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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 2023 Third Quarterly Message Chief Justice JoAnn Jayne (Aláájí Hashkééjí Nahat'á)

Yá'át'ééh, Shí Diné Doo Shíghéí, Ado Nihíí Nahata'jii Nataani Honorable 25th Navajo Nation Council Delegates, Doo Aláájí Hózhóójí Nahat'á Dájiz dah'yígí Dr. Buu Nygren, Doo Richelle Montoya Akáádó Dájiz dah'yígí, Doo Crystalyne Curley, Aláájí Nahata'jii Nataani Dájizdah'yígí, Doo distinguished guests. I respectfully present you the Hashkééjí Nahat'á (Judicial Branch) Third Quarterly Report for Fiscal Year 2023: T'ááchil (April), Growth of Early Plant Life; T'áátsoh (May), Big Leaves; Ya'iishjáashchilí (June), Planting of Early Crops.

The Hashkééjí Nahat'á Branch is deeply committed to maintaining judicial independence and access to justice to the communities we all serve. Throughout the pandemic, the Hashkééjí Nahat'á Branch continuously provided services in person and through electronic means. Crisis management demonstrated areas to improve services to the public but also demonstrated heroes in our courts and programs, many who faced their own personal tragedies and struggles but still ensured access to justice through their work. With the ending of the emergency declarations, all employees are required to be at their respective worksites. We continue to evaluate ourselves during the pandemic and how to improve services moving forward.

During this quarter, the Hashkééjí Nahat'á Branch met continuously with Navajo Nation, international, and state justice partners. Multiple courts and programs hosted Justice Days within their venues to bring our services out into the communities we serve. Educating and collaborating with these various justice partners leads to productive discussions and development of services. Analyzing how our courts and programs function and affect our justice partners as well as how our justice partners affect us continues to improve our systems that intersect. Reassessing and modernizing our buildings became apparent during the pandemic. Continuing to prioritize how the communities we serve access justice is fundamental to this process. Long term planning that reflects our communities' unique needs requires time and dedication to develop spending plans that uphold fiscal responsibility as well as timely expenditure of funds entrusted to us. The Hashkééjí Nahat'á Branch recognizes that fully developed spending plans for infrastructure will take time and effort that has limitations due to lack of staffing in key areas of infrastructure development. It is our staff's dedication to see these projects come to fruition that moves us forward and the guiding principle of nahat'á that will bring about responsible decisions.

As judicial selection stalled during the pandemic, we have redoubled our efforts to recruit exceptional jurists. It is with great hope, the Hashkééjí Nahat'á Branch will continue its work with the Executive and Legislative Branches to bring in highly trained legal professionals. Jurists provide a public service which is important to quality of life to our people. Reinvigorating the judicial selection process and providing essential support for jurists will reflect the expectation and recognition of the professional standards we have set. This report is prepared and highlighted by each of the 18 units within the Hashkééjí Nahat'á Branch – District Courts, Supreme Court, Peacemaking Program, and Probation and Parole Services – for our people to read and learn about some of our day-to-day efforts. Each unit chose which information they wanted to share with you.

We are happy to share it with our Diné, our relatives, the Legislative and Executive branches, partners, and colleagues. ‘Ahéhee’

Respectfully,
JoAnn B. Jayne,
Chief Justice of the Navajo Nation

V. Navajo Nation Peacemaking Program

A. PEACEMAKING PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

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

1. Accomplishment of objectives set the previous quarter.

Peacemaking Program delivered direct services and meeting or exceeding our performance goals during third 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 Program Coordinator has been active in the Executive Management Team meetings, JB Annual Conference planning, Court Administrators/Program Managers meeting, and providing traditional guidance to Judicial Districts/Programs on using the steps identified for traditional ceremonies using ARPA funding.

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. Two Peacemaking Program (PMP) Offices completed Peacemakers Orientation and Training resulting in two Peacemakers becoming certified. Six PMP Offices completed Day One of Day Two Peacemakers Orientation and Training. Five PMP Offices have scheduled Day One and Day Two of the Peacemakers Orientation and Training.

b. Maintain our professionalism.

Traditional Program Specialists do their own mentoring by provide in-house trainings 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. Peacemaking Program Staff attended two sessions of training on Diné Fundamental Law.

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 Dine Fundamental Law; and providing presentations in a variety of traditional topics for youth and adults and in workplace.

2. Peacemaking Role in Navajo Government.

Acting Program Coordinator Dempsey J. Harvey attended multiple external agencies and departments meetings for establishing and/or interest in Peacemaking Program, such as: Tribal Nation of British Columbia; Mescalero, New Mexico Childrens Inc; University of Scranton; and Utah States Courts. A training on Peacemaking Program and Mock-Peacemaking Session was conducted for Mescalero Tribal Court. Provided traditional guidance in reform of the grazing permit at the Navajo Nation Council Resources and Development Committee Meeting. Continuously, conducting research and approaching resources for traditional trainings for program staff. The Acting Program Coordinator voluntarily stepped down as Vice-Chair for Diné Action Plan Advisory Board; however, Peacemaking Program will continue to participate in meetings.

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

Alamo/To'hajiilee Peacemaking Program

Traditional Program Specialist Annabell Pino is providing peacemaking program services. She and Traditional Program Specialists from Crownpoint, Ramah and Window Rock Offices organized and scheduled a Peacemakers Orientation and Training for seasoned and new Peacemakers with Alamo/To'hajiilee, Crownpoint, Pueblo Pintado, Ramah, and Window Rock. Peacemakers completed Day One and need to continue with Day Two to become certified. Covering Alamo and To'hajiilee office is challenge because of the distance, including finding an office space. She is receiving truancy referrals from Alamo and Magdalena Schools. She is providing Nábináhaazláago Átch'i yáti' - Diné Traditional Counseling to referred individuals and continues to implement the Peacemaking Youth Education Apprentice Program with local schools through established Memorandums of Understandings. She attended monthly Alamo and To'hajiilee Chapter meetings as a resource and at times was called upon to provide traditional guidance. Twice, she was called upon to lead a Kinaalda ceremony within communities of Alamo and To'hajiilee. She participates in the Alamo Peacemaking hogan water and sewer construction meetings.

Crownpoint Peacemaking Program

Traditional Program Specialist Darlene Desiderio is providing peacemaking program services. She and Traditional Program Specialists from Alamo/To'hajiilee, Ramah and Window Rock Offices organized and scheduled a Peacemakers Orientation and Training for seasoned and new Peacemakers with Alamo/To'hajiilee, Crownpoint, Pueblo Pintado, Ramah, and Window Rock. Peacemakers completed Day One and

need to continue with Day Two to become certified. She had five Peacemaking Session using a Peacemaker with a positive outcome on restoring Hozho. She continues to receive referrals from the Court for Life Value Engagements involving domestic violence, traffic, criminal, probate, and custody. She presented peacemaking program services to students from University of Utah. She virtually attended two Chapter meetings. She attended annual Law Day and a Song/Dance as a resource for all visitors, including handing out resource booklets.

Pueblo Pintado Peacemaking Program

Traditional Program Specialist Darlene Desiderio with Crownpoint Office is providing peacemaking program services. She and Traditional Program Specialists from Alamo/To'hajiilee, Ramah and Window Rock Offices organized and scheduled a Peacemakers Orientation and Training for seasoned and new Peacemakers with Alamo/To'hajiilee, Crownpoint, Pueblo Pintado, Ramah, and Window Rock. Peacemakers completed Day One and need to continue with Day Two to become certified.

Ramah Peacemaking Program

Traditional Program Specialist Ruby Frank is providing peacemaking program services. She and Traditional Program Specialists from Alamo/To'hajiilee, Crownpoint and Window Rock Offices organized and scheduled a Peacemakers Orientation and Training for seasoned and new Peacemakers with Alamo/To'hajiilee, Crownpoint, Pueblo Pintado, Ramah, and Window Rock. Peacemakers completed Day One and need to continue with Day Two to become certified. She received a case from New Mexico Children, Youth, and Families Department for peacemaking and planning for a session. She presented to Students of University of Washington, Community FACE Event and Ramah Law Day on peacemaking program services and handed out resource booklets.

Window Rock Peacemaking Program

Traditional Program Specialist Elmer Yazzie is providing peacemaking program services. He and Traditional Program Specialists from Alamo/To'hajiilee, Crownpoint and Ramah Offices organized and scheduled a Peacemakers Orientation and Training for seasoned and new Peacemakers with Alamo/To'hajiilee, Crownpoint, Pueblo Pintado, Ramah, and Window Rock. Peacemakers completed Day One and need to continue with Day Two to become certified. He is conveying traditional teachings to referred individuals such as Tsaa' bahane, taking care of land, and Twin Warriors journey. Although, some individuals have serious underlying related mental health issues or extreme violence in family dynamics, he resolves these issues with positive outcomes. He assisted Chinle Office as a Peacemaker with two cases and completed a peacemaking case that was pending for some time with a positive outcome. He was called upon by Window Rock Judicial Court for Life Value Engagement to a client that was part of a proceedings, which resulted with a positive outcome. He attended one Chapter meeting and providing presentation on peacemaking program services and recruiting peacemaker. He received 10 referrals from Navajo Nation Division of Social

Services for Diné Family Group Conferencing. He took lead in planning, organizing and follow through with the traditional ceremony for Peacemaking Program.

Dilkon Peacemaking Program

Traditional Program Specialist Harry Begay is providing peacemaking program services. He is assigned to the Judicial Branch Annual Conference, Hashkeeji Nahat'a Beeso Ba Hooghan Committees, and Grievance Board. He contributes traditional knowledge to the committees and board. He is listed in the program's delegation of authority when the Acting Program Coordinator is not available. Traditional Program Specialist Rosiene Charley with Tuba City Office is organizing and scheduled a Peacemakers Orientation and Training for seasoned and new Peacemakers with Dilkon, Tuba City and Kayenta Offices to become certified. He provided traditional grief teachings to individuals that requested this support in their daily lives. He conducted eleven Peacemaking Sessions, all with positive outcomes and several Life Value Engagements using traditional teachings on taking care of self-using: Adeehaniih, Adahodilzin, Adaa Ahaya, and Adaa Haah Hasin. He attended two Chapter meetings and presented peacemaking program services and recruiting Peacemakers. He responded to request for assistance by Attorney General's office on local chapter having issues at Chapter Meetings.

Chinle Peacemaking Program

Traditional Program Specialist Laveena Begay is providing peacemaking program services. She and Traditional Program Specialist Anna Scott with Dził Yijiin Office organized and scheduled a Peacemakers Orientation and Training on June 20-21, 2023, Chinle, Arizona. The continuous effort in recruiting Peacemakers resulted in seasoned and new Peacemakers becoming certified. She is still adjusting to program changes and assuming a full case load while most referrals come from the Court for Nábináhaazláago Áłch'i yáti'. She conducted two Peacemaking Sessions ending with a positive outcome; one was a complex case, which had to be supported by two other Traditional Program Specialists. She conducted thirty-five Life Value Engagement Sessions using traditional teachings on self-value and self-care, sacred stones, and the four elements of water, air, fire, Hooghan Haz'áádóó Na'nitin, Nitsáháhees, Naha'á, Iná and Siihasin. She attended three Chapter meetings and presented peacemaking program services and recruiting Peacemakers.

Dził Yijiin Peacemaking Program

Traditional Program Specialist Ann Scott is providing peacemaking program services. She and Traditional Program Specialist Laveena Begay with Chinle Office organized and scheduled a Peacemakers Orientation and Training for seasoned and new Peacemakers on June 20-21, 2023, Chinle, Arizona. The continuous effort in recruiting Peacemakers resulted in seasoned new Peacemakers become certified. She is providing Life Value Engagements Session using Creation Stories and cultural values of Dine Life. She presented Memorandum of Understanding to Pinon Unified School District and Low Mountain School District for PYEAP implementation and mentorship in schools and provided traditional teachings on dealing with Covid-19. She attended 6

Chapter Meetings and provided presentation on peacemaking program services and recruiting peacemakers.

Tuba City Peacemaking Program

Traditional Program Specialist Rosiene Charley is providing peacemaking program services. She is organizing and scheduling a Peacemakers Orientation and Training for seasoned and new Peacemakers with Dilkon, Tuba City and Kayenta Offices to be certified. In addition to routine services, she is providing services to school students who have been referred for truancy or behavior issues. She is assisted by Peacemakers who remain persistent at delivering intervention services to youth through Peacemakers Educational Curriculum; and Diné Life way teachings and Stories. She continues to train youth participants to successfully complete the Peacemaking Youth Education Apprenticeship Curriculum. The collaborative efforts with local resources has created positive views of Peacemaking Program.

Kayenta Peacemaking Program

Traditional Program Specialists Rosiene Charley with Tuba City Office and Harry Begay with Dilkon Office are providing peacemaking program services on an alternating basis as new referrals and walk-ins are received. Traditional Program Specialist Charley is organizing and scheduling a Peacemakers Orientation and Training for seasoned and new Peacemakers with Dilkon, Tuba City and Kayenta Offices to be certified.

Aneth Peacemaking Program

Traditional Program Specialist Alfonso Nez Jr. is providing peacemaking program services. He is organizing and scheduling a Peacemakers Orientation and Training for seasoned and new Peacemakers to be certified. He is collaborating with Whitehorse High School in providing Diné Traditional Teachings and Stories. He presented K'e, Journey Stories and "All Up to You" traditional teachings to Summer Youth groups.

Shiprock Peacemaking Program

Traditional Program Specialist Ruby Frank with Ramah Office provided peacemaking program services from April 01, 2023, through May 31, 2023. Currently, Traditional Program Specialist Alfonso Nez Jr. with Aneth Office is providing peacemaking program services since June 01, 2023, until further notice.

Traditional Program Specialist Nez is organizing and scheduling a Peacemakers' Orientation and Training for seasoned and new Peacemakers to become certified. He is contacting seasoned Peacemakers to renew their status as Peacemakers and sharing Peacemaking Program' Vision and Mission Statement.

4. Objectives to be accomplished in the next quarter.

- Work with Chief Justice and others to enhance Peacemaking.

