 30, 2023, a Judges' roundtable was virtually held - Judge Malcolm Begay and Judge Victor Clyde attended.
- n. Court Administrator meeting: On November 12, 2023, a Court Administrator meeting was held virtually- the WRJD Court Administrator attended.
- o. Vacant and filled Positions: The Window Rock Judicial District has four vacant positions: one District Court Judge, one Staff Attorney and two District Court Clerks. The Judicial Branch Human Resource Department continues to advertise these positions. WRJD welcomes two new court clerks: LaDera R. Storer and Deann A. Yazzie.
- p. Training: The Window Rock District Court Staff attended the following:
  - Training- Judicial Code of Conduct training on October 2, 2023, for a Court Clerk, Court Administrator, Office Technician. The instructor was Judge Malcolm Begay, location of the training was the Supreme Court courtroom, Window Rock, Arizona. The purpose is to train support personnel on the Judicial Code of Conduct that applies to anyone working with the presiding Judges and to improve court personnel conduct that the public expects.
  - Training- Tribal Court Clerk training on October 15-18, 2023, four clerks attended this in Las Vegas, Nevada.
  - Training- Judge Victor Clyde attended training for General Jurisdiction on October 9- 20, 2023 in Reno, Nevada with the National Judicial College.
  - Training- Cash Bond refunds and Forfeitures training on October 6-9, 2023 for four clerks, Office Technician and the Bailiff. The training location was at the Window Rock Court. The instructor was the Court Administrator and a Court Clerk.
  - Training- Judicial Branch Employment Policies and Procedures virtual training for all court staff. Human Resources conducted this training.
  - Training/ Work session- Budget work session (virtual) for the Court Administrator. The Fiscal Office conducted this work session.
  - Training- Defensive Driving Course with the Navajo Department of Transportation on November 29, 2023, all staff attended including the Judges.
  - Training- Response to Critical Incidents and Emergency Planning training on December 5-7, 2023. The Court Bailiff attended this training Las Vegas, Nevada.

## **2. Objectives to be accomplished**

- a. The Window Rock Judicial District continues to work out of the two conference rooms within the Administrative Office of the Courts in Window Rock. Arizona. The first building project is the temporary modular building which will be located in Fort Defiance, Arizona across from the Post Office. This project should be completed in 2024. The second building project is the Tsehootsoi Judicial/ Public Safety Center

which will be built North of the new Navajo Tribal Utility Authority complex in Fort Defiance, Arizona. This project should be completed in 2027.

- b. The WRJD staff will be completing case certification on February 28, 2024.
- c. The WRJD staff continue to perform excellent work ethics on maintaining the statistics and reporting of the caseloads.
- d. The WRJD District Court section will increase its civil traffic hearings from February through April 2024 to address its highest volume of pending cases. Our very limited staffing was able to close out nearly half of the civil traffic cases from 2023 and increase revenues to the Navajo Nation general funds. WRJD will continue this trend in the next quarter and hope to bring these outstanding cases to a close. The court thanks Court Clerks Ernestine Begay, Olivia Begay, and the Bailiff Michael Yazza for assisting in the addressing the civil traffic section.

## **I. Shiprock Judicial District**

### **1. Accomplishments**

- a. Shiprock Project: Tse'Bit a'i Criminal Justice Facility  
The project is pending funding for construction. A proposal for funds from the Hashkeeki Nahat a' Beeso Ba Hooghan fund was filed with the Ranking Committee on Friday, October 20, 2023. On October 30, 2023, Shiprock Judicial District Court Administrator Ethel S. Laughing received notice that the proposal was reviewed by the Hashkeeki Nahat a' Beeso Ba Hooghan Ranking Committee, and the Committee by consensus present that the Shiprock Judicial District proposal has met the purpose of the fund and is within the priority categories identified in the Criteria for Expenditure. This proposal includes the court, peacemaking, and probation.
- b. The Shiprock Judicial District's priority was to examine cases, and update cases, and this included cases with status bench warrants.
- c. The Shiprock Judicial District is continuing to focus on the case inventory.
- d. Judicial Facilities Maintenance Technician Ivan Cayedito has completed work orders for replacement of fluorescent bulbs and tubes; door frame weatherstrip for one entrance; replacement of a few toilet bowl seats; dry wall patch; adjustment to supply door.
- e. The Navajo Nation Facilities Maintenance, Shiprock Agency Maintenance Technician Charles Murphy has completed the following work orders: re-bolted down courtroom chairs; completed final assessment of plumbing issue and reinstalled the toilets in the Jury Room.

### **2. Other Significant Accomplishments**

- a. On October 20, 2023, a team of representatives of the Judicial Branch Administration, Office of the Chief Justice, Fiscal Office, Information Technology, and the Judicial Branch Maintenance, completed an on-site visit. A meeting was held to address district needs of building repair and maintenance; equipment; spending of the ARPA funds, and a tour of the facility.
- b. A total of five hundred forty-four (544) new filings have been received, and nine hundred four cases (904) were closed. This is a significant accomplishment in the district's case management progress of case closure.
- c. The Shiprock Judicial District Court Administrator Ethel S. Laughing has been assigned to work with the Case Management Policy Project Team. Two project meetings have been held on October 27, 2023, and November 9, 2023. The intent of the project is to develop a uniform Case Management Policy. The project team has initiated strategy discussion and project mapping.
- d. Shiprock Service Contract Private Process Server. Total of twenty-seven (27) service of process has been assigned; fifteen (15) were successfully served, Affidavit of Process filed with the Shiprock Court; and there were twelve (12) unsuccessful attempts, Affidavit of Non-Service of Process filed.

**District's Essential Services Provided by phone, fax, court's email, and post office.**

<b>Services</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Sent Out</b>	<b>Total</b>
Telephone Calls	1,499		
Fax Transmittals	22	0	
Court's E-mail	250		
On-Line Payment	0		
Call-In Payment	20		
Postal Mail & Drop Box	637	1,599	
Documents Filed w/ District	1,076		
Documents Filed w/ Family	671		
Visitor's Log	1,659		
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>5,834</b>	<b>1,599</b>	<b>7,433</b>

**SHIPROCK JUDICIAL DISTRICT FY 24 – 1<sup>st</sup> - VISITORS LOG**, a total of 1,659 individuals have received in-person service during this quarter.

**SHIPROCK JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
FY 24 - 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER- VISITORS LOG**

		PURPOSE OF VISIT														MONTHLY TOTAL:	
		DISTRICT COURT					FAMILY COURT					OTHER					
		District Court Hearing	Filing Court Document	Pay Fine	Request for Background Check	Information	Family Court Hearing	Pay Fine	Filing Court Document	Request for Court Record	Pick Up Pro Se Petition	Pick Up Temp Prot Order Petition	Information	Probation	Peacemaking		Other
1	October 2023	25	13	22	1	27	163	5	80	4	23	32	102	0	0	131	<b>629</b>
2	November 2023	42	8	9	1	39	149	4	71	0	2	9	27	105	0	0	<b>135</b>
3	December 2023	66	5	6	0	17	136	1	64	4	4	32	112	1	0	117	<b>565</b>
3	<b>Total</b>	133	26	37	2	83	448	10	215	8	29	73	241	106	0	248	<b>1,659</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED: 1,659**

Six hundred and seventy-one (671) family court documents filed with the Shiprock Judicial District; types of documents summarized below.

		<b>FY 24 - 1<sup>ST</sup> QTR</b>																																			
<b>COURT DOCUMENT(S) FILED WITH FAMILY COURT</b>																																					
		Application for Legal Counsel/Indigency Assessment	Minor(s) Guardianship	Adult Guardianship	Divorce	Paternity, Custody, Visitation, Support	Quiet Title Grazing Permit	Quiet Title Homesite Lease	Quiet Title Land Use Permit	DV-Petition for TPO	Motion to Domesticate	DV-Motion to Ext./Mod. (by Respondent)	DV-Motion for Ext./Mod. (by Petitioner)	DV-Motion to Vacate PO (by Petitioner)	DV-Motion to Vacate (by Respondent)	DV-Motion for OSC (by Petitioner)	DV-Motion for OSC (by Respondent)	Name Change (Minor Child)	Name Change (Adult)	Correction of Record (DOB)	Correction of Record (Place of Birth)	Guardianship of Adult	Guardianship of Minor Child	Petition for Correction of Name Change for Decedent	Petition for Correction of Record (DOB) for Decedent	Petition for Correction of Record (Place of Birth) for Decedent	Probate (with Probate Rules & Statute)	Complaint Against a Lawyer/Advocate	Private Process Server Listing	Motion to Appoint Special Appointee Packet	Release of Information Form	Inmate Request	Other	TOTAL			
OCTOBER	1	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	28	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	201	<b>244</b>		
NOVEMBER	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	179	<b>205</b>
DECEMBER	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	185	<b>222</b>		
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>671</b>			

One thousand seventy-six (1,076) district court documents filed with the Shiprock Judicial District; types of documents summarized below.

**FY 2022  
1ST QUARTER**

COURT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH DISTRICT COURT																													TOTAL							
	AA SHEET	Affidavit of Service	Application for Legal Counsel	Apology Letter	Call-Up Sheet	Certificate of DWI	Certificate of VIP	Conditions of Probation	Court Request Form	CSW Agreement	CSW Report - PPO	Executed Bench Warrants	Memos on LVES & Certificates	Motions & Orders	New CR Complaint	New District Civil Petition	New Small Claims Form	New TRCR Complaint	New TRCV Complaint	Presentence Report- PPO	Request for Extension	Request for Record/Background	Request for Transport	Request to Convert CSW back to Fine	Request to Convert Fine to CSW	Screening /Assessment/ Treatment	Statement of Compliance	Status Report - PPO		Subpoenas Filed	Subpoenas Return of Service	Summons Return of Service	Plea Statement (Traffic Citations)	OTHER		
OCTOBER	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	1	4	57	0	0	26	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	167	344
NOVEMBER	0	2	0	0	66	0	0	0	0	5	2	5	0	17	49	2	0	7	54	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	146	361
DECEMBER	0	0	0	0	103	0	0	2	0	1	0	4	0	4	24	1	0	11	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	6	0	168	371
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>1076</b>		

The district’s court fines and fees this quarter totaled \$11,265.75, and bond posted is \$1,100.00, restitution of \$174.00. Breakdown is as follows:

<b>District Court Fines &amp; Fees Note: Payments Remitted via US Postal Mail &amp; Call in Payments</b>	
District Civil Filing Fees	\$ 455.00
Small Claims Filing Fee	\$ 20.00
Criminal Fine	\$ 1,600.00
Copy Fee	\$ 108.90
CV Contempt Fee	\$ 25.00
CR Case Forfeiture	\$ 0
Certification Fee	\$ 14.00
Private Process Server	\$ 75.00
Court Cost Fee	\$ 12.00
Family Court Civil Filing Fee	\$ 885.00
JV Traffic Criminal Fine	\$ 0
JV Traffic Civil Infraction Fee	\$ 50.00
JV Criminal Fine	\$ 0
FC CV Contempt Fee	\$ 100.00
Pro Se Copy Fees	\$ 430.85
Traffic Civil Infraction Fee	\$ 6,840.00
Traffic CR Fine	\$ 550.00
Traffic Case Forfeiture	\$ 100.00
Bond	\$ 0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$11,265.75</b>

Community Service Work hours performed in lieu of fines/fees in the amount of \$3,199.00 during this quarter.

**3. Objectives to be Accomplished in the Next Quarter**

- a. Continue with building modifications for safe work environment.

- b. Hire and fill vacancies: (3) court clerks, office technician, and custodian.
- c. Continuation – TseBit'ai Justice Center Court coordination meeting.
- d. Continuation – Conduct district caseload inventory for calendar year 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022. The 2023 Certification of District Case Load Report due February 28, 2024.
- e. Continue to bring caseload current.
- f. Judicial District Court Administrator to continue working with the Case Management Policy Team in developing a uniform case management policy.
- g. Court Administration Participation in Budget Formulation Work Session for FY-2025 Budget Process.

## **J. Crownpoint Judicial District and Pueblo Pintado Circuit Court**

### **1. Accomplishment of objectives set in the previous quarter.**

- a. Continue to work on backlogged cases.

Crownpoint Judicial District Court clerks worked on the back log of cases. Through this first quarter of FY 2024, the clerk staff and bailiffs continued to work on cases. They were able to close 580 cases this quarter, majority of the cases are in Criminal, Civil traffic, and Domestic Violence case types. A total of 1,907 cases are forwarded to second quarter. The Judicial District clerks continue to assist with all case types daily.

Pueblo Pintado Court clerks closed out 13 cases this quarter and many of the cases are Criminal and Family Civil case types. A total of 209 cases were forwarded to the second quarter.

Both Crownpoint and Pueblo Pintado Court staff are working diligently on cases that were backlogged such as family court cases along with other case types. All staff continue to work on cases by assisting each other to reach their performance criteria goals for this last quarter.

- b. Crownpoint and Pueblo Pintado Staff training during this quarter.

Crownpoint Judicial District Court and Pueblo Pintado Court staff continue to attend mandatory training and training for health and safety procedures throughout the first quarter to strengthen services for our court facility and customers. Our staff continue to provide a safe environment for the staff and the public daily. Our facility continues to operate normal operation by opening the doors to the public from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- 09/29/23 – Employee Ethics & Confidentiality presented by Mr. Shawn Attakai, District Staff Attorney.
- 09/29/23 – Judicial Branch Travel & Training Request by AOC Financial Technician Sandra L. Dalgai.
- 11/29/23 – Navajo Nation Victims' Rights by District Staff Attorney.
- 11/29/23 – Ethics and Confidentiality Training by District Staff Attorney.

- 11/29/23 – Judicial Branch Customer Service by AOC Training Manager Lahomah Bahe.
- 11/29/23 – Judicial Branch Customer Service with Navajo Perspective by Peacemaking Program Traditional Program Specialist Rosiene Charley.
- 11/29/23 – Employee Safety Awareness by John Platero, Jr. Safety Technician, Safety and Loss Control Program.
- 12/05/23 – Staff Development & Training: Diné Language in Seconds: N7h7z11d o’hoo’aaah by Andy Nez, Navajo Nation Council Delegate
- 12/04-08/23 – Court Security: Critical Incident & Emergency Planning for the Courts.
- Navajo Nation Information Technology KnowB4 Trainings completed throughout the quarter are: Security Culture and You; Eight ways to strengthen & secure passwords Today; Understanding URLs; Staying Secure in a Connected World; Classic Danger Zone; Security for Workplace Messaging Platforms; and QR Codes: Safe Scanning.

## **2. Other Significant Accomplishments**

- a. Staff Development and Meeting on November 29, 2023  
On November 29, 2023, Crownpoint District Court staff attended the staff development and meeting. The staff development started with a presentation of the district court’s court function and chain of command presented by Mr. Shawn Attakai, District Staff Attorney. The presentation provided an overview of the district organization, judicial function, chain of command, and administrative function. Other presentations provided were Judicial Branch Customer Service in Navajo perspective and English perspective presented by Judicial Branch Human Resources and Peacemaking Program. The Navajo Nation Victim’s Rights were also presented along with Employee Safety Awareness by Navajo Nation Safety and Loss Control Program. These presentations were valuable and needed; information communicated with the staff during this staff development and meeting along with an appreciation dinner for all staff.
- b. Staff Wellness on December 21, 2023  
On December 21, 2023, Crownpoint District Court Staff prepared and conducted a staff wellness with Navajo Protection Prayer at Crownpoint District Peacemaking hogan. The Navajo protection prayer was greatly needed for the staff, the Eastern Diné Justice Center offices, and their services that they provide for the public. Crownpoint Probation and Parole services also attended the prayer services. The date for this unique Navajo ceremony was when winter began. The significant prayer provided rejuvenation, safety, health, and protection for the staff, their families, and public services to go through the winter season.
- c. In-Person Hearings  
The Crownpoint Judicial District Court is presently conducting in-person hearings at the courthouse for all case types. Teleconference requests are continuing to be made



to the district Judge for approval. The Pueblo Pintado Circuit Court continues to conduct in-person hearings at Crownpoint Judicial District Court for all case types and some continue to be approved via teleconference from the district Judge. The court and its staff have resumed full services to the public and are open during regular working hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Staff and visitors continue to practice safety measures daily, with masks being optional.

d. Crownpoint Justice Center

The Crownpoint Justice Center continues to experience issues with the HVAC control systems, camera and security systems, internet services within the building, and landscape modifications. During the assessment of the Justice Center last quarter, there were several needed areas mentioned and safety was the main concern. Bureau of Indian Affairs Facility Maintenance continues to work with their financial system to resolve the HVAC control system issues. Proposals for updated cameras and security systems were initiated within our Navajo Nation Judicial Branch during this quarter. Presently, preventive maintenance continues to be provided to maintain the center such as cleaning, building and light repairs, and other minor repairs for the building.

Also, during this quarter, the Crownpoint Judicial District Court continues to support Window Rock District. By collaborating and scheduling jury trials for the Window Rock District due to their lack of court facilities in Window Rock, Arizona. There is a need for judicial facilities for Window Rock District Court.

Fire drills were conducted throughout the quarter with the assistant of the Bailiffs and in collaboration with Navajo Nation Police Department and Corrections.

e. Pueblo Pintado District Circuit Court Building

The Court Administrator is moving forward in reopening Pueblo Pintado Circuit Court building by continuing to attend meetings with resources to complete the check off list, working with vendors, and processing financial documents. The court building had a broken water pipe from the community waterline, releveling the building, cleaning septic system, and needed grounds keeping improvement. The building is slowly improving due to coordination of financial procedures and collaboration of services and vendors. During this quarter, there were several financial documents submitted for processing to resolve issues the broken water pipe and cleaning of the septic system. Few repairs were completed inside the building and grounds keeping improvement were initiated. Administrative of the Courts Facilities Maintenance Technician continues to provide repairs to the court building and assisting Court Administrator to repair the water pipe. There is a continuing collaboration with Pueblo Pintado Circuit Court, Administrative Office of the Courts, and Navajo Nation Facility Maintenance Department at this present time. The Pueblo Pintado staff position is vacated and in progress for re-hiring.

f. Maintain archiving scanned cases pursuant to the performance criteria.

The Document Technician position of Crownpoint court is essential. Over **932 total cases** were archived during this quarter with **26,536 pages**. There were **891 case records** with a breakdown of **274** civil cases that were scanned and archived, **289** criminal cases are ready for scanning; **328** family, criminal, and traffic closed cases were filed. **Seven** resources requested for disposition reports for criminal and traffic

background records with a total of **20 requests this quarter**. There were **21 document requests** of court orders retrieved from requesting individuals. Document Technician continues to close, scan, and file closed cases and maintains court records for archiving.

- g. All case types for Crownpoint District and Pueblo Pintado District Circuit Court Court clerks continue to process pro se packets and schedule and monitor the filing of all cases. All cases continue being docketed daily. The courts for Crownpoint and Pueblo Pintado continue to utilize technology and all court clerks are currently working with all case types.

Judicial Hearing Officer Rodriguez Morris and Commissioner Hibbard provided in-person hearings for Domestic Violence cases for Crownpoint Judicial District and Pueblo Pintado Circuit Court. This quarter, the Judicial Hearing Officer, District Court Judge, and Commissioner heard 211 total cases for Crownpoint Judicial District Court and 12 total cases for Pueblo Pintado Circuit Court. Commissioner Hibbard heard 116 total cases for Crownpoint Judicial District Court and 6 cases for Pueblo Pintado Circuit Court. District Court Judge Livingston heard 5 total cases for Crownpoint Judicial District Court and no cases for Pueblo Pintado District Circuit Court.

For this quarter, 114 respondents were not served with Temporary Protection Order for Crownpoint Judicial District Court. However, a total of 100 respondents were served with Temporary Protection Order. A total of 54 were served by the police department, 23 were served by other services, and 23 were served by District Court Bailiff.

For this quarter, there were no respondents served with Temporary Protection Order for Pueblo Pintado Judicial Circuit Court, but there were 16 scheduled hearings.

- h. District Staff Attorney Shawn Attakai continues to provide legal assistance to the Crownpoint, Pueblo Pintado, and other Navajo Judicial Districts with appeals and other complex matters. Other significant accomplishments for the Staff Attorney this 1st quarter are:
- Continued providing legal assistance to the Crownpoint, Pueblo Pintado, and other Navajo Judicial Districts in pending, employment, administrative matters, and other complex judicial matters.
  - Participated in Hashkeeki Beeso strategic brainstorming/planning, and assisted with drafting project proposals, including Crownpoint Judicial quarters demolition, and former Peacemaking hogan renovation, throughout October-November.
  - Presented virtually “Chain of Command and Court Function” and “Victims’ Rights” at Crownpoint Staff Development Meeting.
  - Participated in the NNBA Board of Bar Commissioners Quarterly Meeting.

- Presented Navajo Fundamental Law & Treaty of 1868 at the ASU Navajo Law Conference for lawyers and advocates.
- Presented “Fundamental Law/Treaty” presentation at Last Chance CLE for bar practitioners in Window Rock.
- Presented “Dine Fundamental Law” at the Peacemaking Winter Conference in Window Rock Museum in Dec.

### 3. **Objectives to be accomplished in the next quarter**

- a. Resume court operations under the existing Judicial Branch Administrative Orders as directed by the Chief Justice.
- b. Continue to maintain the safety, welfare, and morale of the judicial district personnel, litigants, and public, to promote safety in the workplace, homes, and communities during the post COVID-19 pandemic.
- c. Increase the number of services for Domestic Violence Temporary Protection Orders during the next quarter.
- d. Continue to conduct quarterly resource meetings for the Eastern Navajo Agency and attend Pueblo Pintado Chapter meetings.

## K. **Ramah Judicial District**

### 1. **Accomplishments of Objectives set from previous quarter**

- a. The Ramah District Court has promoted a prosecutor position and more other effective working relationship with the community, local public service organization through the support of the monthly Ramah Chapter meetings. The Ramah Chapter Official has passed a resolution to support \$1 million to the state capital outlay to support the Ramah New Court Facility.
- b. Ramah District Court has continued this 1<sup>st</sup> quarter to advertise for the vacant Staff Attorney, Office Technician, and Court Custodian Positions until filled.
- c. The Ramah District Court will continue reviewing case to be closed out to meet the performance criteria.

**Court Services/telephone calls/fax services:** This 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, 200 people signed in for services, 386 telephone calls were received, and there were 17 incoming/outgoing fax services.

**The Court Clerks maintain;** This 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, the bench warrant list has been updated with the Ramah Navajo Law & Enforcement on a monthly basis.

**Weekly Bank Deposits;** The Court Bailiff continued to make bank deposits (fines & fees & cash bond) in Gallup at the Wells Fargo Bank and deliver incoming/outgoing mail to Administrative Office of the Courts.

**This quarterly Resource Meeting:** This 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, the court hosted (1) one meeting. Will gradually work on scheduling into next quarter.