- Update the program strategic plan and complete the detailed work plan to enhance performance measurements.
- Assist with recruiting efforts at judicial districts and communities to fill vital 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 (ILVE), Group Life Value Engagement (GLVE), and Dine Family Group Conferences (DFGC)

VI. Navajo Nation Probation Services

1. ACCOMPLISHMENT OF OBJECTIVES:

The FY 2024 budget is currently in negotiations. Once they have come to an agreement PPS will amend the budget accordingly to submit the finalized packet. Therefore, the first goal is partially met.

The 2023 Train the Trainer was a successful one-week training at the Sandra Day O'Connor Court building in Phoenix, Arizona. Chief Probation Officer Charles Flanagan offered to have this year's training at their location meeting room. Navajo Nation Probation staff were welcomed by Chief Flanagan and staff, including the Honorable Judge Diane Humetewa and the Honorable Chief Judge G. Murray Snow, District of Arizona. Both Judges welcomed the staff and shared inspiring and encouraging words, which was appreciated by Probation staff. Staff also toured the Court building, their offices and one of the courtrooms where they were invited to witness the swearing in of a new Probation Officer assigned to the Flagstaff office. It was an honor to witness a new probation officer sworn in. It was a fascinating experience for the entire probation staff. The training was outstanding. There was valuable information-sharing presented by probation officers and staff. Presentations were related to everyday essential duty and responsibilities that includes case management, data collection, networking/collaboration, pretrial services, research, teamwork, interviews & investigations, indigency requirements, children's cases, consent decrees and diversions. The topics were generated using the department training curriculum. The annual train the trainer benefits the overall PSS staff. Training and information sharing from district to district referring to situations occurring withing Navajo Probation helps to collaborate, assist one another in terms of recommendations and suggestions while referring to statutory requirements, rules, procedures, and policies. Staff were focused, engaged, and shared with colleagues their experiences, suggestions, and recommendations. It was encouraging to witness the teamwork environment. Staff expressed gratitude and appreciation towards the coordination and location. The goal and intent of the training was achieved and accomplished.

Chief Probation Officer accomplished another goal by coordinating two in-house training sessions for probation officers from Window Rock, Chinle and Kayenta. Training sessions were held for quarterly reports. There are a few probation officers who need additional help to understand the purpose and concept of a quarterly narrative report. The first training was held in Chinle with 4 probation officers. That training was accomplished and feedback by the officers understanding was positive. The second in-house training was held in Tuba City. The outcome of that training

was also positive and achieved. There were 4 probation officers in attendance along with their Senior Supervisor. The one-on-one approach was to provide visual presentations. That approach seems to work and received more conversation among the officers during the training.

The next goal was partially achieved. Chief Probation was only able to travel to three on-site districts - Tuba City, Kayenta and Chinle. Chief Probation Officer was able to walk through the districts to ensure cases were resituated, office environment is reinstated, client report-ins were resumed in person and local resources have access to contact probation staff. She also ensured PPEs were supplied, along with janitorial supplies and office supplies. She was able to talk with staff and hear any concerns and or feedback with respect to returning to the office. The response to returning to the office is appreciated because staff expressed it was difficult to work from home with family distractions and privacy concerns. In the next quarter, Chief Probation Officer will resume district visits to the central and eastern region districts. The in-person district visits help her understand how the districts are situated and to sit down with staff knowing that she is present, if any questions or concerns arise.

The Closure Form for probation officers to use was finalized and is pending legal review. Upon review and acceptance, PPS will be able to coordinate a staff meeting to implement the revised uniform closure form. The revision will alleviate the different custom closure forms due to preference by the Courts. It is imperative that probation services utilize a uniform form because it is easier for the department to use one form to close a probation case that reflects the case management and Just Ware systems.

2. OTHER SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

In this quarter, Chief Probation Officer conducted seven (7) PPS Round Table meetings with the PPS management team. The PPS Round Table is an essential bi-weekly meeting to ensure all aspects of the department are discussed and considered. Main points of the meetings are budgets, department expenditures, plans for the departments in terms of building issues, supplies, and other means to ensure the department operations are adequately functioning. Other issues include training and district announcements. Report is also provided by the Office Technicians and Senior Probation Officers on their assigned regional districts. Also included in the meeting discussion are department projects and developments.

Leadership in terms of leading a department involves day-to-day tasks that pertain to unexpected issues that arise and finding solutions to ensure operations continue. Personnel issues do arise that require unexpected meetings, discussions, and finding solutions. Being summoned to different internal meetings for decisions, suggestions and recommendations do occur. Management meetings, committee meetings, and outside agency requests and working relationships occur from day to day. Chief Probation makes it a point to ensure that she is involved in meetings to hear first-hand the situation and assist to find solutions. She always makes herself available and prioritizes tasks.

In this quarter, Chief Probation Officer started to work out of the Chinle PPS office. She scheduled herself to be in the Chinle office on Tuesday and Thursday to make the move to transition back into the office with staff. She requested to be reassigned to the Kayenta PPS officer to work out of since it is closer to her home in Dennehotso. For the last two and half years she telecommuted and enhanced and moved PPS more than ever. Working using virtual means such as Skype for

Business had an impact on telecommuting. She was able to meet with staff to strategize, and coordinate projects and trainings. She was able to communicate and use the virtual means to her advantage to lead the department. Respectfully her reassignment was considered and approved to relocate her office to Kayenta where she has been working from since May 2023.

In this quarter, all the PPS staff members have transitioned back into their offices and are operating daily from their respective offices. Probation Officers are meeting their clients in person and working with local resources. Probation Officers are attending in-person court hearings as well. Administrative Order 42-2023 has lifted all restrictions where probation staff expressed that it is much easier to work without the restrictions because working with people in terms of direct services does require observation, listening and finding avenues to progress and work toward successful conclusions to complete their court orders and conditions. Probation Officers are properly operating and functioning today. Those who chose to wear mask may do so; however, sanitizing was a practice before the pandemic for PPS so that practice also continues due to in-person engagement with the population PPS works with.

Chief Probation Officer attended the first scheduled NNIJISP in 2023. The meeting focused on reintroducing members and new members and affiliates to the committee. The suggestion of reacquainting the committee was recommended. The purpose is to reintroduce first, re-evaluate, assess and identify objectives and goals for the project. The recommended summit sounds motivating to restart the project committee.

The Standard Operating Procedures manual committee has revamped the revisions to include recent revisions and progress that probation has generated over the last two years. Probation Services had progressed tremendously in terms of achieving and accomplishing goals to enhance and further improve and develop new avenues within the department. The areas of progress and changes will need to be included in the revisions of the SOP. The assigned Associate Attorney and the PPS Management team are enthused about the revisions and hope to have the revisions completed by the end of this year. The SOP committee has identified to meet bi-weekly.

Chief Probation Officer identified dates for the 2024 Probation Academy training for the overall Probation staff. She will be organizing and making plans with CEO, Dave Rogers-Tribal Public Innovations, LLC. He will be working with Fox Valley-National Criminal Justice Center. Dates and location of the training will be announced early next fiscal year.

In this quarter, Chief Probation Officer also reached out to Chinle Injury Prevention Program, Ms. Charlotte Hadley, Prevention Specialist, who specializes in the area of methods and techniques of trauma relief, debriefing and acupuncture for people who experience burn out. She is specialized in working with adults and minor children. Ms. Hadley has been invited to join us the next staff quarterly meeting at the end of July to introduce herself and the work she performs. She will be sharing techniques on debriefing and learning self-care when burn out sets in. She will also provide information on how she works with people with various trauma issues. This is information that probation officers can use as referrals for clients who are experiencing traumatic situations. She also teams with another individual who specializes in team building skills which also helps staff with teamwork and team building working relationships.

Senior Probation Officer Sheila Begishie in this quarter coordinated and scheduled a training presentation for her western region districts- Tuba City, Kayenta and Chinle. Ms. Berlinda Smith

with Tuba City Department of Behavioral and Mental Health Services provided an interesting information sharing presentation related to rehabilitation fraud. She had firsthand information on the current situation of fraud that is occurring where so-called rehabilitation treatment facilities are picking up individuals on Navajo Nation and sending them to Phoenix. Those same facilities are also reaching out to services such as probation to recruit individuals without commitment documentations. Ms. Smith provided information to look out for and stressed to probation officers to utilize REBA (Regional Behavioral Health Services) for adequate processing so we can account for actual placement and services. Going through REBA would be the appropriate placement for clients. Further training will be provided to all NN probation officers.

Currently, Senior Probation Officer and Chief Probation Officer are working diligently to secure a probation office for the Window Rock Probation Services. There are barriers and challenges to seeking an appropriate place and location. On June 7, 2023, they, along with Window Rock probation staff, Window Rock Judicial District staff and the administrative office of the courts staff including Chief Justice Jayne traveled to Sawmill, AZ to conduct a walk through a vacant school building. The facility has space, but concerns were addressed by the probation staff with regards to distance and travel for clients. At the same time, they are in discussions with Peacemaking Coordinator, Dempsey Harvey to see if they can temporarily use the second office space which was the old PPS office until we are able to secure a location. Response and consideration are pending currently due to request for agreement by Peacemaking office. They also have another location to schedule a walk through and meet with individual, Mr. Marco Abeita, Gallup Office. They will be scheduling a walk through soon to look at the BIA building next to the Peacemaking building in Window Rock. Chief Probation Officer is also assisting and working with Court Administrator Jaqueline Francisco with regards to the old DES building located at the intersection of Window Rock. That discussion is also pending response and consideration.

In this quarter, Ms. Melanie Price, IT Specialist, and Chief Probation Officer coordinated and scheduled a virtual training for the probation staff to attend. Ms. Price provided training on the new application Judicial Branch will be using, the Microsoft Teams 365. Her presentation and training were very informative. She went through the Teams application and use of all the capabilities use and purpose. PPS staff appreciated the training.

Because of vacant positions within Probation Services, management team discussed and strategized which involves reassignment of staff to assist their sister districts. Currently, there are no probation officers assigned to the Dilkon District. The position is advertised but there are no applicants identified. Probation Officer Bettina Norton-Aneth PPS, is assisting with cases in Dilkon. She can virtually attend hearings and have clients contact her via telephone and virtual means. When necessary, she can travel out to Dilkon to tend to cases and attend hearings. Window Rock probation officers are also assisting Dilkon probation cases. Request for presentence reports has been reported to be increasing in the Dilkon Court. Therefore, additional assistance is needed. Tuba City PPS currently has one probation officer on full-time duty. Mr. Vinton Yazzie has been taking all cases. One Probation Officer is on extended sick leave and will return to full-time duty in August. Probation Officer Geneva Salt, Kayenta District, was assigned to assist Probation Officer Yazzie on Tuesday and Thursday in Tuba City. Kayenta PPS has one additional probation officer who oversees Kayenta cases. Kayenta PPS also has a vacant position and is currently reviewing applicants for interviews.

At any time, situations and unforeseen circumstances occur within PPS and probation officers from across the miles are always willing to help colleagues and assist at moment's notice to ensure cases and their colleagues are provided the help needed. Chief Probation Officer is pleased to have staff that make the extra commitment to assist another district and their colleagues without complaints and refusing assignments. The response to their temporary assignment is that they are one department, and they should be there to help one another.

Probation Officer Lauren Billy, To'hajilee/Alamo, is assigned to represent PPS at the upcoming Annual Judicial Branch Conference and Staff Development. Probation Officer Billy has been resourceful representing PPS at the committee meeting. She brings updated information to the PPS Round Table meeting providing PPS with tasks and details that are required. She provides updates on deadlines and staff also share with her information and agenda items to take back to the committee meetings. It is also good experience for probation officers to take a role in other duties such as interdepartmental committee meetings. Officer Billy is doing a great job.

OBJECTIVES TO BE ACCOMPLISHED IN THE NEXT QUARTER

To continue finalizing and completing the FY2024 Budget for PPS.

To coordinate and plan for the upcoming Annual Judicial Conference

To coordinate an in-house training session for PPS staff.

To continue to conduct on-site travel to all 13 PPS Districts.

DISTRICT NARRATIVES

All district personnel have reported similar narratives where they are in the transition stages of making in-person report-in by clients by appointment only. They have situated their office to ensure safety precautions are complied with. Thus far, all have reported that the appointment only requirement is working.

All districts probation cases are increasing in terms of court ordered referrals. Courts are referring more cases over for presentence reports and deferred prosecution cases. PPS anticipated to see gradual increase by the end of 3rd quarter in terms of probation cases.

Aneth District

Probation Officer Bettina North continues her assignment from Aneth, Utah across the miles to assist Dilkon District. Officer Norton has been assigned to take care of all Dilkon's criminal cases. In addition to her assigned cases, she noticed in this quarter's data that Dilkon's presentence report has increased tremendously. Again, Officer Norton noted that assisting Dilkon has been an experience and she has learned and taken a different perspective from another District. She welcomed the learning process.

Chinle District

Probation Officer Aldrian Draper reports she scheduled a trip to Sierra Vista, Arizona to take a minor child out of the facility due to neglect of treatment and reports by the minor child that the facility was not feasible for treatment in terms of accommodations were unsanitary, treatment was unorganized and days and weeks went by without any type of group or individual counseling. Probation Officer Draper wanted to visit the facility herself and perhaps address concerns that were raised by the minor child. Upon visiting the facility, Officer Draper confirmed that the minor child was correct and needed to be removed immediately. Officer Draper provided an update status report to the Court that the minor needed to be removed from the facility. Officer Draper and the minor child's parent (mother) traveled to Sierra Vista to retain the minor child to take home. Officer Draper updated the status of the child's case and initiated a new plan for the child with local resources. This situation is only one of a few treatment facilities that have been suspected of inappropriate living conditions for minor children and adults. Navajo PPS has received updates and presentations with regards to treatment fraud and unsuitable treatment facilities. Probation Officers have reevaluated and reassessed their clients that are in treatment facilities.

Kayenta District

Probation Officer Andy Harrison reported that he scheduled two presentations for two Chapters: Dennehotso Chapter and Navajo Mountain Chapter. He reported that he was placed on the agenda to provide information with regards to the full-time in-person client report-ins for Kayenta PPS. He shared information with the communities on the purpose of PPS and how they incorporate direct services with their clients. He also expressed to the community the importance of support while their family/community member is on probation. He also answered questions and commented on some of the concerns or issues, including how they can help by assisting their family/community member in terms of travel, verbal support and overall, their understanding of where their family/community member is struggling with addiction and other underlying concerns. Probation Officer Harrison expressed that it was interesting to hear them out and questions he received. His approach is to attend two Chapter presentation per quarter.