**Ramah Regular Chapter Meeting: Court Administrator Esther Jose** has continued to attend the Ramah Planning and Regular Chapter meeting. Continued to give reports on daily Court operation, and development of updates regarding seeking funds for the new Ramah Court Facility Complex. Going forward seeking financial support for the floor plan & design of the court facility, and other related operations of the Ramah Judicial Court. Closures for holidays were provided.

**The Background Check:** The Ramah Judicial District honored 65 dispositional requests from the Ramah Navajo School Broad, Inc., the FBI Investigation Office, Gallup, New Mexico, and Window Rock Background Investigation Office. Requests are for outstanding Criminal and Traffic background checks or copies of completed payments regarding traffic citations.

**Oath of Office:** During this quarter, Judge Malcolm Laughing administered the oath of office requested by the Lieutenant for newly hired Law Enforcement Officers.

**Training:** On October 12, 2023, Court Administrator Esther Jose, Office, Court Clerk Jennifer Jim-Cly, Court Bailiff Harvey Pino, and Court Clerk Roxanne Yazzie attended Navajo Business Opportunity Act training.

**Proposal Request for Funds:** On October 12, 2023, submitted a proposal requesting funds from Hashkeeji Nahati Beeso Ba Hogan Fund, Mrs. Requel Chee, Grant Administrator, received the proposal requesting for funds and it was forwarded to the committee.

**Microsoft Team Meeting:** On October 17, 2023, Yvonne Gorman, Financial Manager, called for FY2024 Budget Work Session to overview the budget with the Court Administrator and other programs.

**Meeting with Chief Justice:** Meeting was held on October 23, 2023, regarding the status of Ramah New Court Facility with Chief Justice, Executive Assistants, Chapter Officials, Council Delegate, and other departments from Ramah Community. Discussion was to seek other constructed building, funding, and construction company. The site of the land and size of the new court building was shown on power point to the participants.

**Program Site Visit:** On October 25, 2023, the Program and AOC Staff made a district court visit on discussion of ARPA Section 6 Funds discussion regarding the needs for the Ramah Court Building. Needed projects include brighter outside lights, HVAC needs cleaning, carpet needs replacement, ceiling pile needs to be replaced, new trash bin, gravel on the north side of the building, and skirting on the court building.

**Pest Control:** On October 26, 2023, Mr. Roanhorse, Pest Control, brought some baits for gopher holes problem around the court building.

**FY2024 Budget:** On November 01, 2023, Yvonne Gorman, Financial Manager, called for FY2024 budget work session with all the Court Administrator, Business Unit, and other program to overview the FY2024 prepared budget to update.

**Court Administrator/Managers Meeting:** On November 13, 2023, Court Administrator Esther Jose participated in court administrator and managers via teleconference meetings. The group is

updated on programmatic information, district services, discussion and planning for the changes and the needs, current budgetary updates, procurement, human resource updates, and messages of encouragement. Participants received Judicial Branch updates and ascertained branch development.

**Training and Thanksgiving Dinner:** On November 15, 2023, Thanksgiving Dinner was held with staff. Linda Williams, Financial Technician, came out to Ramah District Court to train Court Administrator Esther Jose and Court Clerk Jennifer Jim-Cly on how to prepare purchase requisitions, quotes, online requisitions, and 6B, forms. She went over the process of how to order office supplies, and how to process of the paper flow of the forms.

On November 27, 2023, Judge Malcolm Laughing, District/Family Court judge returned to work at Ramah District Court.

**Tribal Court Site Visit:** On November 28, 2023, Court Administrator Esther Jose, Traditional Program Specialist, Ruby Frank, and Probation Officer Brendolyn Natan traveled to Ute Tribal Court Building and Jicarilla Tribal Court Building for a site visit to get an idea of other tribal court building structure, the security of the building in the court room, and how cameras are installed in the court room.

**Update Sexual Harassment Awareness (SHA) Training:** On December 4, 2023, Lahomah Bahe, Trainer Manager, updated SHA training for 3 staff from Ramah District Court.

**Training:** On December 4-8, 2023, the Ramah Court Bailiff, Harvey Pino attended the Court Bailiff training. He obtained a certificate of completion for the training.

**Case Certification Training:** On December 8, 2023, Court Administrator Esther Jose traveled to attend the Case Certification training in Chinle Court Room. Lavonne Yazzie, Kayenta Court Administrator, was the instructor of the paper flow of the case certification training.

**Defensive Driving Course (4 Hour):** On December 11, 2023, Judge Malcolm Laughing attended Defensive Driving Course and received Certificate of Completion, and renewed his tribal permit license.

**Customer Service Training:** On December 18, 2023, the Ramah Court Staff attended Customer Service Training at Ramah District Court Room. Lahomah Bahe, Trainer Manager, was the instructor. It was a refresher training for the staff.

**Employee's Drivers Listing:** On December 29, 2023, Court Administrator Esther Jose, provided the updated Ramah Court Driver's Tribal Permit license listing of the employees.

**Other Significant accomplishment:** The Ramah District Court was being covered by Judge William Platero throughout this quarter, until Judge Laughing came back to work. We would like to thank Judge Platero for his coverage and for taking the time to assist the Ramah District Court.

## **2. Objectives to be accomplished**

- a. This 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, hire court custodian position.
- b. This 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, complete annual employee evaluation
- c. This 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, to continue to provide expanded court and program services.

## L. **To'hajiilee Judicial District**

### 1. **Accomplishment of objectives set the previous quarter**

- a. Objective: Review the Minimum Accounting Standards guidelines with clerks. The staff Development was postponed due to snow weather in December. Plus, the Chief Justice did not approve the closure of the courts. The information was given on January 5, 2024 during a Teams meeting.
- b. Objective: Write a letter to USDOJ to unfreeze the Peer Support Enhancement grant for \$750,000 for the courts. Court Administrator did not write a letter.

### 2. **Other Significant Accomplishments**

- a. Indian Child Welfare Act Summit, New Mexico  
On October 10, 2023, Court Administrator Regina Roanhorse attended the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Summit sponsored by the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department. This 4<sup>th</sup> annual event focused on the Indian Family Protection Act (IFPA) passed by the New Mexico Legislature in March, 2022. The IFPA is a state law that supports tribal sovereignty and tribal self-determination by ensuring that state courts respond appropriately to tribal government and tribal communities when Indian children are taken into protective custody. Retired Judge, Honorable John J. Romero, Jr., provided a keynote opening that promoted the state and tribal partnerships that must occur to support cultural identity, and protect the Indian child's best interests. It was inspiring to hear from Judge Romero about his support of tribal sovereignty. There was a panel of attorneys and advocates that discussed the journey in the federal courts "post-SCOTUS" (Supreme Court of the United States) of the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978. One presenter talked about the Blood Memory, Cultural eco systems that exist with Native people in the context of historical trauma. Two attorneys discussed the Haaland v. Brackeen case as it pertains to what strategies and approaches need to continue to strengthen tribal-state collaborative partnerships. On June 15, 2023, the Supreme Court upheld the circuit court's conclusion that Congress' power to legislate Indian Affairs is well-established and broad, therefore the ICWA is consistent with Congress' power under Article 1 of the Constitution, as written by Justice Amy Coney Barrett. Overall, this summit was a must attend for court, social services, and law enforcement.
- b. Hashkeeki Nahat A Beeso Ba Hooghan

The To'Hajiilee Judicial District submitted two proposals to fund the following projects:

- To'Hajiilee Dine' Multi-Purpose Justice Center, \$14.9 million
- Eastern Navajo Agency Virtual and Hybrid Court Room Project at \$387,800 for Alamo, ToHajiilee, Crownpoint, Pueblo Pintado and Ramah courts

The Judicial Branch committee is still reviewing these projects. These projects will help the communities access justice services.

c. Healing to Wellness Court

Court Administrator Regina Roanhorse attended the Native American Subcommittee meeting of the New Mexico Behavioral Health Planning Council regular meeting on December 6, 2023. She received updates on funding of projects to address alcohol and substance abuse and mental health. New Mexico has funding available through the local collaboratives (coalitions) to do community projects. The Local Collaborative in Sandoval County is willing to help the district with a trauma informed “adverse childhood experiences” that we experienced as Native People including childhood abuse and neglect, poverty, and other discrimination. The New Mexico Native American Subcommittee is chaired by the Secretary of the Indian Affairs Department.

d. Ramah Coverage

Judge William Platero was covering the Ramah Judicial District. On December 4, 2023, pursuant to Administrative Order 76-2023, Judge Platero was relieved of the temporary assignment after Judge Malcolm Laughing returned to the district as presiding judge.

e. Oath of Office

Judge William Platero administered an oath of office for the Ramah Navajo people on October 16, 2023.

f. Case Management

On October 27, 2023, Staff Attorney Alisha Thompson attended the Judicial Branch Case management work group meeting.

**3. Objectives to be accomplished in the next quarter**

- a. Archive 2005-2007 cases including entering in JustWare for To’Hajiilee district.

**M. Alamo Judicial District**

**1. Accomplishment of objectives set the previous quarter**

a. Archive cases – Docket lists

The Alamo Judicial District does not have a document technician. However, the Alamo Acting Court Administrator Miranda Apachito continued to archive cases and is training Marlene Whitefeather, Court Clerk, on how to archive cases. This includes creating data folders in JustWare for old cases.

b. Conduct more in person hearings:

The Alamo District Court scheduled and conducted more in person hearings. However, the Navajo Nation prosecutor is not available to attend in person hearings and appears virtually for the scheduled hearings.

## **2. Other Significant Accomplishments**

- a. On October 3, 2023, Acting Court Administrator Miranda Apachito attended a meeting regarding the ARPA funding that the Judicial Branch was given. The coordinators explained that we were awarded some funds to use within the Judicial Branch and that we would need to submit quotes for things that we want to be fixed or replaced at our Districts. We had to submit a list of what we wanted to get done and we had a site visit on October 26, 2023, by the committee that oversees this funding, and we went over the list that the Court Administrator (CA) submitted to them. She explained why they want these things to be done at the Alamo District Court. After, the site visit she started working on a work order for Facilities Maintenance for some of the work and she started to prepare the quotes and justifications and sent them to Racquel Hurley, Office Technician, so that she can prepare the Purchase Requisition and send them to Window Rock for approval from the staff at the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). Alamo Court is wanting to replace the carpet due to water damage from when the roof was leaking in the Courthouse, to get the stucco on the outside fixed and repainted, countertops to be replaced in clerks' office and in the kitchen, window blinds in the offices to be replaced and add blinds to the windows in the court room. Alamo Court needs to get a streetlight for the parking lot for security of the staff, security lights on the outside of the building to be replaced or fixed, security cameras for the safety of staff and the public, the front door to be replaced or fixed, the porch to be fixed due to rotting boards and mold, and the water fountains need to be replaced or taken out due to them not working and leaking water. The Court submitted work orders to Facilities Maintenance, and they informed the Court that they are able to do most of the work requested. Court staff submitted quotes as well to get some of the work done from some of the vendors that work with the Navajo Nation and are waiting for approvals.
- b. On October 11, 2023, Alamo Court finally received insurance cards for the Tribal Vehicle. The tribal vehicle was grounded from October 1, 2023, to October 11, 2023, due to waiting on the insurance card from fleet.
- c. On October 12, 2023, Acting Court Administrator Miranda Apachito had a meeting with Judge Platero, Chapter Secretary Inez Apachito, Chapter Official Julie Guerro, Council Delegate Norman Begay and Annabell Pino, Traditional Program Specialist, regarding the Chapter resolution and the land withdrawal for the property north of the Alamo District Court. This is still in the planning stages.
- d. On October 16, 2023, the Alamo District Court opened a position for an Office Technician. The position has been open and the court is waiting for more applicants.
- i. On October 17, 2023, Acting Court Administrator Miranda Apachito attended a work session on the FY 2023 General Wage Adjustment. Financial Services Manager Yvonne A. Gorman conducted the work session to adjust additional funding that was given to each district. The Court Administrator worked on the budget with the help of Regina Begay-Roanhorse and was able to put the funding into Alamo's tribal vehicle expenses.