Probation Officer Geneva Salt was assigned to assist Tuba City PPS. Probation Services has one probation officer on extended sick leave from Tuba City. Tuba City has a high caseload, therefore; a decision was made to have Officer Salt assist Tuba City on Tuesday and Thursdays. She is initially situated in Kayenta on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays in Kayenta. Currently, the collaboration between the two districts is working out.

Shiprock District

Probation Officer Lucy Yesslith reported in this quarter that she does not rely on treatment facilities when she obtained many training hours to work with clients. Thus far, Officer Yesslith is collaborating with Capacity Builders, a Native oriented resource funded by grants, to be a resource for direct services. Officer Yesslith reached out to Capacity Builders and is currently working with them, which has resulted in successful cases. Officer Yesslith was able to work one-on-one with clients to help identify objectives and accomplish their goals. She expressed witnessing positive results with her own initiative has been awarding.

Tuba City

Probation Officer Vinton Yazzie reports a court ordered situation where he was ordered to pick a minor child that has been absconding from treatment facilities, and correction. He requested for Probation Officer Geneva Salt to assist in transporting the minor child back from Las Vegas, Nevada. Probation Officers along with the minor child's grandmother traveled to Las Vegas to pick up the minor child from corrections custody. Clark County correction facility held the minor child for Navajo Nation to pick up and transport back to Tuba City. Once the child was retained by the Navajo Nation, the child was then released into the custody of Navajo Nation Juvenile Correction Facility and Crownpoint, New Mexico. Probation Officer will continue to monitor the minor child with her family and under the Court's order and conditions.

Probation Services has collaborated more and more with neighboring outside jurisdiction (State, County and Federal) counter partners. We appreciate the working relationship NNPPS has established and appreciate the willingness to work with NNPPS to ensure collaboration, and networking for the benefit of assisting and working with counter partners. We continue to work with our neighboring partners.

VII. Judicial Conduct Commission

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

In the Fiscal Year 2023 Third Quarter, the Judicial Conduct Commission held one official meeting on April 29, 2023, to discuss two referrals that were received in March 2023. The Judicial Conduct Commission received from the Chief Justice an additional referral of a complaint for a total of three referrals to address. The Commission scheduled a meeting to address the referrals in the fourth quarter.

Commission Member Judy Apachee attended the Navajo Nation Bar Association Annual Conference June 8-9, 2023. The theme of the conference was, "Decolonizing Navajo Law: Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery and Reviving Environmental Protection and Water Rights."

The Judicial Conduct Commission co-sponsored the 2023 Justice Day with the Supreme Court, Window Rock District Court, Peacemaking Program and Administrative Offices of the Courts on May 2, 2023. The theme for the 64th anniversary of the Navajo Nation court system was "Kodóó Neeni'Jí'," or, "From This Point On." There were resource booths and speakers commemorating the anniversary of the court system. A luncheon was also served to the public.

The Commission sponsored an advertisement to recruit for applicants for Navajo Nation Judges. The advertisement ran in the May 11, 2023 edition of the Navajo Times.

VIII. Administrative Offices of the Courts

Karen Francis, Government Relations Officer, began serving in the capacity of the Acting Administrative Director effective January 25, 2023.

The Administrative Offices of the Courts held Justice Day for the 64th anniversary of the Navajo Nation court system on May 2, 2023, with the Supreme Court, Window Rock District Court, Peacemaking Program and Judicial Conduct Commission. Approximately 200 people participated in the event, which included a resource fair and speakers Chief Justice JoAnn Jayne, President Buu Nygren, Vice President Richelle Montoya, and Peacemaking Program Bi-cultural Training Manager Dempsey Harvey. A luncheon was served to the public.

The Administrative Offices of the Courts has been working on expending American Rescue Plan Act funds. The Courts received funds through the Fiscal Recovery Fund and the Tribal Courts program. Staff have been assisting each other in obtaining quotes and developing Requests for Proposals for expenditures, which are to assist the courts and programs in addressing caseloads and safety of facilities for staff and the public as in-person work resumed.

The Administrative Offices of the Courts staff are fully in the office building as of May 30, 2023 at 5 p.m. Administrative Order 42-2023 lifted the restrictions and precautions that were in place to mitigate the COVID-19 pandemic.

Grants Management

Accomplishments this quarter:

1. Participated in the Diné Action Plan Advisory Group Meeting where task force groups are planning work around data and forming and norming of the advisory group.
2. Participated and assisted with COOP responsibilities around staff exposure and building closures.
3. Completed the submission of the Branch's one-time funding request to BIA-Tribal Justice Support for vital personnel positions that help address the domestic abuse caseload of the tribal courts.
4. Began planning for the Judicial Branch Training Conference.
5. Strategized and planned as a part of the Executive Staff Meetings and Managers meetings that are periodically held.
6. Assisted in the implementation of the ARPA Fiscal Recovery Fund expenditure plan with the development and advertisement of Rodent and Pest Control Services, HVAC services and Service of Process.
7. Developed for advertisement the bid for the Judicial Training Conference lodging, catering and conference services. Conducted two site visits to potential conference locations.
8. Assisted in securing a location for the Judges' Roundtable discussion and development of the agenda.
9. Supported the Administrative Office of the Courts for Justice Day activities.
10. Participated in the interview committee for AOC personnel positions.
11. Helped build capacity by participating in the Tribal Opioid Response Task Force Meeting.
12. Reported updates on various projects with the Court Administrators at their regular, monthly meetings.
13. Updated the Judicial Branch Strategic Plan and reported to the Judicial Conference.
14. Began implementation of the Haashkeeki Nahat'a Beeso expenditure plan.

15. Supported the Administrative Office of the Courts with implementation of the general funds budget and expenditure plans.
16. Supported the Peacemaking Program with implementation of their general funds budget expenditure plan for the Alamo hogan.
17. Worked on building capacity for youth mentoring programs through the Tribal Youth Resource Center Talking Circle.

Health and Safety Advisor

During the 3rd quarter, the weekly Health and Safety Advisor's report was emailed out every Tuesday to all Judicial Branch staff. Stakeholder meetings continue to provide valuable health and safety information for dissemination and analysis. The Health and Safety Advisor provides at least two (2) presentations a month during the Judicial Branch Bimonthly Meeting centering on COVID-19, Food and Drug Administration updates, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention updates, World Health Organization updates, and Navajo Nation updates. Various meetings are attended on a weekly basis ranging from the Navajo Nation School Leadership Meetings to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee Meetings.

HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE

During the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2023 (April - June 2023), the Judicial Branch's Office of Human Resources ("HR") completed the following:

Recruitment

HR continued the momentum with recruiting efforts to fill vacancies, especially with filling judge, justice, and attorney positions. In May and June, HR staff attended the federal bar and Navajo Nation bar conferences and set up a recruiting table. This quarter, HR staff also attended other career fairs such as the Diné Studies conference, Tse Hootsooi Middle School career and college day, Diné College career fair, and Ramah Justice Day.

As required in the Navajo Preference in Employment Act (NPEA), employers are to advertise job vacancies in a local newspaper and radio station. HR advertises job vacancies in the Navajo Times and KTNN.

HR also continued to upload job vacancy announcements (JVA) updates 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

Judicial Branch (JB) staff also make one-on-one contacts regarding vacancies.

Selection during FY 23 Third 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. Six (6) positions were filled.
2. Three (3) employees transitioned from 90-day introductory to regular status.
3. One (1) retirement
4. Six (6) resignations
5. One (1) termination
6. One (1) layoff

The JB programs and districts engaged in virtual or in-person interviews to recruit and select for the vacancies. HR initiates the onboarding process for new hires through virtual or in-person meetings. When the new employee reports to work in-person, the districts/programs conduct in-person trainings for new hires.

3rd Quarter Judicial Branch Trainings:

April 2023

Topic

- Judicial Branch Employee Policies/Procedures (JBEPP) during Navajo New Employee Multi-Service Orientation (SDTD NEMSO)
- AOC Staff Meeting/Training:
 - Business Regulatory Management training – updated policies/procedures
- National Center for State Court (NCSC) webinar for JB staff: Virtual Hearing Effective Practices for Tribal Courts
- Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission webinar: Doctrine of Discovery

May 2023

Topic

- Judicial Branch Employee Policies/Procedures (JBEPP) during Navajo New Employee Multi-Service Orientation (SDTD NEMSO)

- Personnel Rules for Judges & Justices
- Sexual Harassment Awareness Training for Judge and Justices

June 2023

Topic

- Navajo Preference in Employment Act Training for Judges & Justices
- Qualification Assessment Training for Window Rock Judicial District staff
- Qualification Assessment Training for Peacemaking staff
- NCSC webinar for JB staff: Why and How State Courts Should Collaborate with Tribes
- Judicial Branch Employee Policies/Procedures (JBEPP) during Navajo New Employee Multi-Service Orientation (SDTD NEMSO)
- MS Teams training for JB staff
- NN DOJ training on '638 grants and contracts
- OMB training on '638 grants and contracts
- Informational session on new micro-purchasing policy for AOC staff

3rd Quarter Policy Development Updates

1. Merit bonus procedures: The HR Office drafted merit bonus procedures, which are being reviewed by the Office of the Chief Justice.
2. Safety Policy: The HR Office assisted with the drafting of a comprehensive JB safety 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, the HR Director and Government Relations Officer 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.
6. The HR Director also attends the Retirement Plan Administration Committee (RPAC) meetings when the Chief Justice is unavailable. The RPAC meets monthly.

7. The JB is engaged in a compensation study. The HR Office is taking the lead in working with the contractor to complete this project.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Accomplishments of objectives set the previous quarter

Provided continual personal computer support at Tuba City, Kayenta, Chinle, Window Rock, Crownpoint, Ramah, Alamo, Tohajilee, Dilkon, DzilYijiin 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 Microsoft Teams and CourtCall.

Provided System Administration support for the 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; **DzilYijiin** Courts; **Tohajilee** 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 maintenance and software updates to NN Judicial Branch database servers to comply with security protocols.

Monitor and assist HR and DIT with creation of email credentials for new or transferring employees.

IT Provided JustWare user trainings for new employees.

IT Provided Microsoft Overview trainings for AOC, Supreme Court, the Courts and PPS staff.

IT Staff attended CyberSecurity Defense Initiative trainings.

IT Staff attended Dell Technologies World Digital Livestream event for information on new technologies available from Dell.

2. Other significant accomplishments

Continued with the completion and submittal of the JustWare Technical Support RFP Process.

Attended teleconference meetings with the Budget and Finance Committees for NNIJISP Budget and the Judicial Branch Business Unit's budgets.

Continue working with Human Resource and Judicial Branch with maintaining/removing computer login profiles and checking-in of computer equipment. Login profiles for JustWare,

FMIS, Microsoft 365 Office, Microsoft Teams and SharePoint are enabled for employees coming on-board and disabled for employees leaving the branch.

Attended mandatory Executive Staff meetings.

Attended meetings with Pine Technologies to begin implementation of Technical Support for NN JustWare and JusticeWeb.

Attended meetings on expenditures of ARPA funds for the Judicial Branch.

Developed RFP for purchase of audio archiving equipment for the courts to replace dated equipment.

Continue development of RFP for purchase of kiosks to automate check-in and other services for PPS.

Conduct IT staff meetings weekly on Monday mornings to communicate and share information on technical support and upcoming activities for the week to provide more efficient services for Judicial Branch staff.

IT staff assisted Navajo Nation Justice Day activities with setup of chairs, tables, PA system and a test video stream of the event utilizing Microsoft Teams.

IT staff attended JustWare configuration meetings with PPS.

3. Objectives to be accomplished in the next quarter

To continue working with Pine Technologies and DIT technical support for the JustWare and JusticeWeb Software Applications to revive the payment portal for online payments and to provide how-to information to maintain the JustWare environment.

To maintain personal computer support at Tuba City, Kayenta, Chinle, Window Rock, Shiprock, Crownpoint, Ramah, Pueblo Pintado, Alamo, Tohajilee, Dilkon, Aneth and DzilYijiin 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, Tohajilee, Aneth, Alamo, Ramah and DzilYijiin 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, Tohajilee, 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 technical support for webpage modifications of navajocourts.org website and to continue with the development of the upgrade/replacement of the <https://courts.navajo-nsn.gov> website.

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

To repair and maintain JustWare on-line payment portals.

To begin working with Vendor that won the bidding for Website Re-Design Project.

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

Archiving

1. Accomplishments of objectives set the previous quarter:

The information data technician prepared, organized, and scanned 318 documents/files, including:

- Emailed record search requests to Shiprock, Tuba City, Chinle, and Window Rock Judicial Districts.
- Navajo Nation Supreme Court inactive court records.

The information data technician assisted Window Rock, Tuba City, Shiprock, Chinle Judicial Districts and Supreme Court with retrieval of archived microfilmed records. There are only two Reader/Printer (STviewScan) machines at the Administrative Office of the Courts in Window Rock and Crownpoint Judicial District, to view and print records. District personnel travel to or send Cartridges (films) to Window Rock to retrieve and/or print records. Received 31 microfilmed cartridges from four judicial districts to locate/print records requested by the public.

The information data technician:

- Telework for the month of April and May 2023.
- Returned to the office in June 2023.
- Assisted IT personnel by receiving and processing IT service requests submitted by the judicial districts and programs.

2. Objectives to be accomplish in the next quarter

To complete scanning 2016 and 2017 closed court records.

To receive IT service requests from the judicial districts, Supreme Court, Office of the Chief Justice, Probation Services, Peacemaking Program, and Administrative Office of the Courts.

To provide assistance, as needed, to the Judicial Branch IT Section, Fiscal Services, Administrative Office of the Courts, Human Resources, and Office of the Chief Justice.

To perform other duties as assigned.