- j. On November 02, 2023, Alamo and To'Hajiilee staff had staff development in Albuquerque, NM at the Hispano Chamber of Commerce. Regina Begay-Roanhorse provided a training on the travel procedures and the new forms that we were given. Alisha Thompson did a training course on Introduction to Navajo Court Laws and Procedures. She gave all the staff the rules that we use in court and what should be done by law. She also gave training on Communication Do's and Don'ts. She taught what staff can and can't do as court staff and how to help the public when they come to court with questions/concerns and what to do if they need further assistance.
- k. On November 07, 2023, Acting Court Administrator Miranda Apachito attended a meeting with Raquel Chee on the HVAC systems.
- l. On November 09, 2023, Acting Court Administrator Miranda Apachito received a call from Paulette Begay regarding the streetlight. She said she was working on getting the paperwork filled out for the Socorro Electric Co-Op.
- m. On November 13, 2023, Acting Court Administrator Miranda Apachito attended a Court Administrator meeting. We went over the 2023 Navajo Nation Procurement Act CO-81-23 that was on November 03, 2023. We went over the proper way to fill out the Travel Training Request forms for Judge and other staff. We got updates on the ARPA funds from Gwendolyn Keedo. I found out there is a Bailiff training in December in Las Vegas, NV. Karen informed us of the Legislative Concerns and informed us that we need to submit 2 memos by December 13, 2023, and that she will be reporting to Law and Order Committee on what was reported to her from the districts. She also informed us that the Annual Evaluations for all staff are due on January 19, 2024.
- n. On November 14, 2023, Acting Court Administrator Miranda Apachito worked with Racquel Hurley, Office Technician, on quotes and submitting justifications with the Purchase Requests.
- o. On November 15, 2023, Acting Court Administrator Miranda Apachito attended the Risk Management meeting with Dorothea Dedman. She explained how the insurance works and what they must do to get it renewed for the Tribal Vehicles throughout the Navajo Nation. She showed what to do if there is an accident or an incident with the vehicles. She also showed how to report property damage and how to request COI/VOC and contract reviews.
- p. On November 29, 2023, Acting Court Administrator Miranda Apachito prepared another work order for Facilities Maintenance for the exterior of the court building and what things need to be repaired within the court building. A new work order had to be done due to the first one being turned down by the supervisor Adrian Luarkie. The stucco and fountain repairs cannot be done as they do not have any staff trained or the equipment to do this. Another work order was sent to Ivan Cayedito, Facilities Maintenance Technician for AOC. Alamo Court had a staff meeting with Facilities Maintenance and received an update that the thermostat was fixed for the front offices of the building and the heater was working. Also, the toilet was fixed, and it was no

longer running water. On November 30, 2023, the Facilities Maintenance workers were still here and they informed the Court that the Emergency Indoor Lights need to be replaced and t to do a work order. The CA submitted a work order.

- q. On December 12, 2023, Acting Court Administrator Miranda Apachito attended a meeting on the HVAC, Building Issues, and updates on the site visits that each district had. Each district provided updates on the projects that they are doing and where they are with getting the ARPA funds to do some of the projects that they want to do. A separate meeting was held with Gwendolyn Keedo, Racquel Hurley and the CA to discuss Alamo's purchase requisitions. Gwendolyn gave us some updates on some of the stuff that we are requesting, and Racquel said that she wants to redo the Purchase Requests and resubmit them. She wants to call the vendors and ask them to redo their quote and to send them to her and she will resubmit the Purchase Requests.
- r. On December 13, 2023, Court Administrator Regina Begay-Roanhorse and Acting Court Administrator Miranda Apachito sent the memorandum to Karen Francis on the Legislative Concerns and how elders are treated in the Court. The CAs mentioned how court staff are to treat everyone equally that comes to the courthouse looking for help. They must treat everyone with respect and be willing to always help no matter what. They also expressed how they used the budget from last fiscal year and how they plan to use the budget this fiscal year.
- s. On December 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, the Peacemaking Program had its winter conference, and Acting Court Administrator Miranda Apachito was able to join virtually to listen in on the conference.
- t. On December 27, 2023, Alamo Court Staff attended the virtual Sexual Harassment Awareness and Prevention training with Ramondo Clah from the Navajo Nation Staff Development program. This training was very informative, and the presenter was very knowledgeable of the topic.

**3. Objectives to be accomplished in the next quarter.**

- a. Send staff on training courses pertaining to their job titles.
- b. Get the stucco repaired and painted, get the porch fixed, replace the front doors, get a streetlight put up in the parking lot, get the carpet replaced in the Courthouse, get the security lights on the outside of the building replaced, get the landscaping for the front of the Court building.
- c. Get the storage container in place to store supplies and case files.

# XI. Judicial Branch Statistical Caseload Reports

## FY2024 FIRST QUARTER OVERALL STATISTICS BY LOCATION

LOCATION	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Supreme Court	117	0.5%	23	0.7%	140	0.5%	8	0.2%	132	0.6%
Alamo	29	0.1%	11	0.3%	40	0.2%	13	0.2%	27	0.1%
Aneth	574	2.5%	81	2.3%	655	2.5%	84	1.6%	571	2.7%
Chinle	1,341	5.9%	226	6.5%	1,567	6.0%	357	6.7%	1,210	5.8%
Crownpoint	2,097	9.2%	390	11.3%	2,487	9.5%	580	10.9%	1,907	9.1%
Dilkon	4,228	18.5%	331	9.6%	4,559	17.4%	600	11.3%	3,959	18.9%
Dzit Yijiin	310	1.4%	121	3.5%	431	1.6%	248	4.7%	183	0.9%
Kayenta	1,641	7.2%	381	11.0%	2,022	7.7%	450	8.5%	1,572	7.5%
Pueblo Pintado	209	0.9%	13	0.4%	222	0.8%	13	0.2%	209	1.0%
Ramah	1,898	8.3%	73	2.1%	1,971	7.5%	20	0.4%	1,951	9.3%
Shiprock	1,675	7.3%	544	15.7%	2,219	8.4%	904	17.1%	1,315	6.3%
To'hajilee	145	0.6%	15	0.4%	160	0.6%	20	0.4%	140	0.7%
Tuba City	2,349	10.3%	438	12.7%	2,787	10.6%	611	11.5%	2,176	10.4%
Window Rock	5,334	23.4%	268	7.8%	5,602	21.3%	870	16.4%	4,732	22.6%
Probation Services	677	3.0%	472	13.7%	1,149	4.4%	442	8.3%	707	3.4%
Peacemaking	195	0.9%	69	2.0%	264	1.0%	78	1.5%	186	0.9%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22,819</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,456</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>26,275</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>5,298</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>20,977</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## FY2024 FIRST QUARTER OVERALL STATISTICS BY CASE TYPE

CASE TYPE	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	581	2.5%	91	2.6%	672	2.6%	131	2.5%	541	2.6%
Criminal	7,457	32.7%	697	20.2%	8,154	31.0%	1,227	23.2%	6,927	33.0%
Civil Traffic	8,934	39.2%	1,043	30.2%	9,977	38.0%	1,931	36.4%	8,046	38.4%
Criminal Traffic	1,443	6.3%	160	4.6%	1,603	6.1%	235	4.4%	1,368	6.5%
Family Civil	2,291	10.0%	292	8.4%	2,583	9.8%	544	10.3%	2,039	9.7%
Domestic Violence	743	3.3%	557	16.1%	1,300	4.9%	635	12.0%	665	3.2%
Dependency	266	1.2%	28	0.8%	294	1.1%	38	0.7%	256	1.2%
Delinquency	89	0.4%	19	0.5%	108	0.4%	19	0.4%	89	0.4%
CHINS	26	0.1%	5	0.1%	31	0.1%	10	0.2%	21	0.1%
Supreme Court	117	0.5%	23	0.7%	140	0.5%	8	0.2%	132	0.6%
Probation/Parole	677	3.0%	472	13.7%	1,149	4.4%	442	8.3%	707	3.4%
Peacemaking	195	0.9%	69	2.0%	264	1.0%	78	1.5%	186	0.9%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22,819</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,456</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>26,275</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>5,298</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>20,977</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### SUPREME COURT OF THE NAVAJO NATION

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Reconsiderations		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	113	97%	11	48%	0	0%	124	89%	2	25%	122	92%
Criminal	4	3%	0	0%	0	0%	4	3%	0	0%	4	3%
NNBA	0	0%	12	52%	0	0%	12	9%	6	75%	6	5%
Special Proceedings	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>100%</b>