IX. NAVAJO NATION INTEGRATED JUSTICE INFORMATION SHARING PROJECT

1. Accomplishments

The Budget and Finance Committee approved for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 NNIJISP amount of \$375,000. NNIJISP has a budget for internet fees, maintenance and support contract, and professional training only, and cannot purchase equipment for NNIJISP partners. The balance is \$204,380.09 as of July 11, 2023.

Current tracking and monitoring of active contracts: Professional Service Contracts for Matrix Imaging is active and does not need to be renewed until September 30, 2023. Cellular One of North East Arizona, Pine Technologies LLC., and Sacred Winds Communications have been submitted through the Navajo Nation 164 Review and Approval process and Pine Technologies LLC has been approved for \$138,800. Cellular One Professional Service was deemed insufficient, because it has to be resubmitted under the new name, Smith Bagley.

NNIJISP leadership and the Law and Order Committee (LOC) has gained interest in the use of the partners' case management system and discussed the use in technology and continued to support NNIJISP. The main LOC focus is on data sharing concerns among partners and are currently reviewing what data and demographics can be viewed and shared. There is data that a few NNIJISP Partners do not agree to share due to laws and confidentiality legality. The topic of data sharing is an ongoing process and will take further evaluation and agreement among the justice community. Another topic that is coming to light is addressing case files/case data flow for a more effective and efficient way to move court cases forward. Due to the pandemic the closing of case files has increased and partners are working to decrease the active caseloads. Continued work sessions of JustWare's ability to customize reports enlightened NNIJISP partners to discussion options on moving forward for JustWare users. NNIJISP partners have been informed of the importance when inputting data for reporting purposes.

On a monthly basis or as requested, attended:

- IT meetings
- ARPA meetings
- Attend Fiscal Office financial and external funds meetings
- Website design meetings
- Contract and Request for Proposal submissions as needed
- Judicial Branch Bi-monthly Leadership meetings
- Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) meetings
- Roadmap to full capacity meetings
- Process NNIJISP Budget Status Reports
- Collect and Coordinate meeting agenda topics

2. Activities

Provide IT assistance, solutions, upgrades for software support, software upgrades for desktop computers, installation of printers, training, hardware and software using Skype for Business 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 NNIJISP FY 2032 3rd Quarter Performance Criteria and quarterly narrative report.

Completed Information Technology (IT) Report for FY 2023 3rd Quarter for department.

Assist fiscal staff utilizing IT ARPA funds for expenditure.

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

Complete receiving reports, process procurement of billing statements for seven (7) internet network connections, MiFi devices, and other wireless devices for vendor Cellular One of North East Arizona and Sacred Wind Communications.

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic NNIJISP has stopped in-person meetings and has resorted to tele-meetings. During the next quarter we plan on beginning NNIJISP monthly meeting updates.

X. Courts of the Navajo Nation

A. Supreme Court

1. Caseload Statistics

a. Civil

(1) Cases Filed	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>Total</u>
-Certified Question.....	1	3	1	5
-Child Custody.....				1
-Contract.....				0
-Decedent Estate.....				0
-Domestic Relations.....				0
-Elections.....				0
-Employment/Labor.....				1
-Ethics.....				0
-Grazing.....				0
-Land Dispute.....				0
-Probate.....				0
-Torts.....				3
-Writs.....				0
-Reconsiderations.....				0
(2) Cases Completed	0	5	0	5

(3) Hearings Held	0	0	0	0
(4) Total Decisions this Quarter:				
Memorandum Decision	0	0	0	0
Orders	0	5	0	5
Opinions	0	0	0	0

b. Criminal

	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</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>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>Total</u>
(1) Cases Filed	0	8	0	8
(2) Cases Completed	0	0	8	8
(3) Hearings Held	0	0	8	8
(4) Total Decisions this Quarter:				
(a)Memorandum Decision	0	0	0	0
(d) Orders	0	0	8	8
(e) Opinions	0	0	0	0

d. Special Proceedings

	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</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: 111
- (2) Filed: 13
- (3) Reconsiderations: 0
- (4) Closed: 13
- (5) Pending: 111

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	12	25	11	107
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	0	0

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	13	25	11	111

2. Motions Reviews and Decided:

April	May	June	Total
0	1	0	1

3. Oral Arguments/Hearings Held: 8

4. Pro Bono Appointments:

	April	May	June	Total
Tuba City/Kayenta/Dilkon	12	22	1	35
Window Rock/Chinle/Dzil Yijiin	6	9	9	24
Crownpoint/Shiprock/Aneth/ Pueblo Pintado	7	4	6	17
Ramah/Alamo/To'hajiilee	0	0	12	12
Total	25	35	28	88

5. 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 selected cases from 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 is 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 0 book sales in the second quarter.

SUPREME COURT AND JUDICIAL BRANCH

Chief Justice JoAnn B. Jayne and Associate Justice Eleanor Shirley conducted discussions on Supreme Court cases. During the case disposition meetings, the Justices conduct preliminary reviews of the Supreme Court cases on whether the appeals were filed in a timely manner, if record compilation has been completed, if 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 the lower court records with the Supreme Court Clerk. 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. There was one oral hearing in the third quarter.

The Judicial Conference is composed of 11 Judges and 2 Justices who set policy and advise the Chief Justice in matters concerning the administrative functions and policy development of the courts. In the third quarter, the Judicial Conference was held on June 29, 2023. On June 29, 2023, the discussion was focused on the idea of a non-emergency teleworking arrangement for

the Judicial Branch. While certain comments were made during the meeting, it necessitated further research by the staff attorneys along with a survey to be sent out to the Judicial Branch staff. No survey results were shared as the survey had not been sent out nor any further updates by the staff attorneys. Instead, a detailed memorandum listing the areas to be researched by the staff attorneys was sent out with a deadline of July 31, 2023. A proposal is pending further discussion.

For the third quarter, the Supreme Court staff had monthly meetings regarding the Supreme Court budget and pending projects. The meetings were held on April 12, 2023 and May 10, 2023.

Chief Justice JoAnn Jayne, Associate Attorney, Government Relations Officer, and Judicial Staff Assistant attended Executive Staff Meetings to discuss essential administrative matters with a focus on reducing case load within the Judicial Branch. These meetings are held the first and third Thursday of each month.

Throughout the quarter, the Associate Attorney reviewed case law, statutes, policies and procedures for Probation and Parole Office, redrafted Probation and Parole report boilerplate and began in-depth revisions of the Standard Operating Procedures. Review of national standards as well as Navajo Nation requirements occurred to ensure the operating procedures fully reflect the work conducted by the Office as well as the legal requirements for the officers. The Associate Attorney continues to draft standard operating procedures for bailiffs. Regarding employment matters, the Associate Attorney worked on Health and Safety Policy, researching IRS matters, housing assistance and various personnel matters. The Associate Attorney continues to work with the Administrative Office of Courts on a variety of projects including re-development of the Employee Policies and Procedures, IT matters (shifting to Microsoft 365 and security risks), the Window Rock District court building project, and financial and procurement matters. The Supreme Court, Administrative Office of the Courts, Peacemaking Program and Window Rock District Court held a Justice Day on May 2, 2023 to celebrate the creation of the Navajo Nation court system. The Judicial Branch served lunch to the public and had a great turn out with resource booths and speakers.

During this third quarter, the Chief Justice has been continuously working on Resolution JB-JA-01-23, pertaining to the Haskeeji Nahat'a Beeso Ba Hooghan (HNBB). The purpose of this resolution is from a lawsuit that was filed in 2014 in the US Court of Appeals in which the US Court of Appeals awarded the Navajo Nation in 2017 and in 2021. The HNBB was established and became a law. The Chief Justice, the selected ranking committee and other Judicial staff have been working on the phases of the criteria for expenditure.

OATH OF OFFICE

On April 11, 2023, Associate Justice conducted an oath of office for the Navajo Nation elected officials.

On April 11, 2023, Chief Justice Jayne conducted an oath for Elouise Johnson, Bahaastl'ah Chapter, for Chapter President.

On May 16, 2023, Associate Justice conducted an oath of office for the Navajo Nation elected officials.

On June 12, 2023, Associate Justice conducted an oath of office for the new Navajo Nation Bar Association members.

On June 13, 2023, Associate Justice conducted an oath of office for Navajo Nation elected officials and a Navajo Nation Police Officer.

SUPREME COURT VACANCIES

The Supreme Court currently has an Associate Justice position vacancy.

The Supreme Court currently has two vacant positions which are the Supreme Court Law Clerk position and the Supreme Court Administrator position.

Recruiting efforts are ongoing and paramount for the Branch.

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 probationary Judges with the Navajo Nation moving in various phases of periodic evaluations.

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 through the Navajo Nation Bill of Rights to give the discretion of the Navajo Nation courts to determine when legal counsel shall 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) to 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 for legal assistance pertaining to their cases with the Navajo Nation courts.

The Office of Pro Bono Services received 88 Pro Bono requests for the 3rd quarter: 35 requests were from Tuba City, Kayenta and Dilkon Judicial Districts; 23 requests were from Window Rock, Chinle and Dzil Yijiin Judicial Districts; 17 requests were from Crownpoint, Shiprock and

Aneth Judicial Districts: and 12 requests 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. RPAC meetings held this quarter were on April 26, 2023 and May 24, 2023.

The Government Relations Officer attended meetings of the Law and Order Committee, Budget and Finance Committee, Naabik'iyati' Committee and the Navajo Nation Council.

Government Relations Officer continued meeting with the Diné Action Plan (DAP) Advisory Group as a Judicial Branch representative. The Advisory Group includes members from the three branches of government to work on plans to address issues of the Navajo Nation including substance abuse, suicide, domestic violence and missing and murdered Diné relatives.

Chief Justice JoAnn Jayne and the Government Relations Officer met with Casey Family Programs staff on May 23, 2023. The Casey Family Programs is working with Division of Social Services on a system of care review and wanted to meet with the three branches of Navajo Nation government on this project.

The Government Relations Officer attended Memorial Day Services sponsored by the Office of the President and Vice President and the Navajo Nation Council on May 29, 2023.

The Government Relations Officer attended meetings of the Employee Housing Committee as one of two Judicial Branch appointees to the Committee.

STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

On May 23, 2023, Chief Justice and Government Relations Officer attended the Collaboration Meeting with the State of Utah hosted by the Navajo Division of Social Services. Participants included Director of Utah Division of Indian Affairs Dustin Jansen, Special Counsel and Advisor for Indian Affairs/Utah Attorney General's Office Larry Echo Hawk, Director of Utah Department of Health and Human Services Tracy Gruber, and Utah state court staff.

On May 31, 2023, the Chief Justice and Government Relations Officer met with McKinley County Magistrate Judge Virginia Yazzie and DWI Treatment Program Coordinator Shanell K. Franklin from New Mexico on mutual topics for the judicial systems.

EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

On April 3, 2023, Chief Justice attended Justice Day at Ramah Judicial District Court.

On April 7, 2023, Chief Justice met with eight (8) members from the Binch Whut'en Child and Family Services of Dakelh Nation, Northern British Columbia. The Chief Justice, Associate Justice Eleanor Shirley, Judge Malcolm Begay, Judge Victor Clyde and Chief Probation Officer Lucinda Yellowhair presented information about the Navajo judicial system.

Chief Justice Jayne met with the Nishnawbe Aski delegation from Ontario and the Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety in Fort Defiance, Arizona on April 13, 2023, on mutual topics of both nations.

On May 3, 2023, Chief Justice attended the Career, Job and Enrollment Fair at the Event Center in Fort Defiance, Arizona, with Human Resources staff.

On May 4, 2023, the Chief Justice attended the Justice Day activities in Crownpoint, New Mexico district court.

Chief Justice was invited to attend the Navajo Technical University graduation on May 12, 2023, in Crownpoint, New Mexico.

MEDIA

The Government Relations Officer released public service announcements and press releases on behalf of the Judicial Branch.

The Government Relations Officer coordinated advertisements with local newspapers to keep the public informed of updates to Judicial Branch services throughout the third quarter.

TRAINING

On April 17-18, 2023, the Supreme Court staff attended the National Federal Indian Bar Conference.

On May 30, 2023, the Supreme Court staff attended the Mandatory Employee Policies and Procedures / Sexual Harassment training.

On June 2, 2023, the Justices attended the Navajo Preference in Employment Act training. On June 8-9, 2023, The Supreme Court staff attended the Navajo Nation Bar Conference.

B. Tuba City Judicial District

1. Accomplishment of Objectives during this quarter:

- a. Courts Re-Open for In-Person Services. On May 31, 2023, the Chief Justice JoAnn Jayne issued Admin Order #42-2023, “IN THE MATTER OF COURT OPERATIONS IN THE COURTS OF THE NAVAJO NATION BY RESCINDING THE CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS PLAN, THE ROADMAP TO FULL CAPACITY PLAN, TELEWORKING AGREEMENTS AND THE MASK MANDATE FOR JUDICIAL BRANCH FACILITIES”. The Tuba City Court re-opened its doors to the public and providing in-person services. The public are glad to be back in the court building for in-person court services and court hearings.
- b. Court Operation. For April and May, the Tuba City Judicial District continued to deliver court services via electronic filing, telephonic services, postal mail, facsimile, credit card/money order for payments and drop boxes. All court hearings are telephonic and conference call numbers are provided to the customers to call in for their court hearings. The Honorable 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 cases.