### ALAMO COURT

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	0	0.0%	1	9.1%	1	2.5%	0	0.0%	1	3.7%
Criminal	23	79.3%	0	0.0%	23	57.5%	3	23.1%	20	74.1%
Civil Traffic	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Criminal Traffic	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>23</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>24</b>		<b>3</b>		<b>21</b>	
Family Civil	4	13.8%	1	9.1%	5	12.5%	1	7.7%	4	14.8%
Domestic Violence	1	3.4%	9	81.8%	10	25.0%	9	69.2%	1	3.7%
Dependency	1	3.4%	0	0.0%	1	2.5%	0	0.0%	1	3.7%
Delinquency	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
CHINS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>10</b>		<b>16</b>		<b>10</b>		<b>6</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**ANETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	45	7.8%	2	2.5%	47	7.2%	20	23.8%	27	4.7%
Criminal	273	47.6%	30	37.0%	303	46.3%	8	9.5%	295	51.7%
Civil Traffic	21	3.7%	12	14.8%	33	5.0%	13	15.5%	20	3.5%
Criminal Traffic	44	7.7%	2	2.5%	46	7.0%	3	3.6%	43	7.5%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>383</b>		<b>46</b>		<b>429</b>		<b>44</b>		<b>385</b>	
Family Civil	144	25.1%	15	18.5%	159	24.3%	14	16.7%	145	25.4%
Domestic Violence	35	6.1%	20	24.7%	55	8.4%	25	29.8%	30	5.3%
Dependency	9	1.6%	0	0.0%	9	1.4%	1	1.2%	8	1.4%
Delinquency	2	0.3%	0	0.0%	2	0.3%	0	0.0%	2	0.4%
CHINS	1	0.2%	0	0.0%	1	0.2%	0	0.0%	1	0.2%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>191</b>		<b>35</b>		<b>226</b>		<b>40</b>		<b>186</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**CHINLE JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	69	5.1%	21	9.3%	90	5.7%	7	2.0%	83	6.9%
Criminal	599	44.7%	45	19.9%	644	41.1%	112	31.4%	532	44.0%
Civil Traffic	196	14.6%	58	25.7%	254	16.2%	102	28.6%	152	12.6%
Criminal Traffic	87	6.5%	5	2.2%	92	5.9%	16	4.5%	76	6.3%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>951</b>		<b>129</b>		<b>1,080</b>		<b>237</b>		<b>843</b>	
Family Civil	151	11.3%	33	14.6%	184	11.7%	35	9.8%	149	12.3%
Domestic Violence	178	13.3%	55	24.3%	233	14.9%	68	19.0%	165	13.6%
Dependency	35	2.6%	7	3.1%	42	2.7%	12	3.4%	30	2.5%
Delinquency	18	1.3%	0	0.0%	18	1.1%	1	0.3%	17	1.4%
CHINS	8	0.6%	2	0.9%	10	0.6%	4	1.1%	6	0.5%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>390</b>		<b>97</b>		<b>487</b>		<b>120</b>		<b>367</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>1,341</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,567</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,210</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**CROWNPOINT JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	74	3.5%	15	3.8%	89	3.6%	25	4.3%	64	3.4%
Criminal	1,280	61.0%	52	13.3%	1,332	53.6%	185	31.9%	1,147	60.1%
Civil Traffic	179	8.5%	181	46.4%	360	14.5%	185	31.9%	175	9.2%
Criminal Traffic	161	7.7%	2	0.5%	163	6.6%	19	3.3%	144	7.6%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>1,694</b>		<b>250</b>		<b>1,944</b>		<b>414</b>		<b>1,530</b>	
Family Civil	221	10.5%	32	8.2%	253	10.2%	26	4.5%	227	11.9%
Domestic Violence	118	5.6%	104	26.7%	222	8.9%	133	22.9%	89	4.7%
Dependency	41	2.0%	3	0.8%	44	1.8%	2	0.3%	42	2.2%
Delinquency	22	1.0%	1	0.3%	23	0.9%	4	0.7%	19	1.0%
CHINS	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	1	0.2%	0	0.0%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>403</b>		<b>140</b>		<b>543</b>		<b>166</b>		<b>377</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>2,097</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,487</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,907</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**DILKON JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	38	0.9%	3	0.9%	41	0.9%	7	1.2%	34	0.9%
Criminal	1,311	31.0%	85	25.7%	1,396	30.6%	97	16.2%	1,299	32.8%
Civil Traffic	2,408	57.0%	172	52.0%	2,580	56.6%	417	69.5%	2,163	54.6%
Criminal Traffic	158	3.7%	9	2.7%	167	3.7%	12	2.0%	155	3.9%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>3,915</b>		<b>269</b>		<b>4,184</b>		<b>533</b>		<b>3,651</b>	
Family Civil	240	5.7%	17	5.1%	257	5.6%	27	4.5%	230	5.8%
Domestic Violence	55	1.3%	36	10.9%	91	2.0%	32	5.3%	59	1.5%
Dependency	17	0.4%	2	0.6%	19	0.4%	5	0.8%	14	0.4%
Delinquency	0	0.0%	7	2.1%	7	0.2%	3	0.5%	4	0.1%
CHINS	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>313</b>		<b>62</b>		<b>375</b>		<b>67</b>		<b>308</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>4,228</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>4,559</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,959</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**DZİŁ YIJIIN JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	9	2.9%	4	3.3%	13	3.0%	3	1.2%	10	5.5%
Criminal	74	23.9%	19	15.7%	93	21.6%	22	8.9%	71	38.8%
Civil Traffic	149	48.1%	31	25.6%	180	41.8%	171	69.0%	9	4.9%
Criminal Traffic	31	10.0%	0	0.0%	31	7.2%	16	6.5%	15	8.2%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>263</b>		<b>54</b>		<b>317</b>		<b>212</b>		<b>105</b>	
Family Civil	18	5.8%	36	29.8%	54	12.5%	9	3.6%	45	24.6%
Domestic Violence	5	1.6%	21	17.4%	26	6.0%	21	8.5%	5	2.7%
Dependency	17	5.5%	2	1.7%	19	4.4%	1	0.4%	18	9.8%
Delinquency	2	0.6%	6	5.0%	8	1.9%	3	1.2%	5	2.7%
CHINS	5	1.6%	2	1.7%	7	1.6%	2	0.8%	5	2.7%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>47</b>		<b>67</b>		<b>114</b>		<b>36</b>		<b>78</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**KAYENTA JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	22	1.3%	10	2.6%	32	1.6%	3	0.7%	29	1.8%
Criminal	1,029	62.7%	122	32.0%	1,151	56.9%	99	22.0%	1,052	66.9%
Civil Traffic	144	8.8%	132	34.6%	276	13.6%	218	48.4%	58	3.7%
Criminal Traffic	310	18.9%	20	5.2%	330	16.3%	29	6.4%	301	19.1%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>1,505</b>		<b>284</b>		<b>1,789</b>		<b>349</b>		<b>1,440</b>	
Family Civil	80	4.9%	17	4.5%	97	4.8%	31	6.9%	66	4.2%
Domestic Violence	18	1.1%	75	19.7%	93	4.6%	59	13.1%	34	2.2%
Dependency	36	2.2%	5	1.3%	41	2.0%	10	2.2%	31	2.0%
Delinquency	2	0.1%	0	0.0%	2	0.1%	1	0.2%	1	0.1%
CHINS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>136</b>		<b>97</b>		<b>233</b>		<b>101</b>		<b>132</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>1,641</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,022</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,572</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**PUEBLO PINTADO COURT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	4	1.9%	0	0.0%	4	1.8%	1	7.7%	3	1.4%
Criminal	167	79.9%	0	0.0%	167	75.2%	5	38.5%	162	77.5%
Civil Traffic	7	3.3%	1	7.7%	8	3.6%	1	7.7%	7	3.3%
Criminal Traffic	6	2.9%	0	0.0%	6	2.7%	0	0.0%	6	2.9%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>184</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>185</b>		<b>7</b>		<b>178</b>	
Family Civil	12	5.7%	5	38.5%	17	7.7%	3	23.1%	14	6.7%
Domestic Violence	3	1.4%	6	46.2%	9	4.1%	2	15.4%	7	3.3%
Dependency	8	3.8%	0	0.0%	8	3.6%	1	7.7%	7	3.3%
Delinquency	1	0.5%	1	7.7%	2	0.9%	0	0.0%	2	1.0%
CHINS	1	0.5%	0	0.0%	1	0.5%	0	0.0%	1	0.5%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>25</b>		<b>12</b>		<b>37</b>		<b>6</b>		<b>31</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**RAMAH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	0	0.0%	2	2.7%	2	0.1%	0	0.0%	2	0.1%
Criminal	250	13.2%	46	63.0%	296	15.0%	10	50.0%	286	14.7%
Civil Traffic	1,434	75.6%	10	13.7%	1,444	73.3%	0	0.0%	1,444	74.0%
Criminal Traffic	0	0.0%	3	4.1%	3	0.2%	2	10.0%	1	0.1%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>1,684</b>		<b>61</b>		<b>1,745</b>		<b>12</b>		<b>1,733</b>	
Family Civil	107	5.6%	2	2.7%	109	5.5%	0	0.0%	109	5.6%
Domestic Violence	83	4.4%	9	12.3%	92	4.7%	8	40.0%	84	4.3%
Dependency	7	0.4%	1	1.4%	8	0.4%	0	0.0%	8	0.4%
Delinquency	17	0.9%	0	0.0%	17	0.9%	0	0.0%	17	0.9%
CHINS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>214</b>		<b>12</b>		<b>226</b>		<b>8</b>		<b>218</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>1,898</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,971</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,951</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**SHIPROCK JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	97	5.8%	17	3.1%	114	5.1%	16	1.8%	98	7.5%
Criminal	452	27.0%	143	26.3%	595	26.8%	403	44.6%	192	14.6%
Civil Traffic	363	21.7%	186	34.2%	549	24.7%	204	22.6%	345	26.2%
Criminal Traffic	218	13.0%	62	11.4%	280	12.6%	89	9.8%	191	14.5%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>1,130</b>		<b>408</b>		<b>1,538</b>		<b>712</b>		<b>826</b>	
Family Civil	470	28.1%	40	7.4%	510	23.0%	97	10.7%	413	31.4%
Domestic Violence	48	2.9%	94	17.3%	142	6.4%	90	10.0%	52	4.0%
Dependency	8	0.5%	0	0.0%	8	0.4%	1	0.1%	7	0.5%
Delinquency	12	0.7%	2	0.4%	14	0.6%	4	0.4%	10	0.8%
CHINS	7	0.4%	0	0.0%	7	0.3%	0	0.0%	7	0.5%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>545</b>		<b>136</b>		<b>681</b>		<b>192</b>		<b>489</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>1,675</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,219</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,315</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**TOHAJILEE COURT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	1	0.7%	0	0.0%	1	0.6%	1	5.0%	0	0.0%
Criminal	110	75.9%	1	6.7%	111	69.4%	3	15.0%	108	77.1%
Civil Traffic	1	0.7%	0	0.0%	1	0.6%	1	5.0%	0	0.0%
Criminal Traffic	4	2.8%	0	0.0%	4	2.5%	4	20.0%	0	0.0%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>116</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>117</b>		<b>9</b>		<b>108</b>	
Family Civil	19	13.1%	6	40.0%	25	15.6%	5	25.0%	20	14.3%
Domestic Violence	8	5.5%	7	46.7%	15	9.4%	6	30.0%	9	6.4%
Dependency	2	1.4%	1	6.7%	3	1.9%	0	0.0%	3	2.1%
Delinquency	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
CHINS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>29</b>		<b>14</b>		<b>43</b>		<b>11</b>		<b>32</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**TUBA CITY JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	28	1.2%	7	1.6%	35	1.3%	4	0.7%	31	1.4%
Criminal	1,552	66.1%	132	30.1%	1,684	60.4%	183	30.0%	1,501	69.0%
Civil Traffic	181	7.7%	160	36.5%	341	12.2%	296	48.4%	45	2.1%
Criminal Traffic	315	13.4%	51	11.6%	366	13.1%	14	2.3%	352	16.2%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>2,076</b>		<b>350</b>		<b>2,426</b>		<b>497</b>		<b>1,929</b>	
Family Civil	191	8.1%	25	5.7%	216	7.8%	33	5.4%	183	8.4%
Domestic Violence	58	2.5%	60	13.7%	118	4.2%	76	12.4%	42	1.9%
Dependency	17	0.7%	0	0.0%	17	0.6%	2	0.3%	15	0.7%
Delinquency	7	0.3%	2	0.5%	9	0.3%	2	0.3%	7	0.3%
CHINS	0	0.0%	1	0.2%	1	0.0%	1	0.2%	0	0.0%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>273</b>		<b>88</b>		<b>361</b>		<b>114</b>		<b>247</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>2,349</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,787</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,176</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**WINDOW ROCK JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	194	3.6%	9	3.4%	203	3.6%	44	5.1%	159	3.4%
Criminal	337	6.3%	22	8.2%	359	6.4%	97	11.1%	262	5.5%
Civil Traffic	3,851	72.2%	100	37.3%	3,951	70.5%	323	37.1%	3,628	76.7%
Criminal Traffic	109	2.0%	6	2.2%	115	2.1%	31	3.6%	84	1.8%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>4,491</b>		<b>137</b>		<b>4,628</b>		<b>495</b>		<b>4,133</b>	
Family Civil	634	11.9%	63	23.5%	697	12.4%	263	30.2%	434	9.2%
Domestic Violence	133	2.5%	61	22.8%	194	3.5%	106	12.2%	88	1.9%
Dependency	68	1.3%	7	2.6%	75	1.3%	3	0.3%	72	1.5%
Delinquency	6	0.1%	0	0.0%	6	0.1%	1	0.1%	5	0.1%
CHINS	2	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.0%	2	0.2%	0	0.0%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>843</b>		<b>131</b>		<b>974</b>		<b>375</b>		<b>599</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>5,334</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>5,602</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>870</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>4,732</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**NAVAJO NATION PROBATION SERVICES**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Adult Probation	233	34.4%	157	33.3%	390	33.9%	148	33.5%	242	34.2%
Adult Parole	5	0.7%	4	0.8%	9	0.8%	4	0.9%	5	0.7%
Adult Short-Term Probation	357	52.7%	278	58.9%	635	55.3%	252	57.0%	383	54.2%
<b>Adult Probation Total</b>	<b>595</b>		<b>439</b>		<b>1,034</b>		<b>404</b>		<b>630</b>	
Juvenile Probation	19	2.8%	5	1.1%	24	2.1%	9	2.0%	15	2.1%
Juvenile Short-Term Probation	63	9.3%	28	5.9%	91	7.9%	29	6.6%	62	8.8%
<b>Juvenile Probation Total</b>	<b>82</b>		<b>33</b>		<b>115</b>		<b>38</b>		<b>77</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>677</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,149</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**NAVAJO NATION PEACEMAKING PROGRAM**