- c. General Staff Meeting. Court Administrator Alice Huskie provided up-dates on court operations and shared information on plans for Roadmap to Full Recovery advancement plans, budgets, supplies, training, and work schedules. Also, shared with staff are administrative orders from the Office of Chief Justice with special emphasis on preventing the spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus, keeping office areas clean by the staff. Staff are reminded to keep work areas sanitized at all times and protocols on workplace health and safety.
- d. Weekly Judicial Branch COOP Meetings. The Honorable Cecelia Tallman, Staff Attorney Michael Bennett, and Court Administrator Alice Huskie attended the Judicial Branch telephonic meetings. The Judicial Branch met with Judicial Districts, Program Managers, and key administrative staff from AOC. The group shared information on the status of the COVID-19 pandemic and the latest up-dates from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Navajo Department of Health (NDOH) guidelines. For the safety of the staff, the Judicial Branch, in its facilities, required wearing masks and social distancing up to May 31, 2023. For health and safety reasons the court staff are highly encouraged to continue to sanitize their workspaces.
- e. Court Administrator, Business Managers and AOC Meeting. On April 27, 2023, Court Administrators and Program Managers met. Court Administrator Regina Roanhorse from To'Hajiilee/Alamo Judicial District facilitated the meeting via SKYPE for Business. On June 22, 2023, Court Administrator Esther Jose from Ramah Judicial District facilitated the meeting via Zoom. The group discussed and shared information regarding administrative court operation, bailiff uniforms and equipment, salary study, copier machine purchase, General funds, ARPA funds, professional service contracts, Dine' Action Plan and Hashkeeki Nahata' Besso Be' Hooghan. Court Administrator Alice Huskie attended the meeting.
- f. 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.
- g. HVAC TRAINING. Facilities Maintenance Technician Waymore Scott continues to attend HVAC training in Phoenix, Arizona on Thursday evenings. The HVAC training began on March 23, 2023, and ends on July 6, 2023. Mr. Scott enjoys his classes including the lab work, which is hands-on training.

- h. Employee Personnel & Policies Training. On April 11,2023, Office Technician Orlando Sam and Bailiff Carl Nez attend the Judicial Branch Employee Policies and Procedures virtual training. The Judicial Branch employees are required to attend this annual training. Training Coordinator Francine Bradley-Arthur provided the virtual training from Window Rock.
- i. Sexual Harassment Training. On April 17, 2023, Bailiff Paradise Bitsoi and Office Technician Orlando Sam attended the Sexual Harassment and Awareness training. This training is a required training for all Judicial Branch employees.
- j. MS Teams Overview. On June 9, 2023, Ben Mariano, Automation & Information Technology Manager provided the training on how to use the MS Teams overview for the court staff.
- k. Daily Visitor Sign-in and Metal Detector Count for January, February, and March 2023. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, limited access is allowed into the court building.

FY 2023 - Third Quarter Daily Visitor Sign-in Report															
MONTH	Court Hearing	Protection Order Pay Fine/Cash Bond	Filing Dents	O btain Information		Attend Training	Background Check	Oath of Office Maintenance of Building	Attend Meeting	Other Hear ings	Other	Total Clients Served	Reading		
April 2023	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	14	1	0	0	29	29		
May 2023	28	0	0	4	0	20	0	0	3	0	0	55	55		
June 2023	101	35	9	61	107	0	3	1	0	4	0	323	323		
Total:	129	35	9	61	111	0	34	3	15	4	4	0	2	407	407

g. Request for court documents and audio for April, May & June 2023.

Month:	April - 2023	May - 2023	June - 2023	Total:
Total Court Document Request	10	17	12	39

Completed documents Request	5	12	9	26
Pending Document Request	5	5	3	13
Total Audio Request	3	1	5	9
Completed Audio Request	3	1	5	9
Pending Audio Request	0	0	0	0

g. Other Significant Accomplishments:

- a. Legal Futures 2023: Arizona State University - Director of Indian Legal Clinic Patty Ferguson-Bohnee contacted the Tuba City Court to request collaboration of services for high school students that may be interested in pursuing a law degree. Ms. Ferguson-Bohnee explained ASU recognizes the sovereignty of native nations and seeks to foster an environment of success and possibility for Native American students. On April 28, 2023, ten students from Tuba City High School were provided training and on how to apply for the ASU law program. There were three former ASU law students; Verrin Kewenvoyouma, Kris Beecher and Michael Bennett served as motivational speakers. The students enjoyed the presentation and motivational speakers were excellent.
- b. Enhancing Foundational Skills Level 2. On June 5 -6, 2023, court clerks Geraldine Sakiestewa, Lena Joe, Lorisa Begay and Jannie Nelson attended the training. The topics included Laws, Codes Rules, Ethics, Records Management, effectively moving cases. Establishing Timeframe Requirements and Setting Hearings, Legal Advice vs. Legal Information, case audits and courtroom rules. Consultants from Sage Educational Ramona Tsosie and Christine Folsom provided the training.
- c. Contract 101. On May 1, 2023, Judge Cecelia Tallman attended the training, which was facilitated by Training Manager Fracine Bradley-Arthur. Professor Sonia Gibson from University of New Mexico law school provided the training.
- d. Navajo Nation Bar Association (NNBA). June 8-9, 2023, Judge Cecelia Tallman attended the NNBA conference. NNBA conference Committee Co-chair Rodriguez Morris provided the “Welcoming Remarks”. Emeritus Chief Justice Herb Yazzie provided the Keynote speaker titled Doctrine of Discovery – Trust Responsibility – Plenary Authority; what

happened to Navajo Sovereignty”. Breakout sessions were scheduled throughout the conference and NNBA members earned CLE credit hours.

- e. Judicial Hearing Officer (JHO). Dorothea Denetsosie continues to hear domestic violence cases for the Tuba City Judicial District every week on Wednesdays. Due to the high volume of DV petitions filed with the court, the “overflow” of cases are scheduled on Fridays. All hearings are via telephonic conference calls. The Honorable Cecelia Tallman also presided over DV cases when the Judicial Hearing Officer was not available.
- f. 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.
- g. Officer’s Oath of Office. The Honorable Cecelia Tallman administered one Oath of Office for David L. Neztosie, Navajo Board of Election member representative.
- h. National Technical Institute (NTI). Facilities Maintenance Technician Waymore Scott continues to attend training to become certified in servicing and maintaining HVAC Units. The court does not have a service agreements due to service vendors not responding to bids for HVAC due to the requirements and the length of time it takes for service contracts to be processed through the FMIS 6B Procurement process, the 164 contract process.
- i. Navajo Nation Judicial Branch Conference. On June 29, 2023, the Office of the Chief Justice, held a judicial conference via SKYPE for Business. The Honorable Cecelia Tallman attended the meetings. Chief Justice JoAnn Jayne and the Associate Justice facilitated the meetings.

h. 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 telephonic court hearings for all cases filed with the court.

C. Kayenta Judicial District

Accomplishments of Objectives Set the Previous Quarter

1. Kayenta Judicial District offered essential services to the public pursuant to the Judicial Branch Continuity of Operations Plan (March 27, 2020). The judge and all staff reported to offices daily.

On January 03, 2023, all our court hearings resumed in-person apart from domestic violence cases. Court staff assisted other visitors through a Ring doorbell device to ensure access to the judicial system by the public.

On May 15, 2023, Chief Justice JoAnn B. Jayne issued Administrative Order 42-2023 for the Navajo Nation Judicial Branch that rescinded operating plans related to the COVID-19 pandemic, teleworking agreements for Judicial Branch employees, and the mask mandate for Judicial Branch facilities.

When the Administrative Order became effective May 31, 2023, the Kayenta Judicial District returned to pre-pandemic operations.

2. Court administrator Lavonne K. Yazzie participated in three meetings with the Kayenta Township to secure the transfer of funds approved by the State of Arizona and Navajo Nation Council resolution CJY-33-22. The \$15,215,000 will fund 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.
3. The Kayenta Judicial District facilitated a Kayenta Service Provider’s meeting on April 21, 2023, in Kayenta, Arizona. Local court, law enforcement, prosecutor, public defender, corrections, criminal investigations and probation representatives meet on collaborative efforts to share and streamline existing processes to better serve the communities.
4. District employees participated in the following trainings:
 - April 11, 2023 – The Judicial Branch Human Resources office provided mandatory annual “*Judicial Branch Employee Personnel Policy Training*” for a uniform interpretation and purpose of the policy.
 - April 25, 2023 – The district staff participated in an on-line training entitled, “*Workplace Safety*” sponsored by the Navajo Nation Safety/Loss Control Program. Safety training for employees is imperative because it reduces workplace injuries, boosts productivity, and creates a safer workplace.
 - May 19, 2023 - The district staff successfully completed a “*CPR and First Aid Certification Training*” in Farmington, New Mexico. The training course helps staff respond appropriately to first aid and emergency

situations that may arise at work, home, and around the community. Staff are certified for two years.

- June 8-9, 2023 - Judge Letitia M. Stover; judicial hearing officer Dorothea Denetsosie; and court clerks Linda M. James and Valentina Smith earned continuing legal education credits at the *Navajo Nation Bar Association 2023 Annual Conference* in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

5. Court administrator Lavonne K. Yazzie participated in the Kayenta Township Community Stakeholders Meeting on May 18, 2023, in Kayenta, Arizona. The meeting of public safety agencies, tribal/state/federal community programs, local schools, merchants, churches, and community members focused on concerns regarding public safety, impact of crime, capacity building and housing.

A. Other significant accomplishments

1. The Kayenta Judicial District participated in the “2023 Kayenta District Police Officer Day” on May 12, 2023. The day was set aside for Navajo Nation police officers to honor their fallen colleagues, make sure those surviving them are supported, as well as to remember their commitment to keeping people safe. The local celebration included a fallen officers memorial, service provider information booths, and luncheon for all participants.
2. Court administrator Lavonne K. Yazzie participated in several meetings to address the Judicial Branch ARPA Expenditure Budget, Judicial Branch Annual Training Conference and Judicial Branch Strategic Planning.

C. Objectives to be Accomplished by Next Quarter

1. To participate in the Fiscal Year 2024 Navajo Nation General Fund Budget formulation work sessions.
2. To obtain approved fiscal documents to commence the Kayenta Judicial Complex construction phase.
3. Facilitate a combined Kayenta Justice Day and Judicial Complex Groundbreaking community event.
4. To provide for three in-service trainings for the district staff.
5. 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

Accomplishments of objectives set the previous quarter

1. All Aneth Judicial District staff re-entered the court building and the court is operating Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm daily, excluding holidays. Aneth Judicial District is operating under the abundance of caution

even though US leadership and the Navajo Nation declared the public health emergency is over. COVID-19 is still amongst the community and within the boundaries of the Navajo Nation and with limited HVAC function, all staff continue to wear their masks and disinfect their workstations daily. Aneth court is in the procurement process of obtaining four new HVAC system units for better ventilation.

2. Aneth Judicial District holds in high regards the health and safety of its staff and its customers. Aneth Court staff continue to self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 and for the seasonal cold before reporting to work. Aneth court is now operating with in-person court services.
3. Aneth Judicial District administrative staff have developed and submitted an initial comprehensive budget for fiscal year 2024. There will be more budget meetings as 2024 budget submittal process is finalized.

B. Other significant accomplishments

1. The Honorable Irene S. Black is temporarily assigned to Shiprock Judicial District. The assignment started on December 01, 2014, by then Chief Justice Herb Yazzie who assigned by Administrative Order 68-2014. With the current public health emergency, Judge Black conducts essential hearings by telecommuting from home for Aneth and Shiprock Judicial Districts. She is also assigned to the Judicial Grievance Board
2. The Aneth District Court staff are participating in trainings offered by the Judicial Branch Training Manager. Aneth District Court staff have completed required trainings for Sexual Harassment, Defensive Driving Training, Judicial Branch Employee Personnel Policy manual and other professional trainings required for each job positions. Aneth District court staff will continue to take advantage of virtual trainings over in-person trainings. Virtual training is cost effective and saves on the court's budget in an ever-dwindling general funds allocation. Lastly, it continues to keep the court staff safe from COVID-19 and other infectious diseases and viruses.
3. 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 and other health relevant information.
4. 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.

C. Objectives to be accomplished by Next Quarter

1. Assure installation of Aneth District Court HVAC system units for climate control of the building and increased ventilation.

2. Aneth management will complete the budgeting process for FY 2024. The process will include other districts so the Judicial Branch will have a comprehensive budgeting plan for 2024.

E. Chinle Judicial District

ACCOMPLISHMENT OF OBJECTIVES

COVID-19 Court Response: In the months of April and May, Chinle Judicial District continued to work in Phase Three of the Roadmap of Recovery. All staff continued to work in the building to provide services to the public. The public came into the building for court services and hearings. Judge has allowed a few court hearings in the building at the request of the parties; otherwise, most court hearings are done virtually and by teleconference. As of June 2, 2023 at 8:00 a.m., the court resumed regular business hours without any restrictions. The Chief Justice issued an administrative order removing all Covid-19 related administrative orders and guidelines to reopen the courts. The Chinle Court made come transitions which did not disrupt the court services and hearings. The staff were prepared and welcomed the public back into the court building.

Judicial Branch Teleconference Meetings: The court administrator and judge participated in the Judicial Branch teleconference meetings which are scheduled two times in a month. Updates are provided by the Chief Justice's support staff. Information on virtual trainings for staff, updates on pandemic activities, and upcoming events are shared among staff.

Resource Meeting: The court administrator and Judge Thompson facilitated a district resource meeting with the local service providers. The service providers discussed some changes they made within their offices. We plan to have quarterly meetings with the local service providers.

Quarterly Judicial Conference: The judge attended the quarterly judicial conference. The court administrators and program managers were not included in the judicial conference.

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.

OBJECTIVES TO BE ACCOMPLISHED

1. The Chinle Judicial District judge and court administrator will participate in meetings with service providers and the Chief Justice's Office.
2. The Chinle Judicial District will continue to work toward meeting its performance criteria
3. The Chinle Judicial District will continue to work with Judicial Branch Human Resources Department in fulfilling the vacant positions.
4. The court administrator will continue to provide technical assistance to the court clerks, bailiffs, office technicians and custodian.

F. Dził Yijiin Judicial District

1. Accomplishments of Objectives Set the Previous Quarter

- a. In accordance with Administrative Order 42-2023 issued on May 15, 2023, the operating plans related to COVID-19 pandemic, telework agreements for the Judicial Branch employees, and mask mandate for Judicial Branch facilities have been rescinded effective May 31, 2023. Dził Yijiin District returned to operating at full capacity on June 2, 2023. Furthermore, the Court allowed public access and in-person hearings.
- b. During April and May physical access to the Dził Yijiin Judicial Court continued to be limited. However, personnel were readily available to assist the public through contact-free methods by electronic processes: email and facsimile, in addition to, U.S. Postal Service Mail and an outside drop box located next to the main entrance. Majority of the court appearances are handled telephonic conferencing and through Skype. Individuals are encouraged to call or email the Court in lieu of making personal appearances to take care of their court business. Fines were made through contact-free payments for civil traffic fines to be paid by credit or debt card online through Justice Web.

2. Other Significant Accomplishments

- a. Dził Yijiin District continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation and take measures to help prevent virus spread in our community. Judge Thompson held court hearings in-person and by utilizing alternative means of presiding over cases through teleconferencing or Skype for Business. Hearing Officer Denetsosie continues to conduct virtual hearings on Petition for Domestic Abuse Protection Orders every Monday.
- b. Judge Thompson was invited as a guest speaker to the Ama' Doo' Azhe'i' Dilzin 2023 Spring Conference held on June 15 & 16 at the Whippoorwill ceremonial grounds. The district staff participated in the fun walk and assisted with serving to-go meals during lunch.

During third quarter, Court Administrator, Arlene Lee attended the following Skype meeting and presentations, representing Dził Yijiin Judicial District:

- Continue to participate in the bi-monthly Judicial Branch leadership skype meetings regards to discussions, plans, and updates as a condition of Judicial Branch continuity of operations (COOP) plan on essential court operations during the Covid-19 pandemic in April.
- Judge Thompson & CA held meeting with NN prosecutor, Department of Corrections and NPD records department on June 8th to discuss reopening to full capacity.
- Attended Pinon Chapter meetings on April 3 and May 8, 2023.
- CA attended virtual CA and Managers meeting on April 27 and June 22, 2023.

- On April 24th CA & staff attended training on Microsoft office 365 transition.
- Staff continue to participate in the various virtual trainings and complete the KnowBe4 security training issued by Navajo Nation DIT.
- Dzil Yijiin CA assisted with court clerk interviews for the Kayenta district court on April 20th.

C. Objectives to Accomplish by Next Quarter

1. Dził Yijiin Judicial District will continue Court operations on processing all case types filed and provide further in-person court services during this COVID-19 pandemic.
2. The district is eligible for Phase Four plan and will continue to work on Phase Four operations in accordance with Roadmap to full Capacity.
3. Staff will continue to assist in processing all case types beyond essential court matters and Court Administrator will work with Judge Thompson to schedule further in-person court hearings.
4. Dzil Yijiin district staff will attain three in-servicer trainings per quarter.
5. Dził Yijiin Judicial District continues to be severely occupied with public health agencies, healthcare providers, local entities and partnering agencies to mitigate the impact of the virus. Dził Yijiin Judicial District is persistent in the use of face coverings, social distancing, disinfecting practices, including all other measures our Court has followed throughout the pandemic.

G. **Dilkon Judicial District**

JUDICIAL DISTRICT SUPPORT SERVICE REPORT

On May 31, 2023, at 5:00 pm, Dilkon Judicial District is at full operation per Administrative Order 42-2023..

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OBJECTIVES SET THE PREVIOUS 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, 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 the communication and to update each other to serve our customers and clients.
- b) To conduct two in-service training for the district staff:
In-services, meetings and planning are held virtually regarding court scheduling, essential cases and hearings; communicate-customer services; case management update/edits on forms to better communicate with customers and local resources.

- c) To plan, organize, prepare, and structure regarding Roadmap Phase 3: Dilkon Judicial District submitted plan of Phase 3 to Office of Chief Justice and COOP Team for review and approval once all the criteria are established. Per Administrative Order 42-2023, this objective is lifted and will be replaced with another objective for the next quarterly report.

2. OTHER SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- a) Dilkon Judicial District is moving forward at full operation per Administrative Order 42-2023 to serve the public. Please visit the judicial branch website for more information.
- b) Both the Judge, Staff Attorney and Staff attended virtual trainings and meetings.
- c) Judge administered Oath to Police Officers on June 16, 2023.
- d) Court Administrator have virtually attended meetings: COOP meetings, CA/Managers meetings; JW/Stats trainings and meetings; APRA FRF Budget Review meetings; assist other districts with interviews.

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 and etc. This is a continuous goal for each quarter.
- c) To plan, organize, and prepare budgets for FY2024.

H. Window Rock Judicial District

ACCOMPLISHMENT OF OBJECTIVES:

The Window Rock Judicial District continues taking preventative measures and addressing all cases on the Court's docket. The Court continues to address hearings telephonically with the exceptions of parties that request in-person hearings. The court is preparing for a criminal jury trial in November 2023.

Each day our focus continues with 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, electronic, and fax. All staff members prepare themselves to answer telephone calls, process fines and fee payments including processing postal mail, process filings, and clerk ALL schedule 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 Continuances and Court

Dismissals. They have also gained the responsibility of closing most traffic citations and have sent out Civil Traffic Judgments.

On April 4, 2023, the Supreme Court, Administrative Office of the Courts, Window Rock Courts, Peacemaking Program, Judicial Conduct Commission planned Justice Day but was cancelled due to the weather conditions. The event was rescheduled for May 2, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The turnout was successful with 40 people who came to the booth with Judge Begay and Lorenzo Curley, Staff Attorney, answering questions on Pro Se information and the process for Court documents. Judge Begay, Loritta Largo and Jacqueline Francisco all donated gifts for door prizes. A total of 178 people came to Justice Day and for lunch; AOC staff along with volunteers provided Subway box lunches to our guests who attended.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSE:

a. WRJD and HR Department continue to work with staff regarding possible or actual COVID-19 exposures. In April, we had one staff exposure resulting in positive COVID-19 cases have occurred onsite at the facility. However, out of an abundance of caution, even if there is possible exposure to our staff and facilities, the HR Office works with the district/program leadership, the Health & Safety Advisor, and the COOP Coordinator on timeframes for closing court facilities if necessary, arranging with other Courts to continue operating for a temporarily closed Court if needed, and rearranging staff as necessary. If there is possible exposure to Staff, HR also conducts contact tracing.

Honorable Malcolm Begay, Honorable Victor Clyde, and Judicial Hearing Officer Loritta Largo preside and hear all Window Rock Judicial Family and District Court cases.

Judge Malcolm Begay administers Oaths to various personnel such as the Process Servers, Correction Officers, Internal Affairs personnel, Animal Control Officers, Criminal Investigators and Navajo Nation/State Police Officers for annual and cross-deputations via Skype. On April 7, 2023, Judge Begay administered the Oath of Office for Window Rock Police District. This included Police Officers, Criminal Investigators, Police Sergeants for WRPD. There was a total of 26 commissioned Officers.

The Staff Attorney position has become vacant as of June 2, 2023. Mr. Lorenzo Curley has resigned from his position. He has concentrated on backlogged cases created during the public health emergency. Backlogged cases are continuous and efforts to obtain assistance for the Staff Attorney are ongoing.

To further address the case backlog, Window Rock Judicial District will seek funding from the FY' 23 General Funds Personnel Lapse funds to hire a Judicial Clerk and interns to assist with drafting Orders for the backlog. To date, there are no further applicants.

WRJD Modular Building temporary facility has become a project in securing a Project Manager. Administrative Office of the Courts continue to work with Community Development for this process. Administrative Office of the Courts Senior Budget Analyst has been working to update the APRA budget to utilize that funding to pay for the project management. As of June 13, 2023, Administrative Office of the Courts and Division of

Community Development have met and finalizing the contracts with the project management/construction management companies. WRJD publicly thanks the ongoing efforts to seek a court building for WRJD: Honorable Malcolm Begay, Honorable Victor Clyde, Chief Justice JoAnn Jayne; Cherie Espinoza, Attorney; Karen Francis and Gwendolyn Keedo, Senior Budget Analyst.

WRJD was utilizing the Old Supreme Court to hold telephonic hearings. Unfortunately, that came to a halt due to the notice sent by Austin Yazzie, Program Supervisor I with Navajo Nation Occupational Safety and Health Administration. He stated on a May 11, 2023, email that vendor, All Nations Environmental Inc. completed a building sample collection and processed those collections with a licensed laboratory to determine the percentage of hazardous materials and the identification name of the hazard materials. On June 6, 2023, NNOSHA received the report of EXPOSURE: Results and samples of Asbestos, Lead and Mold. Bulk asbestos analysis provides the floor mastic are reading chrysotile at 3% - 5% and Lead report at 0.046 on the wall paint and exterior stucco. Immediately, WRJD staff were informed not to enter the building. The recordings have been removed and relocated to AOC. Other items need to be removed but we have absolutely no space for relocation.

On June 6, 2023, WRJD was notified to attend a meeting and site review to relocate Window Rock Judicial District to the Sawmill Primary School. Staff from AOC IT, Probation and Parole, Chief Justice JoAnn Jayne, Karen Francis, Benita Jay with WR School District were all in attendance. WRJD holds a lot of confidential files for customers, and we don't think this will solidify the temporary relocation for WRJD staff. In the meantime, we received information that Department of Economic Security building became available. We quickly rushed to that appointment and seeking information with Albert Kee, Property Manager with HTE Reality. They requested for a Letter of Interest and for our contact information. This building is 5000 square feet and we also included Probation and Parole as our neighbors to occupy the former DES building. We continue to follow through with HTE Reality and are hopeful for a positive outcome for WRJD. Other locations we tried were Navajo Land Department – they don't have room availability due to their vacant positions advertised for possible applicants. The old Behavioral Health in Ft. Defiance is scheduled for mold remediation and demolition.

Judge Malcolm Begay attended and participated with COOP daily updates; the status of operations; Communications: Teleconference, Email, and PPE; supplies: Job reassignments as necessary.

On a monthly basis, Jacqueline Francisco ensures that all WRJD bank deposits were successfully recorded and closed by the Cashier's Office. The amount deposited were:

- April Total Amount for Court and Traffic Fines: \$6,229.20
- May Total Amount for Court and Traffic Fines: \$12,457.05
- June Total Amount for Court and Traffic Fines: \$14,871.75

The Acting Court Administrator attended two Court Administrator meetings held on April 27, 2023 and June 22, 2023. Also, Jacqueline Francisco attended the following:

- April 3, 2023 – Office Technician Meeting
- April 14, 2023 – Meeting on WRJD Modular Building
- April 27, 2023 – Court Administrator Meeting
- May 12, 2023 – Jury Payments on General Claims Form
- May 24, 2023 – COOP Meeting at 3pm
- May 31, 2023 – Office Technician Meeting
- June 22, 2023 – Court Administrator Meeting
- June 23, 2023 – Meeting with Crownpoint Judicial District for temporary relocation site for WR Judicial District
- June 30, 2023 – Office Technician Meeting

Window Rock Court's email totaled 1,089. This number represents inquiries for Court hearings, case status, requiring forms, and services. Additional services were provided to individuals calling the Court.

There were 283 Family Court hearings and 473 District Court hearings for this Quarter. Orders for these hearings contribute to the current backlogged WRJD cases.

The Third Quarter had 89 document requests made and 65 requests completed. It should be noted that while the completed requests were limited, it can be attributed to the fact that most records are archived and need to be researched. This process is time-consuming and challenging due to the limited number of court staff assigned to our District goals.

Navajo Nation Budget: The work session was postponed from June 29, 2023, until further notice.

The Window Rock Judicial District has fully opened the court's front desk services for the public. The WRJD has allowed limited access to in-person services to the public and we are open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. including lunch hour from with the assignment of staff to assist during the lunch hour.

Court Schedule: We have all our staff in the building daily to provide services to the public and process court cases. Judge Malcolm Begay and Judge Clyde have been presiding and hearing all cases. WRJD is now planning and scheduling for the calendar year 2023 into 2024.

Quarterly Judicial Conference: The judges attended the Quarterly Judicial conference via teleconference. The scheduled Judicial Conference was held on June 29, 2023, and both Judge Begay and Judge Clyde were in attendance.

Vacant Positions: The Window Rock Judicial District has six vacant positions: one Staff Attorney, one Court Administrator, one Judicial Hearing Officer and three District Court Clerks. The Human Resource Department with Judicial Branch continues to advertise the positions. The Bailiff position will be advertised as open until filled.

Training: The Window Rock District Court Staff attended the following:

- Contract Law 101 held on May 1, 2023 – Judge Begay and Judge Clyde attended.

- Sexual Harassment Training on May 8, 2023 – two WRJD staff attended.
- Fundamental Laws on May 31, 2023 at Twin Arrows – Judge Clyde attended.
- NNBA Annual Conference held on June 7-9, 2023 – Judge Begay and Judge Clyde attended.
- Navajo Police Department on “Services and Goods Contracts” held on June 7-8, 2023. Three staff attended this training.
- Navajo Police Department on “Budgeting to Operations” held on June 15-16, 2023 in Farmington. Three staff attended this training.
- Annual Social Work and Human Services Symposium in Flagstaff held on June 29, 2023 – Judge Clyde attended and provided a presentation.

3. OBJECTIVES TO BE ACCOMPLISHED:

A. The Window Rock District's current facility housing is temporarily at the Administrative Office of the Courts. The WRJD/PPS and NEZ/FCI will continue to meet via zoom to discuss the contract and project summary and start with construction in phases using the Public Safety funds. The project summary indicates the contractor, NEZ/FCI Co., will commence with mobilization in FY 2023 and delivery/set up of the modular building in 2023. We are very hopeful that we will have a building of our own real soon. At this point, we are being told Administrative Office of the Courts needs more office space for their growing personnel. WRJD don't have the necessary office space to hold hearings for the courts too. We are in a very unsuitable situation and Window Rock Court is the central location where the public come to file court documents, pay their traffic fines and request for other court requests. Window Rock Courts definitely needs their own building as soon as possible. Thank you.

I. Shiprock Judicial District

Accomplishments of Objectives Set the Previous Quarter

Shiprock Project Tse'Bit a'i Criminal Justice Facility

During this quarter, no meeting was held on the Tse Bit a'i Justice Center Project.

The Shiprock Judicial District personnel continue to provide virtual judicial services during the month of April and May 2023. The Shiprock Judicial District reopened to the public on June 2, 2023. The Continuity of Operation Plan has been lifted, and the district judicial services transitioned to full capacity.

Other Significant Accomplishment

Building modifications: The Shiprock Judicial District's HVAC has been assessed by R.A. Biel Plumbing & Heating, Inc., of Farmington, NM. Assessment completed and estimates provided.

The Shiprock Judicial District personnel had their computer upgraded to Teams and Microsoft 365.