District	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Alamo	9	4.6%	0	0.0%	9	3.4%	0	0.0%	9	4.8%
Aneth	3	1.5%	5	7.2%	8	3.0%	6	7.7%	2	1.1%
Chinle	43	22.1%	16	23.2%	59	22.3%	21	26.9%	38	20.4%
Crownpoint	38	19.5%	0	0.0%	38	14.4%	0	0.0%	38	20.4%
Dilkon	28	14.4%	11	15.9%	39	14.8%	14	17.9%	25	13.4%
Dził Yijiin	12	6.2%	11	15.9%	23	8.7%	16	20.5%	7	3.8%
Kayenta	1	0.5%	12	17.4%	13	4.9%	2	2.6%	11	5.9%
Ramah	2	1.0%	3	4.3%	5	1.9%	3	3.8%	2	1.1%
Shiprock	8	4.1%	3	4.3%	11	4.2%	6	7.7%	5	2.7%
To'hajililee	1	0.5%	1	1.4%	2	0.8%	0	0.0%	2	1.1%
Tuba City	11	5.6%	7	10.1%	18	6.8%	10	12.8%	8	4.3%
Window Rock	39	20.0%	0	0.0%	39	14.8%	0	0.0%	39	21.0%
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## XII. Judicial Branch Budgets and Expenditures

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

### A. Navajo Nation General Fund

#### Navajo Nation General Fund and Fixed Costs.

Navajo Nation General Fund. The 25th Navajo Nation Council approved Legislation 0214-22 the FY 2024 Comprehensives Budget on 8/25/23. The Navajo Nation President approved the FY 2024 Comprehensive budget per legislation CS-78-23 on 9/22/23. The Judicial Branch General Fund budget allocation is \$18,094,114 plus Indirect Cost Fund of \$93,182 for a grand total of \$18,187,296 (Original Budget). The FY 2024 budget was revised to include FY 2023 Prior Year Carryover in the amount of \$37,294.57 for the following Business Units: BU 102001 @ \$36,943.50 and BU 102012 @ \$351.07. The budget was revised again on 10/25/23 to include the FY 2023 GWA in the amount of \$800,274. The revised budget amount is now at \$19,024,864.57. The Judicial Branch's FY 2024 General Fund Budgets consists of eighteen (18) Business Units and one (1) Business Unit for Fixed Costs. The JB Fixed Costs allocation is \$350,000 for the NN Integrated Justice Information Sharing - JB (NNIJS.) This amount was revised to include FY 2023 Prior Year Carryover in the amount of \$57,735.98. The revised budget amount is now at \$407,735.98.

No.	Business Unit/Object Code	Program/Description	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Actuals - YTD	Encumbrances	Budget Available	% Expended of Total
<b>1</b>	<b>102001</b>	<b>Admin Office of the Courts</b>						
	1930	Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	(36,943.50)	0.00	0.00	(36,943.50)	0.00%
	1992	IDC Recovery	(93,182.00)	(93,182.00)	(4,823.15)	0.00	(88,358.85)	5.18%
	1996	Allocation	(1,970,898.00)	(2,054,276.00)	0.00	0.00	(2,054,276.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(2,064,080.00)	(2,184,401.50)	(4,823.15)	0.00	(2,179,578.35)	0.22%
	2000	Personnel Expenses	1,849,152.00	1,877,259.00	349,418.78	0.00	1,527,840.22	18.61%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	214,928.00	307,142.50	45,391.31	40,762.36	220,988.83	28.05%
	2000	Expenses	2,064,080.00	2,184,401.50	394,810.09	40,762.36	1,748,829.05	19.94%
<b>2</b>	<b>102002</b>	<b>Chinle Judicial District</b>						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	1996	Allocation	(1,228,287.00)	(1,287,406.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,287,406.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(1,228,287.00)	(1,287,406.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,287,406.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	1,110,325.00	1,110,325.00	181,636.50	0.00	928,688.50	16.36%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	117,962.00	177,081.00	7,083.77	5,839.85	164,157.38	7.30%
	2000	Expenses	1,228,287.00	1,287,406.00	188,720.27	5,839.85	1,092,845.88	15.11%
<b>3</b>	<b>102003</b>	<b>Crownpoint Judicial District</b>						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	1996	Allocation	(1,059,662.00)	(1,110,874.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,110,874.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(1,059,662.00)	(1,110,874.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,110,874.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	976,327.00	976,327.00	178,787.44	0.00	797,539.56	18.31%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	83,335.00	134,547.00	13,496.67	0.00	121,050.33	10.03%
	2000	Expenses	1,059,662.00	1,110,874.00	192,284.11	0.00	918,589.89	17.31%



No.	Business Unit/Object Code	Program/Description	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Actuals - YTD	Encumbrances	Budget Available	% Expended of Total
<b>4</b>	<b>102004</b>	<b>Window Rock Judicial District</b>						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	1996	Allocation	(1,322,991.00)	(1,383,484.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,383,484.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(1,322,991.00)	(1,383,484.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,383,484.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	1,203,236.00	1,203,236.00	151,461.58	0.00	1,051,774.42	12.59%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	75,528.00	108,121.00	9,127.08	11,498.84	87,495.08	19.08%
	9000	Capital Outlay	44,227.00	72,127.00	4,854.14	10,517.22	56,755.64	21.31%
	2000	Expenses	1,322,991.00	1,383,484.00	165,442.80	22,016.06	1,196,025.14	13.55%
<b>5</b>	<b>102005</b>	<b>Shiprock Judicial District</b>						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	1996	Allocation	(1,243,848.00)	(1,300,455.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,300,455.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(1,243,848.00)	(1,300,455.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,300,455.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	1,123,767.00	1,123,767.00	176,183.55	0.00	947,583.45	15.68%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	120,081.00	176,688.00	4,344.32	3,011.94	169,331.74	4.16%
	9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	2000	Expenses	1,243,848.00	1,300,455.00	180,527.87	3,011.94	1,116,915.19	14.11%
<b>6</b>	<b>102006</b>	<b>Tuba City Judicial District</b>						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	1996	Allocation	(1,135,073.00)	(1,187,777.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,187,777.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(1,135,073.00)	(1,187,777.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,187,777.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	989,899.00	989,899.00	129,396.72	0.00	860,502.28	13.07%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	145,174.00	197,878.00	13,051.74	9,136.33	175,689.93	11.21%
	2000	Expenses	1,135,073.00	1,187,777.00	142,448.46	9,136.33	1,036,192.21	12.76%
<b>7</b>	<b>102007</b>	<b>Ramah Judicial District</b>						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	1996	Allocation	(726,121.00)	(756,949.00)	0.00	0.00	(756,949.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(726,121.00)	(756,949.00)	0.00	0.00	(756,949.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	645,892.00	645,892.00	81,733.20	0.00	564,158.80	12.65%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	80,229.00	111,057.00	5,161.70	1,343.35	104,551.95	5.86%
	2000	Expenses	726,121.00	756,949.00	86,894.90	1,343.35	668,710.75	11.66%
<b>8</b>	<b>102008</b>	<b>Supreme Court</b>						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	1996	Allocation	(1,366,960.00)	(1,429,351.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,429,351.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(1,366,960.00)	(1,429,351.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,429,351.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	1,205,145.00	1,228,589.00	146,927.38	0.00	1,081,661.62	11.96%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	161,815.00	200,762.00	16,975.38	289.16	183,497.46	8.60%
	9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	2000	Expenses	1,366,960.00	1,429,351.00	163,902.76	289.16	1,265,159.08	11.49%
<b>9</b>	<b>102009</b>	<b>Peacemaking Program</b>						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	1996	Allocation	(1,413,054.00)	(1,477,377.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,477,377.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(1,413,054.00)	(1,477,377.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,477,377.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	1,274,195.00	1,274,195.00	228,464.74	0.00	1,045,730.26	17.93%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	138,859.00	203,182.00	12,799.03	6,358.46	184,024.51	9.43%
	9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#REF!
	2000	Expenses	1,413,054.00	1,477,377.00	241,263.77	6,358.46	1,229,754.77	16.76%

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<b>10</b>	<b>102010</b>	<b>Kayenta Judicial District</b>						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	1996	Allocation	(956,406.00)	(999,203.00)	0.00	0.00	(999,203.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(956,406.00)	(999,203.00)	0.00	0.00	(999,203.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	846,435.00	846,435.00	141,858.06	0.00	704,576.94	16.76%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	109,971.00	152,768.00	7,639.60	0.00	145,128.40	5.00%
	2000	Expenses	956,406.00	999,203.00	149,497.66	0.00	849,705.34	14.96%
<b>11</b>	<b>102011</b>	<b>Dilkon Judicial District</b>						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	1996	Allocation	(888,987.00)	(927,052.00)	0.00	0.00	(927,052.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(888,987.00)	(927,052.00)	0.00	0.00	(927,052.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	804,541.00	804,541.00	151,641.88	0.00	652,899.12	18.85%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	84,446.00	122,511.00	12,566.34	4,793.09	105,151.57	14.17%
	2000	Expenses	888,987.00	927,052.00	164,208.22	4,793.09	758,050.69	18.23%
<b>12</b>	<b>102012</b>	<b>Aneth Judicial District</b>						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	(351.07)	0.00	0.00	(351.07)	0.00%
	1996	Allocation	(710,429.00)	(741,449.00)	0.00	0.00	(741,449.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(710,429.00)	(741,800.07)	0.00	0.00	(741,800.07)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	609,792.00	609,792.00	105,729.81	0.00	504,062.19	17.34%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	100,637.00	132,008.07	7,735.76	3,200.14	121,072.17	8.28%
	2000	Expenses	710,429.00	741,800.07	113,465.57	3,200.14	625,134.36	15.73%
<b>13</b>	<b>102013</b>	<b>Tohajiilee Judicial District</b>						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	1996	Allocation	(742,499.00)	(773,710.00)	0.00	0.00	(773,710.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(742,499.00)	(773,710.00)	0.00	0.00	(773,710.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	650,575.00	650,575.00	132,060.08	0.00	518,514.92	20.30%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	91,924.00	123,135.00	11,893.96	0.00	111,241.04	9.66%
	2000	Expenses	742,499.00	773,710.00	143,954.04	0.00	629,755.96	18.61%
<b>14</b>	<b>102014</b>	<b>Alamo Judicial District</b>						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	1996	Allocation	(373,007.00)	(381,228.00)	0.00	0.00	(381,228.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(373,007.00)	(381,228.00)	0.00	0.00	(381,228.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	300,993.00	300,993.00	39,526.69	0.00	261,466.31	13.13%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	72,014.00	80,235.00	3,916.90	407.82	75,910.28	5.39%
	2000	Expenses	373,007.00	381,228.00	43,443.59	407.82	337,376.59	11.50%
<b>15</b>	<b>102015</b>	<b>Dzil Yijjin Judicial District</b>						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	1996	Allocation	(518,902.00)	(540,272.00)	0.00	0.00	(540,272.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(518,902.00)	(540,272.00)	0.00	0.00	(540,272.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	455,919.00	455,919.00	97,539.66	0.00	358,379.34	21.39%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	62,983.00	84,353.00	4,274.15	0.00	80,078.85	5.07%
	9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	2000	Expenses	518,902.00	540,272.00	101,813.81	0.00	438,458.19	18.84%
<b>16</b>	<b>102017</b>	<b>Pueblo Pintado Circuit Court</b>						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	1996	Allocation	(216,911.00)	(229,991.00)	0.00	0.00	(229,991.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(216,911.00)	(229,991.00)	0.00	0.00	(229,991.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	187,709.00	187,709.00	0.00	0.00	187,709.00	0.00%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	29,202.00	42,282.00	456.18	1,759.95	40,065.87	5.24%
	2000	Expenses	216,911.00	229,991.00	456.18	1,759.95	227,774.87	0.96%