This third quarter, three hundred seventy-three new filings were received by the Shiprock Judicial District, and six hundred forty cases were closed.

The Shiprock Judicial District personnel continues with case review in efforts to bring all pending cases current.

On June 2, 2023, the Shiprock Judicial District reopened to the public. The Shiprock Judicial District continued with virtual hearings following the reopening. In-person hearings will resume starting in July 2023.

Judge Genevieve Woody attended the 2023 Navajo Nation Bar Association Conference on June 8 – 9, 2023. NNBA topics covered Doctrine of Discovery – Trust Responsibility, Navajo Sovereignty; Legal Ethics; Traditional Practices, NN Ethics in Government Law; NNBA Updates; Court History; 1989 Government Turmoil; Building Case to Establish Water Rights in Little Colorado Adjudication; Colonial and the Qualification of NN’s Sovereign Power in Arizona, and Navajo Leadership.

The Court Administrator and Office Technician have been attending the training conference planning meetings. Training conference is scheduled August 23 through August 25, 2023, for the branch personnel.

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

Services	Received	Sent Out
Telephone Calls	2,891	
Fax Transmittals	0	0
Court’s E-mail	927	
On-Line Payment	0	
Call-In Payment	22	
Postal Mail & Drop Box	280	944
Documents Filed w/ District	621	
Documents Filed w/ Family	473	
Visitor’s Log	338	
GRAND TOTAL	5,552	944

SHIPROCK JUDICIAL DISTRICT FY23- 3RD 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	APRIL 2023- COURT CLOSED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	MAY 2023- COURT CLOSED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	JUNE 2023	2	7	9	1	20	0	0	82	6	12	24	111	0	3	61	338		

TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED: **338**

Four hundred and ninety-three (473) family court documents filed with the Shiprock Judicial District; types of documents summarized below:

FY23- 3RD QUARTER																																			
COURT DOCUMENT(S) FILED WITH FAMILY COURT	COURT																																		
	Application for Legal Counsel/Indigency Assessment	Pro Se Forms		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	Inmate Request	Release of Information Form	Other	TOTAL
APRIL	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	94
MAY	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	107
JUNE	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	2	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	123
TOTAL:	2	0	0	6	3	0	1	2	##	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	9	1	0	1	2	1	0	1	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	324	

Six hundred and twenty-one (621) district court documents filed with the Shiprock Judicial District; types of documents summarized above:

**FY 2023
3RD QUARTER**

COURT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH DISTRICT COURT	FY 2023 3RD QUARTER																																			
	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	TOTAL		
APRIL	0	0	0	0	164	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	10	0	1	0	2	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	20	0	28	269
MAY	0	0	1	0	21	4	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	7	26	0	0	4	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	72	159
JUNE	0	0	2	0	83	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	5	28	0	0	17	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	8	0	19	193		
TOTAL	0	0	3	0	268	4	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	22	54	1	0	23	87	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	11	0	0	28	2	119	621		

The district’s court fines and fee this quarter totaled \$6,931.60, and bond posted is \$850.00. Breakdown is as follows:

District Court Fines & Fees Note: Payments Remitted via US Postal Mail & Call in Payments	
District Civil Filing Fees	\$ 130.00
Criminal Fine	\$ 0
Copy Fee	\$ 91.65
CR Case Forfeiture	\$ 100.00
Certification Fee	\$ 32.00
Private Process Server	\$ 0
Court Cost Fee	\$ 8.00
Family Court Civil Filing Fee	\$ 1,070.00
JV Traffic Criminal Fine	\$ 0
JV Criminal Fine	\$ 0
FC CV Contempt Fee	\$ 50.00
Pro Se Copy Fees	\$ 114.45
Traffic Civil Infraction Fee	\$ 3,836.00
Traffic CR Fine	\$ 1,499.50
Bond	\$ 0
Grand Total	\$ 6,931.60

Community Service Work hours performed in lieu of fines/fees in the amount of \$5,147.38 during this quarter.

Objectives to be Accomplished in the Next Quarter

1. Implementation of Teams and Microsoft Office 365 and Training.
2. FY 2024 Budget Process & Development.
3. Shiprock Judicial personnel to participate in upcoming training conference.
4. Closure of FY 2023 General Funds Budget.
5. Continue with the Building Modification for safe work environment.

6. Hire and fill the last vacant position of the district court clerk position.
7. Continuation – Tse Bit'ai Justice Center Court coordination meeting.
8. Continuation – Conduct district caseload inventory for calendar year 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022.

J. Crownpoint Judicial District and Pueblo Pintado Circuit Court

HONORABLE LEONARD LIVINGSTON, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

During this period presided over civil, criminal, and family court cases; heard the facts and interpreted and applicable statutes, rules, ordinances, and case law.

Provided policy direction and guidance in the operation of the Judicial District, Circuit Court, resolving administrative, operational, and related managerial issues with the assistances of Staff Attorney Shawn Attakai and Court Administrator Jamie S. Mike.

Conducted ministerial duties not limited to oath of office; administered the annual oath of offices to Crownpoint Police district to all sworn personnel, support staff. Administered oaths of office to elected Navajo officials.

Attended managerial, supervisory functions, activities etc., Crownpoint, Pueblo Pintado Circuit court. Attained, satisfied the COOP, Roadmap to Full Capacity documentary requirements and open the doors to the public on November 7, 2022, to resume court operations. The business units resumed normal court operations effective May 15, 2023.

Served on Navajo Nation court related projects for purpose of improving the quality of justice. Attend, dispose of quarterly agency resource meetings with adjoining criminal justice agencies. Appointed to Navajo Nation Haashkeeji Nahata Beeso Ba Hooghan representing judges.

Traveled (Business Skype or Zoom) to Other Districts to preside, hear, and dispose of all assigned hearings.

Other duties included maintaining judicial competency by attending, fulfilling training requirements under the Judicial Branch,

- On-line courses National Judicial College, Reno, Nevada.
- Tribal-State of NM Indian Family Protection Act Judicial Training, April 24-25, 2023, Isleta Casino, NM.
- 2023 Navajo Nation Bar Association Inc. Annual Conference, June 8-9, 2023, Albuquerque, NM for CLE requirements, and Judges Round Table.

Served as presiding judge for four (4) districts, Crownpoint District, Family courts and Pueblo Pintado Circuit Court (district and family), *Eastern Navajo Agency* and in need of three (3) additional judges to assist with the judiciary functions to serve the needs of the public. The business units cover nearly twenty-nine (29) chapters, local government entities.

B. JUDICIAL DISTRICT REPORT – District/Family Courts and Support Services (combined)

1. Accomplishment of objectives set in the previous quarter.

A. Continue to work on back log

Crownpoint Judicial District Court clerks worked on the back log of cases. Through this third quarter, the clerk staff and bailiffs continued to work on cases. They were able to close 369+ cases, majority of the cases are in civil traffic and the domestic violence case types. The Judicial District clerks continue to assist with all case types daily.

Pueblo Pintado Court clerk closed out 36+ cases this quarter and many of the cases are civil traffic and domestic violence case types.

Both Crownpoint and Pueblo Pintado Court staff are working diligently on cases that were back-logged such as probate cases along with other case types. All staff members returned full time back to their workstation and continue to work on cases by assisting each other to reach their performance criteria goals for this quarter.

B. Chief Justice Administrative Order 42-2023.

On May 15, 2023, Chief Justice Jayne issued Administrative Order 42-2023 rescinding the Continuity of Operations Plan, The Roadmap to Full Capacity Plan, Teleworking Agreements, and the Mask Mandate for all Judicial Districts to resume back to normal operations. The Navajo Nation Judicial Branch resumed full access to Judicial Branch facilities by providing health and safety measures in its facilities, providing full services to the public, and working with all case types, but masks wearing are made optional for employees and visitors in the Judicial Branch facilities. Crownpoint District and Pueblo Pintado District Circuit Court are now open to the public and provide full services Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm.

C. Crownpoint and Pueblo Pintado Staff training during this quarter.

Crownpoint Judicial District Court and Pueblo Pintado staff continue to attend mandatory training and for our health and safety procedures throughout the third quarter to strengthen services for our court facility. Our staff continue to provide a safe environment for the staff and the public daily.

1. 03/02-03/23-Virtual Cybercrime computer security Training
2. 04/11/23-Judicial Branch Employee Personnel Policy training
3. 04/17/23-Defensive Driving Course for permit renewal
4. 04/25/23-Work Safety Training
5. 04/26/23-Proper Phone manners Training
6. 04/27/23-Traditional Herbs & Medicines with Healthy Thursday
7. 04/28/23-First Aid and CPR
8. 06/12/23-Defensive Driving Class for permit renewal
9. 06/28/23-Microsoft 365 Training
10. 06/09/23, 06/08/23-Spot Phish Game
11. 06/08/23-Security Awareness Proficiency Assessment for computer security

12. Staff attended Sexual Harassment Training

2. Other Significant Accomplishments

Crownpoint Justice Law Day-May 04, 2023

On May 04, 2023, Crownpoint Justice Law Day was held in collaboration with the Navajo Police Department and Corrections for the first time since the pandemic. There were education booths that were set-up by various local resources that provided community outreach to our community members and staff. A presentation was presented by our staff attorney on Court History to the public. Refreshments and educational items were provided to the public in celebration of Justice Law Day. Our Honorable Madam Chief Justice, Honorable District Judge, and Judicial Hearing Officer provided presentations regarding Justice Law Day. The Crownpoint Justice Law Day was very informative and educational to our public.

In-Person Hearings

The Crownpoint Judicial District Court is conducting in-person hearings at the courthouse for all case types, and some are approved via teleconference from the district Judge. The Pueblo Pintado Circuit Court is conducting in-person hearings at the courthouse for all case types and some approved via teleconference from the district Judge. The court has resumed full services to the public and open during regular working hours from 8 am-5 pm. Staff and visitors continue to practice safety measures daily, with masks being optional.

Crownpoint Justice Center

The Crownpoint Judicial District continues to support Window Rock District Court. Due to lack of court facilities in Window Rock, Arizona, the Crownpoint Judicial District continues to accommodate Window Rock Judicial District to utilize the Crownpoint Justice center for jury trials and other hearings. Thus, there is a need for judicial facilities in Window Rock.

Pueblo Pintado District Circuit Court Building

The Court Administrator continues to work on physically re-opening Pueblo Pintado Circuit Court building. On May 02, 2023, and May 09, 2023, a walk-through and assessment of the facility was completed at Pueblo Pintado Court building with Navajo Nation Occupational Safety and Health Administration (NOSHA), Navajo Nation Safety and Loss Control Program, Administrative Office of the Courts, and Navajo Nation Facility Maintenance. During the pandemic, Pueblo Pintado Court building had a broken water pipe from the community waterline, broken skirting to the foundation, and rodent infestation. On May 30, 2023, a meeting was held to receive a report and action plan from Navajo Nation Occupational Safety and Health Administration (NOSHA), Navajo Nation Safety and Loss Control Program, and Navajo Nation Facilities. There is a continuing collaboration with Pueblo Pintado Circuit Court, Administrative Office of the Courts, Navajo Nation Facility Maintenance Department at this present time. Pueblo Pintado staff continue to work at Crownpoint Judicial District Court and there is one clerk and one bailiff currently serving the Pueblo Pintado Circuit Court.

Maintain archiving scanned cases pursuant to the performance criteria.

The Document Technician position of Crownpoint court is essential. Over 2,320 total cases were archived during this quarter with 25,902 pages. There were 2,575 case records, 217 court orders filed, and 38 court orders retrieved. Nine resources requested for disposition reports for criminal and traffic background records with a total of 24 requests this quarter. 14 document requests for court orders from Crownpoint Judicial District Court. Document Technician continues to close, scan, and file closed cases and maintains court records for archiving.

All case types for Crownpoint District and Pueblo Pintado District Circuit Court

Court clerks continue to process pro se packets, 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 working with all case types at this time.

Judicial Hearing Officer Rodriguez Morris continues to provide in-person hearing for Domestic Violence cases for Crownpoint District and Pueblo Pintado District Circuit Court. This quarter, Judicial Hearing Officer heard 150+ total cases for Crownpoint Judicial District Court and 40+ total cases for Pueblo Pintado District Circuit Court.

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 3rd quarter are:

- Continued to attend and report bi-monthly leadership COOP meetings up until 5/24
- Attended required defensive driving course on 4/10.
- Participated in 2023 Justice Day activities on 5/4 including a public presentation on Court History
- Helped coordinate and attended the NNBA Traditional Teaching Course on 5/5.
- Assisted in presenting “Fundamental Law: What is it and why is it important to criminal law” to the Navajo Nation Council Law and Order Committee on 5/31.
- Participated in the NNBA Board of Bar Commissioners Quarterly Meeting on 6/7.
- Attended the NNBA Annual Conference on 6/8 and 6/9 to maintain Navajo bar requirement.
- Presented “Court History” to the Navajo bar general session at the NNBA Annual Conference on 6/8.
- Assisted with the maintenance of the Crownpoint judicial property.
- Assisted with the relocation planning of the Window Rock Court to the Crownpoint court facility.
- Attended virtual CLE classes to maintain state bar requirement.
- Supervised district court NTU student internship.

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 comply with the health & safety guidelines recommended by the Judicial administrative leadership, and CDC guidelines are included.

C. 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 COVID-19 pandemic.

C. Continue to conduct quarterly resource meetings for the Eastern Navajo Agency and attend Pueblo Pintado Chapter meetings.

K. Ramah Judicial District

Objective: Ramah Judicial District continues to provide essential services by conducting hearings through Skype for Business when necessary and moving toward in-person hearings for all case types. Ramah Judicial District’s Judge is supportive of moving essential cases forward and conducting in-person hearings. The Ramah Judicial District staff coordinate through working with local resources that have recently opened to the public. Ramah Judicial District plans to continue providing services while being mindful of the changing guidelines of COVID-19. The Ramah Judicial District has re-opened to the public on May 30, 2023.