No.	Business Unit/Object Code	Program/Description	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Actuals - YTD	Encumbrances	Budget Available	% Expended of Total
<b>17 102018 Probation Services</b>								
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	1996	Allocation	(2,182,032.00)	(2,275,487.00)	0.00	0.00	(2,275,487.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(2,182,032.00)	(2,275,487.00)	0.00	0.00	(2,275,487.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	1,868,735.00	1,868,735.00	308,420.76	0.00	1,560,314.24	16.50%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	313,297.00	406,752.00	27,991.46	455.80	378,304.74	6.99%
	9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#REF!
	2000	Expenses	2,182,032.00	2,275,487.00	336,412.22	455.80	1,938,618.98	14.80%
<b>18 102019 Judicial Conduct Commission</b>								
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	1996	Allocation	(38,047.00)	(38,047.00)	0.00	0.00	(38,047.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(38,047.00)	(38,047.00)	0.00	0.00	(38,047.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	18,159.00	18,159.00	1,411.88	0.00	16,747.12	7.78%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	19,888.00	19,888.00	118.00	0.00	19,770.00	0.59%
	2000	Expenses	38,047.00	38,047.00	1,529.88	0.00	36,517.12	4.02%
<b>Judicial Branch General Fund Total:</b>			18,187,296.00	19,024,864.57	2,811,076.20	99,374.31	16,114,414.06	15.30%
<b>Overall Breakdown of General Funds:</b>								
	1930	Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	(37,294.57)	0.00	0.00	(37,294.57)	0.00%
	1992	IDC Recovery	(93,182.00)	(93,182.00)	(4,823.15)	0.00	(88,358.85)	5.18%
	1996	Allocation	(18,094,114.00)	(18,894,388.00)	0.00	0.00	(18,894,388.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(18,187,296.00)	(19,024,864.57)	(4,823.15)	0.00	(19,020,041.42)	0.03%
	2000	Personnel Expenses	16,120,796.00	16,172,347.00	2,602,198.71	0.00	13,570,148.29	16.09%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	2,022,273.00	2,780,390.57	204,023.35	88,857.09	2,487,510.13	10.53%
	9000	Capital Outlay	44,227.00	72,127.00	4,854.14	10,517.22	56,755.64	21.31%
	2000	Expenses	18,187,296.00	19,024,864.57	2,811,076.20	99,374.31	16,114,414.06	15.30%
<b>Overall Breakdown of General Funds Plus NN Integrated Justice Fixed Costs:</b>								
	1930	Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	(95,030.55)	0.00	0.00	(95,030.55)	0.00%
	1992	IDC Recovery	(93,182.00)	(93,182.00)	(4,823.15)	0.00	(88,358.85)	5.18%
	1996	Allocation	(18,444,114.00)	(19,244,388.00)	0.00	0.00	(19,244,388.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(18,537,296.00)	(19,432,600.55)	(4,823.15)	0.00	(19,427,777.40)	0.02%
	2000	Personnel Expenses	16,120,796.00	16,172,347.00	2,602,198.71	0.00	13,570,148.29	16.09%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	2,372,273.00	3,188,126.55	226,663.20	143,143.07	2,818,320.28	11.60%
	9000	Capital Outlay	44,227.00	72,127.00	4,854.14	10,517.22	56,755.64	21.31%
	2000	Expenses	18,537,296.00	19,432,600.55	2,833,716.05	153,660.29	16,445,224.21	15.37%

## B. External Funds

The Judicial Branch currently has twenty-five (25) External Fund Budgets as follows: (1) K170801 Peacemaking Youth Edu. Apprentices Contract Term 10/1/17 – 9/30/23; (2) K180800 Navajo Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court, Contract Term 10/1/17 – 9/30/23; (3) K170802 FY 2017 Edward Byrne JAG, Contract Term 10/1/16 - 9/30/23; (4) K180801 FY '18 New Path Reentry, Contract Term 10/01/18 - 9/30/23; (5) K180802 NN Wellness Courts, Contract Term 10/1/18 - 9/30/23; (6) K180803 FY '18 Edward Bryne Jag , Contract Term 10/1/17 - 9/30/23; (07) K170745 CY 17 Tribal Courts, Contract Term 1/1/17 – 12/31/19; (08) K170748 CY 17 One Time Funding VAVA, Contract Term 1/1/17 - 12/31/18; (09) K180718 CY 18 Tribal Courts, Contract Term 1/1/18 – 12/31/23; (10) K180772 CY 18 One Time Direct TIWAHE Funding Contract Term 1/1/18 - 12/31/23; (11) K190723 CY 19 Tribal Courts, Contract Term 1/1/19 - 12/31/23; (12) K190778 CY 19 Judicial One Time Funds, Contract Term 1/1/19 - 12/31/23; (13) K200713 CY 20 Tribal Courts, Contract Term 1/1/20 - 12/31/23; (14) K200744 CY 20 One Time Funds VAWA, Contract Term 1/1/20 - 12/31/23; (15) K200791 CY 20 One time Fund DAPA CW, Contract Term 1/1/20 - 12/31/23; (16) K210722 CY 21 Tribal Courts, Contract Term 1/1/21-12/31/23; (17) K210758 Tribal Courts Program - ARPA, Contract Term 1/1/21 -12/31/23; (18) K220710 CY'22 Tribal Courts Program, Contract Term 1/1/21 - 12/31/23; (19) K220740 CY'22 Domestic Abuse Protection/Child Welfare, Contract Term 01/1/20 - 12/31/23; (20) K230730 CY 23 Tribal Courts Program, Contract Term 1/1/23 - 12/31/23; (21) K230758 CY'23 Domestic Abuse Protection/Child Welfare, Contract Term 01/01/23 - 12/31/23; (22) K230743 CY '23 Tribal Courts O&M, Contract Term 1/1/23 - 12/31/23, (23) K2207101 CY '22 Tribal Courts O&M, Contract Term 1/1/22 - 12/31/23; (24) K201506 US Treasury - Judicial Branch (CARES ACT), Contract Term 8/26/20 - 12/30/20, extended to 12/30/21 and (25) K211518 US Treasury (ARPA), Contract Term 1/1/21 to 12/31/23. There are two (02) Public Law 93-638 Indian Self-Determination Act, multiyear contracts with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to provide court services within the Navajo Nation. Contract No.s are A17AV002525 and A22AV00151.

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<b>1</b>	<b>K170801</b>	<b>Peacemaking Youth EDU-Apprentices</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	0.00	106,658.00	11,646.50	0.00	95,011.50	10.92%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	302,448.00	195,660.00	65,576.65	0.00	130,083.35	33.52%
	9500	Matching & Indirect Cost	47,182.00	47,312.00	12,021.23	0.00	35,290.77	25.41%
	2000	Expenses	349,630.00	349,630.00	89,244.38	0.00	260,385.62	25.53%
<b>2</b>	<b>K180800</b>	<b>Navajo Juvenile Healing To Wellness Court</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	106,185.00	106,185.00	15,609.35	0.00	90,575.65	14.70%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	196,583.00	196,583.00	10,866.06	0.00	185,716.94	5.53%
	9500	Matching & Indirect Cost	47,232.00	47,232.00	4,192.70	0.00	43,039.30	8.88%
	2000	Expenses	350,000.00	350,000.00	30,668.11	0.00	319,331.89	8.76%
<b>3</b>	<b>K170802</b>	<b>FY 17 Edward Byrne JAG</b>						
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	64,537.00	64,536.00	0.00	0.00	64,536.00	0.00%
	9500	Matching & Indirect Cost	6,453.00	6,454.00	0.00	0.00	6,454.00	0.00%
	2000	Expenses	70,990.00	70,990.00	0.00	0.00	70,990.00	0.00%
<b>4</b>	<b>K180801</b>	<b>FY '18 New Path Reentry</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	59,902.00	208,259.00	0.00	0.00	208,259.00	0.00%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	113,033.00	380,906.00	405.06	0.00	380,500.94	0.11%
	9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00%
	9500	Matching & Indirect Cost	27,065.00	105,835.00	64.20	0.00	105,770.80	0.06%
	2000	Expenses	200,000.00	700,000.00	469.26	0.00	699,530.74	0.07%

<b>5</b>	<b>K180802</b>	<b>NN Wellness Courts</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	365,197.00	365,197.00	5,265.35	0.00	359,931.65	1.44%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	283,311.00	283,311.00	563.67	0.00	282,747.33	0.20%
	9500	Matching & Indirect Cost	101,492.00	101,492.00	923.90	0.00	100,568.10	0.91%
	2000	Expenses	750,000.00	750,000.00	6,752.92	0.00	743,247.08	0.90%
<b>7</b>	<b>K180803</b>	<b>FY 18 Edward Byrne JAG</b>						
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	99,581.00	99,581.00	0.00	0.00	99,581.00	0.00%
	9500	Matching & Indirect Cost	9,958.00	9,958.00	0.00	0.00	9,958.00	0.00%
	2000	Expenses	109,539.00	109,539.00	0.00	0.00	109,539.00	0.00%
		Judicial Branch External Funds	\$1,830,159.00	\$2,330,159.00	\$127,134.67	\$0.00	\$2,203,024.33	5.46%
No.	Unit/Object	Program/Description	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Actuals - YTD	Encumbrances	Budget Available	Expensed
<b>8</b>	<b>K170745</b>	<b>CY 17 Tribal Courts</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	770,471.00	1,358,721.44	1,357,608.08	0.00	1,113.36	99.92%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	53,563.00	232,055.56	232,055.56	0.00	0.00	100.00%
	2000	Expenses	824,034.00	1,590,777.00	1,589,663.64	0.00	1,113.36	99.93%
<b>9</b>	<b>K170748</b>	<b>CY 17 One Time Funds VAWA</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	10,272.00	25,798.30	25,798.30	0.00	0.00	100.00%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	79,728.00	64,201.70	64,201.70	0.00	0.00	100.00%
	2000	Expenses	90,000.00	90,000.00	90,000.00	0.00	0.00	100.00%
<b>10</b>	<b>K180718</b>	<b>CY 18 Tribal Courts</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	258,684.00	1,559,353.06	1,559,111.78	0.00	241.28	99.98%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	10,933.00	111,361.94	111,361.94	0.00	0.00	100.00%
	2000	Expenses	269,617.00	1,670,715.00	1,670,473.72	0.00	241.28	99.99%
<b>11</b>	<b>K180772</b>	<b>CY 18 One Time Direct TIWAHE</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	272,340.00	275,815.10	271,595.74	0.00	4,219.36	98.47%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	23,488.00	20,012.90	19,496.13	0.00	516.77	97.42%
	2000	Expenses	295,828.00	295,828.00	291,091.87	0.00	4,736.13	98.40%
<b>12</b>	<b>K190723</b>	<b>CY 19 Tribal Courts</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	262,524.00	1,436,572.56	1,436,000.07	0.00	572.49	99.96%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	8,119.00	249,247.44	224,740.64	15,636.76	8,870.04	96.44%
	2000	Expenses	270,643.00	1,685,820.00	1,660,740.71	15,636.76	9,442.53	99.44%
<b>13</b>	<b>K190778</b>	<b>CY 19 Judicial One Time Funds</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	277,245.00	278,655.00	255,404.94	0.00	23,250.06	91.66%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	48,061.00	46,651.00	12,677.12	411.88	33,562.00	28.06%
	2000	Expenses	325,306.00	325,306.00	268,082.06	411.88	56,812.06	82.54%
<b>14</b>	<b>K200713</b>	<b>CY 20 Tribal Courts</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	272,055.00	1,688,151.59	1,680,812.05	0.00	7,339.54	99.57%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	51,130.00	214,889.41	103,960.77	0.00	110,928.64	48.38%
	2000	Expenses	323,185.00	1,903,041.00	1,784,772.82	0.00	118,268.18	93.79%
<b>15</b>	<b>K200744</b>	<b>CY 20 Judicial One Time Funds VAWA</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	80,927.00	103,196.00	102,463.96	0.00	732.04	99.29%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	104,265.00	81,996.00	54,143.62	0.00	27,852.38	66.03%
	2000	Expenses	185,192.00	185,192.00	156,607.58	0.00	28,584.42	84.56%
<b>16</b>	<b>K200791</b>	<b>CY 20 Judicial One Time Fund DAPA CW</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	478,643.00	516,574.66	481,048.06	0.00	35,526.60	93.12%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	47,200.00	9,268.34	4,076.38	0.00	5,191.96	43.98%
	2000	Expenses	525,843.00	525,843.00	485,124.44	0.00	40,718.56	92.26%
<b>17</b>	<b>K210722</b>	<b>CY 21 Tribal Courts</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	273,047.00	1,621,107.87	1,560,849.42	0.00	60,258.45	96.28%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	16,878.00	250,314.13	89,670.93	667.45	159,975.75	36.09%
	9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	102,000.00	0.00	0.00	102,000.00	0.00%
	2000	Expenses	289,925.00	1,973,422.00	1,650,520.35	667.45	322,234.20	83.67%
<b>18</b>	<b>K210758</b>	<b>CY 21 Tribal Courts Program - ARPA</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	35,933.00	35,933.00	0.00	0.00	35,933.00	0.00%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	673,067.00	673,067.00	139,854.41	53,194.82	480,017.77	28.68%
	9000	Capital Outlay	291,000.00	291,000.00	222,079.79	0.00	68,920.21	76.32%
	2000	Expenses	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	361,934.20	53,194.82	584,870.98	41.51%

No.	Unit/Object	Program/Description	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Actuals - YTD	Encumbrances	Budget Available	Expensed
<b>19</b>	<b>K220710</b>	<b>CY '22 Tribal Courts Program</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	253,732.00	1,865,142.38	1,721,150.39	0.00	143,991.99	92.28%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	8,575.00	402,737.62	104,818.71	99,168.02	198,750.89	50.65%
	2000	Expenses	262,307.00	2,267,880.00	1,825,969.10	99,168.02	342,742.88	84.89%
<b>20</b>	<b>K220740</b>	<b>CY'22 DOM ABUSE PRTC/CHLD WELF</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	582,319.00	741,074.00	693,539.98	0.00	47,534.02	93.59%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	71,095.00	24,877.00	4,652.10	0.00	20,224.90	18.70%
	2000	Expenses	653,414.00	765,951.00	698,192.08	0.00	67,758.92	91.15%
<b>21</b>	<b>K230730</b>	<b>CY '23 Tribal Courts Program</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	312,981.00	1,564,929.00	1,181,172.89	0.00	383,756.11	75.48%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	56,170.00	806,645.00	106,723.63	78,749.52	621,171.85	22.99%
	2000	Expenses	369,151.00	2,371,574.00	1,287,896.52	78,749.52	1,004,927.96	57.63%
<b>22</b>	<b>K230758</b>	<b>CY'23 DOM ABUSE PRTC/CHLD WELF</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	512,192.00	676,723.00	147,073.02	0.00	529,649.98	21.73%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	35,556.00	60,000.00	801.28	0.00	59,198.72	1.34%
	2000	Expenses	547,748.00	736,723.00	147,874.30	0.00	588,848.70	20.07%
<b>23</b>	<b>K230743</b>	<b>CY '23 Tribal Courts O&amp;M</b>						
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	9,174.31	9,174.31	0.00	0.00	9,174.31	0.00%
	2000	Expenses	9,174.31	9,174.31	0.00	0.00	9,174.31	0.00%
<b>24</b>	<b>K2207101</b>	<b>CY'22 Tribal Courts O&amp;M</b>						
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	4,739.00	4,739.00	0.00	0.00	4,739.00	0.00%
	2000	Expenses	4,739.00	4,739.00	0.00	0.00	4,739.00	0.00%
		Total P.L. 93-638 Funds:	\$6,246,106.31	\$17,401,985.31	\$13,968,943.39	\$247,828.45	\$3,185,213.47	81.70%
		<b>Judicial Branch External Funds &amp; P.L. 93-638 Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$8,076,265.31</b>	<b>\$19,732,144.31</b>	<b>\$14,096,078.06</b>	<b>\$247,828.45</b>	<b>\$5,388,237.80</b>	<b>72.69%</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>K201506</b>	<b>US TREASURY - Judicial Branch (CARES ACT)</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	334,029.00	60,719.74	60,719.74	0.00	0.00	100.00%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	7,475,923.00	1,805,550.00	1,805,550.00	0.00	0.00	100.00%
	9000	Capital Outlay	1,823,911.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
	2000	Expenses	9,633,863.00	1,866,269.74	1,866,269.74	0.00	0.00	100.00%
<b>28</b>	<b>K211518</b>	<b>US TREASURY - Judicial Branch (APRA)</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	272,786.00	272,786.00	0.00	0.00	272,786.00	0.00%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	5,603,899.00	5,527,543.00	360,907.65	671,682.01	4,494,953.34	18.68%
	9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	76,356.00	63,745.79		12,610.21	83.48%
	2000	Expenses	5,876,685.00	5,876,685.00	424,653.44	671,682.01	4,780,349.55	18.66%
<b>Overall Breakdown of General Funds, NNIJ, External Funds, P.L. 93-638 Funds and US Treasury</b>								
	2000	Personnel Expenses	21,912,260.00	31,039,898.70	15,169,068.33	0.00	15,870,830.37	14.04
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	17,813,329.31	15,003,034.90	3,743,767.21	1,062,653.53	10,196,614.16	10.08
	9000	Capital Outlay	2,159,138.00	546,483.00	290,679.72	10,517.22	245,286.06	1.81
	9500	Matching & Indirect Cost	229,424.00	308,325.00	17,202.03	0.00	291,122.97	0.35
	2000	Expenses	\$42,114,151.31	\$46,897,741.60	\$19,220,717.29	\$1,073,170.75	\$26,603,853.56	43.27%

### XIII. Judicial Branch Fines and Fees Collection

Account Number	Account Description	FY 2024 1st Qtr	FY 2024 2nd Qtr	FY 2024 3rd Qtr	FY 2024 4th Qtr
<b>107008.1600</b>	<b>FINES &amp; COURT FEES</b>				
107008.1611	Dist Court-Chinle	\$ 1,550.40			
107008.1612	Dist Court-Crownpoint	\$ 2,180.10			
107008.1613	Dist Court-Kayenta	\$ 2,361.35			
107008.1614	Dist Court-Ramah	\$ 323.50			
107008.1615	Dist Court-Shiprock	\$ 1,273.85			
107008.1616	Dist Court-Tuba City	\$ 2,028.50			
107008.1617	Dist Court-Window Rock	\$ 4,062.10			
107008.1618	Dist Court-Dilkon	\$ 145.00			
107008.1619	District Court(See Subsidiary)	\$ 0.00			
107008.1619.02	Dist Court-Aneth	\$ 35.00			
107008.1619.04	Dist Court-Dzilth Yijiin	\$ 40.00			
	<b>District Total:</b>	<b>\$ 13,999.80</b>			
<b>107008.1620</b>	<b>FAMILY</b>				
107008.1621	Family Court - Alamo	\$ 35.00			
107008.1622	Family Court - Chinle	\$ 485.00			
107008.1623	Family Court - Crownpoint	\$ 625.00			
107008.1624	Family Court - Kayenta	\$ 568.15			
107008.1625	Family Court - Ramah	\$ 45.00			
107008.1626	Family Court - Shiprock	\$ 916.80			
107008.1627	Family Court - Tohajiilee	\$ 10.00			
107008.1628	Family Court - Tuba City	\$ 536.75			
107008.1629	Family Court - Window Rock	\$ 2,544.00			
107008.1630	Family Court - Dilkon	\$ 195.00			
107008.1631	Family Court (See Subsidiary)	\$ 0.00			
107008.1631.02	Family Court - Aneth	\$ 315.00			
107008.1631.04	Family Court - Dzilth Yijiin	\$ 95.00			
	<b>Family Court Total:</b>	<b>\$ 6,370.70</b>			
<b>107008.1640</b>	<b>CIRCUIT</b>				
107008.1642	Circuit Court-Alamo	\$ 23.15			
107008.1644	Tohajiilee	\$ 91.55			
	<b>Circuit Court Total</b>	<b>\$ 114.70</b>			
<b>107008.1650</b>	<b>SUPREME</b>				
107008.1652	Supreme Court-Window Rock	\$ 540.00			
	<b>Supreme Court Total:</b>	<b>\$ 540.00</b>			
<b>107008.1601</b>	<b>COURT TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 21,025.20</b>			

Account Number	Account Description	FY 2024 1st Qtr	FY 2024 2nd Qtr	FY 2024 3rd Qtr	FY 2024 4th Qtr
<b>107008.1660</b>	<b>PUBLIC SAFETY FINES</b>				
107008.1663	Traffic Fines-Chinle	\$ 8,650.91			
107008.1664	Traffic Fines-Crownpoint	\$ 5,897.50			
107008.1665	Traffic Fines-Kayenta	\$ 11,195.00			
107008.1666	Traffic Fines-Ramah	\$ 1,180.00			
107008.1667	Traffic Fines-Shiprock	\$ 6,105.00			
107008.1669	Traffic Fines-Tuba City	\$ 15,490.00			
107008.1670	Traffic Fines-Window Rock	\$ 7,422.50			
107008.1671	Traffic Fines-Dilkon	\$ 2,650.00			
107008.1672	Traffic Fines(See Subsidiary)				
107008.1672.0	Traffic Fines-Aneth	\$ 165.00			
	<b>Traffic Total:</b>	<b>\$ 58,755.91</b>			
107008.1682	Restitution	\$ -			
<b>107008.1600</b>	<b>Fines &amp; Court Fees Total:</b>	<b>\$ 79,781.11</b>			
<b>Judicial District Court Fines &amp; Fees Summary</b>					
<b>107008.1600</b>	<b>Fines &amp; Court Fees</b>	<b>\$ 13,999.80</b>			
<b>107008.1620</b>	<b>Family</b>	<b>\$ 6,370.70</b>			
<b>107008.1640</b>	<b>Circuit</b>	<b>\$ 114.70</b>			
<b>107008.1650</b>	<b>Supreme</b>	<b>\$ 540.00</b>			
<b>107008.1660</b>	<b>Traffic</b>	<b>\$ 58,755.91</b>			
<b>107008.1682</b>	<b>Restitution</b>	<b>\$ -</b>			
<b>GRAND TOTALS:</b>		<b>\$ 79,781.11</b>			