Accomplishments of Objectives set from previous Quarter:

1. The Ramah Judicial District welcomed its newly hired Court Custodian, Bryson J. Meyers. Mr. Meyers is serving his 90 days introductory period.
2. The Ramah Judicial District held its 64th annual justice day with a luncheon to the community. The 2023 Justice Day theme was “Through Diné Fundamental Law.” There were 67 members of the public who showed up. In the morning, Traditional Program Specialist provided traditional presentation. Overall, the turnout was excellent.
3. The Ramah Judicial District Court Judge Malcolm Laughing is hearing domestic violence cases, each week. Judge is drafting proposed Orders, and reviewing cases according to offenses. The services has been valuable to meet the needs of the people.
4. The Ramah Judicial District has been using the new FujiTsu fi-7700 scanner; it is very useful. Archival scanning information can easily retrieve court documents. Microfilmed records print records pursuant to the performance criteria.

During our Daily Operation: In Third quarter the Ramah Court Staff continues with court schedule where full staff are in the court building . Staff continue self-monitoring for symptoms of the virus or the common cold before they report for work. Staff continue to be on a rotating schedule for court daily operations answer telephone calls, process fines and fees, process postal mail and hearings.

Court Services/telephone calls/fax services:

	April 2023	May 2023	June 2023	Total
Total number of individuals signed for court Hearing. Information or other court-related services. Additional Services were provided to individuals calling the court.	98	74	82	254

This 3rd quarter there were 08 incoming/outgoing fax services and 223 sign in.

The Court Clerks maintain; Bench warrant list is updated, and bench warrant list is given to Ramah Navajo Law Enforcement monthly.

Weekly Bank Deposits: Court Bailiff has been making bank deposits (fines & fees & cash bond) in Gallup at the Wells Fargo Bank and delivering incoming/outgoing mail to Judicial Branch Administrative Office of the Courts.

Quarterly Resource Meeting: Third quarter did not have a resource meeting. The court will slowly start scheduling into next quarter. We will continue into next quarter, currently the school are out and hardly anybody is around.

During this quarter: Court Administrator, Esther Jose, attended managers Skype meetings and presentations representing Ramah Judicial District.

- Attended Court Administrators/Business unit program Manager Skype meeting held on April 27, 2023. On June 22, 2023. Court Administrator, Esther Jose facilitated the Court Administrators/Business unit programs meeting.
- Participated in planning of the upcoming 2023 Annual Judicial Conference that will be held on August 23-25, 2023, Arizona Grand Resort, 8000 Arizona Grand Parkway, Phoenix, Arizona.
- Coordinated the documentation of the New Ramah Judicial Court Complex.
- Coordinated for Court Bailiff to assist with sorting and distribution of supplies, upon receipts of shipments at the Administrative Office of the Courts Building.

Ramah Regular Chapter Meeting: Court Administrator, Esther Jose, through teleconference attended (3) three Ramah Navajo Chapter Planning and (3) three Ramah Navajo Regular Chapter meetings. She continues giving reports on a daily Court Operation, and update of seeking funds for the New Ramah Court Facility Complex; garnering support resolution in obtaining funding for the construction of the Ramah Judicial District from the Navajo Nation Sihasin Funds, and other Navajo Nation Funds as needed; and going forward seeking financial support for the floor plan & design of the court facility, and other related operation of the Ramah Judicial Court. Closure of the Ramah Judicial Courts holidays were provided and shared statistical information.

The Background Check: The Ramah Judicial District honored 25 dispositional requests from the Ramah Navajo School Broad, Inc., the Office of 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. Background checks are for employment.

Application: The Ramah Judicial District Court hired a Court Custodian position. Conducted interview for the vacant court custodian on April 10, 2023. Mr. Bryson J. Meyers was selected. Mr. Meyers accepted the position, and he started his employment on May 15, 2023.

Meeting: The Ramah Judicial District Court held a meeting with Dyron Murphy Architects in Albuquerque, New Mexico on April 19, 2023 to discuss construction of the Ramah Court Facility, and the cost associated with the construction and phases at which this project would be completed. Discussion were floor plan, projected budget, and site of the Ramah Court within the Ramah Community. Participated in the meeting were Chief Justice JoAnn Jayne, Kimberly Longhair, Office Technician, Ruby Frank, Traditional Program Specialist, Brendolyn Natan, Probation/Parole Officer, and Dyron Murphy Architects.

Appreciation Professional Day: The Ramah District Court celebrated staff appreciation professional dinner for the Court Clerks, Office Technician, and the rest of the court staffs. Ramah court had a celebration for administrative professionals day on April 26, 2023.

Postage Meter: Associate Attorney Cherie Espinosa held a meeting on April 26, 2023 regrading postage meter, due to district and business unit concerns.

MS 365 installed: MS 365 was installed for Ramah Judicial District Court staff by IT to have Judicial Branch employees to start utilizing 365 Microsoft Office on April 28, 2023.

Office Technician Resigned: Office Technician Kimberly Longhair resigned from her position effective May 5, 2023.

Judicial Branch Bi-weekly meeting: On May 24, 2023 was the last Judicial Branch Bi-weekly meeting, it was announced that here after there will no more bi-weekly meetings. Will continue reporting of the COVID-19 to the Human Resources Office.

Application: The Office Technician position has been advertised from May 8-26, 2023. Received (7) seven applications that were submitted to Human Resource Office, Administrative Office of the Courts.

Training: Staff Attorney Robyn Neswood participated in the Navajo Nation Bar Association 2023 Annual Conference on June 7-9, 2023 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Court Custodian, Bryson J. Meyers attended Defensive Driving Course, on June 14, 2023 in NDOT Complex, Tse Bonito, NM. Received Certificate of Completion.

Court Custodian, Bryson J. Meyers virtually attended Employee Policies and Procedures on June 13, 2023, from 8:00 a.m., to 9:00 a.m.

MS 365 overview: IT Manager, Ben Mariano provided overview on MS 365 teams with the Ramah Court staff on June 20, 2023.

Quarterly Judicial Conference: The Judges attended the quarterly judicial branch conference via teleconference. Conference participants received Judicial Branch updates and new development. The court administrators and program managers were not included in the judicial conference.

In addition, the court administrator has encouraged the court staff to seek monthly trainings that are being offered by the Training Manager and are identified as informational that will help court clerks and other staff to navigate and manage their cases and position effectively. Staff commented that the trainings provided are beneficial. Thus far, monthly mini trainings are effective and successful to the staff.

L. Alamo/Tóhajiilee Judicial District

Accomplishment of objectives set the previous quarter

Goal: Participate and assist with the New Mexico Administrative Office of the Courts training of the Indian Family Protection Act.

New Mexico Administrative Office of the Courts Training on the “Indian Family Protection Act”

Court Administrator Regina Begay Roanhorse facilitated a “talking circle” with New Mexico state judges at the Indian Family Protection Act training at the Pueblo of Isleta on April 25, 2023. There were about 10 talking circles facilitated by Native Americans the day before the

law was presented to the Judges. The New Mexico Indian Family Protection Act” is the state’s answer to the legal challenge that the federal Indian Child Welfare Act “ICWA” should be overturned on the argument that the federal government can’t require state to adopt or enforce federal law, as well as to other arguments. The New Mexico Indian Family Protection Act is the states answer to that challenge. It sets a gold standard for placement of Indian Children involved in foster care placements.

The training on the law the following day, April 26, 2023, was very informative for state judges. The New Mexico IFPA puts to rest the challenge that the federal government regulates child-welfare proceedings in state courts in the *Haaland v. Brackeen* case because New Mexico now has in its law the same standards ICWA requires when placing an Indian child in foster placement, the proceedings regarding termination of parental rights, and the acknowledgement that Native American children in New Mexico will now have state law protecting their placements with Native American families as a first tiered effort. Regardless of what happened with the *Brackeen* case, the NM IFPA is the rule of law as of March 2023. Applause needs to go to tribal leaders and tribal advocates in the Pueblos of New Mexico who fought for this New Mexico statute.

M. Other Significant Accomplishments

Alamo Court Administrator

Olivia Nelson is the new Court Administrator for the Alamo Judicial District since June 12, 2023. She will be involved with learning court processes, supervision of court staff and the management of all cases for the district. Court Administrator Olivia Nelson has introduced herself to the Alamo Navajo Chapter Officials and has requested updates and invites to virtual meetings as scheduled and will plan to attend in person as it is starting to open their doors for in-person meetings. The next regular Chapter meeting is scheduled on July 17, 2023.

Navajo Judicial Branch Veterans Justice Outreach project

The Navajo Nation received an award for \$750,000 through a USDOJ Indian Alcohol Grant in 2018 for an innovative peer support enhancement project, undoubtedly the only one of its kind in Indian Country. The funds remain unspent for five (5) years because of the Office of Inspector General findings regarding other federal grants money spent by the Navajo Nation, remain in a corrective action mode. Until those corrective actions are fixed, the “Veterans Justice Outreach Project” remains “frozen.” The only staff trying to do training under the grant for reporting purposes is the Court Administrator Regina Begay Roanhorse for the To’Hajiilee Judicial District.

Court Administrator Regina Begay Roanhorse continues to provide technical assistance to other tribes, programs, and off reservation courts on how to provide culturally appropriate services to Native American veterans through treatment courts. The Peer Support project was part of the 2013 USDOJ funded grant that create a program for Veterans Treatment courts.

On April 7, 2023, April 27, 2023, and May 9, 2023, Court Administrator Regina Begay Roanhorse met online with retired Chief Justice Lawton Nuss and Retired Colonel Reyes, with one meeting including Professor Huskey from the University of Arizona law school. The

purpose of the meeting was to address the creation of more Veterans Treatment Courts for Native American Veterans in tribal courts. Ms. Roanhorse provided a presentation of the logic model created by the coordinators for the courts in 2013-2015.

It appears that the Law and Order Committee for the Navajo Nation is interested in models that address justice involved individuals and rehabilitation or treatment. Ms. Roanhorse has been doing the work with coordinators from grants (\$2.0 million approx.) over 13 years and will be available if they want to learn more about how the 10 key components of a drug court (Healing to Wellness Court) can be effective in the Navajo Nation. A “process evaluation” was done of efforts that includes recommendations specifically pertaining to Navajo Nation laws and rules (with entry points, community-based treatment, and mental health services).

National American Indian Court Judges Association’s (NAIJCA) Presentation regarding Tribal Healing to Wellness court, Veterans Programs, and the Veterans Roundtable

On May 24, 2023, Court Administrator Regina Roanhorse presented the Navajo Nation’s Veterans Justice Outreach project as part of the Tribal Law and Policy Institute’s Treatment Month presentations online. She worked with consultant Ray Daw, who developed a veterans wellness program. She also worked with Professor Andrea Sielestad, from the University of Ohio, to provide important information on how to engage veterans’ groups and to work on the complicated legal access issues in the Navajo Nation, where there are huge “legal deserts”.

(Retrieved from: <http://wellnesscourts.org/events/?a=803>)

See Video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zphO698PrRY>

Later, on June 22, 2023, and June 23, 2023, Court Administrator Regina Roanhorse participated in the National American Indian Court Judges Association (NAICJA) “Veteran’s roundtable” at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico. A select number of veterans from Indian Country were invited to provide their experiences and opinions on how to address accessing legal services for veterans. This includes the legal representation at the Veterans Administration’s administrative tribunals that reverse bad discharges due to PTSD so that veterans can apply for benefits at the VA and VHA (Veteran’s Health Administration). The data that NAICJA collected is unprecedented. A presentation of the medical legal model in California was astounding and could be applied in Indian Country, where lawyers work with doctors to provide wrap around services for veterans. This is part of the veteran’s justice outreach peer project logic model. Despite the lack of funding for a coordinator, Ms. Roanhorse has been blessed to have the NAIJCA and their consultants to help with developing access to services for veterans.

COVID – 19 DEBRIEFING

On April 13, 2023, the Judicial Branch conducted a “debriefing” of the Continuity of Operations Plan with trial court leadership. There were deep emotions about the darkest time within this generation for the Judicial Branch. The trial courts remained open during that time and had to support front line workers managing court cases and processing Orders of the courts for the stability of the community. Some saw the death of community leaders and people through the lens of guardianships, probates and other cases filed. There was much unprocessed trauma for all involved. Court Administrator Regina Roanhorse remembers the young adult, who is the eldest of five children, who had to file a guardianship because the sole caretaker was sick with COVID and eventually died. Listening to the testimony of these types of cases was a very sad

part of the court history, but the courts had to remain open. Some courts didn't have enough supplies at the beginning of the pandemic. Regina Roanhorse remembers hearing from one of her bailiffs that the helicopters in Alamo had to fly around to airlift community people one by one. The helicopter pad is located near the court. The debriefing was an important opportunity for everyone to tell their stories. For Alamo and To'Hajiilee Judicial Districts, the court clerks, bailiffs, custodians all deserve special recognition for all the work they did at the court building and while shelter in place. We all became a better team as a result. We all learned about terms like, "essential workers", "virtual hearings", telecommute, taking temperatures and K95 masks. The Emergency Public Health pandemic was declared over in May 2023. The last COVID 19 exposure at To'Hajiilee Court was April 14, 2023, when a Court Clerk became ill from COVID 19. In June 2023, the Court Administrator tested positive for COVID 19 after attending a maskless event at the Navajo Nation Bar Association Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The virus will still be an issue for the court staff.

Motor Vehicle Review Board: To'Hajiilee Tribal vehicles

On May 10, 2023, Court Administrator did a presentation before the Motor Vehicle Review Board about the high mileage vehicles. The purpose of the presentation was to request that Navajo Nation Fleet give Judges and court staff first consideration for the purchase of new tribal vehicles. The two To'Hajiilee vehicles have over 140,000 and 135,000 miles. The request was granted.

Oath of Office

Judge William Platero gave the oath of office to criminal investigators on April 21, 2023.

Law and Order Committee

Court administrator Regina Begay Roanhorse attended legislative committee meetings for Law and Order Committee or Budget and Finance committee on: 5/4/23; 6/20/23.

To'Hajiilee Chapter

Court Administrator Regina Begay Roanhorse continues to provide updates to the To'Hajiilee Chapter via a google meet during planning and regular chapter meetings. She gave updates to the community on: 4/18/2023; 5/2/2023; 5/17/2023; 6/6/2023.

Alamo Document Technician – Archiving of Cases

The Alamo Judicial District does not have a document technician; however, Alamo Court Clerk Miranda Apachito continues to archive cases. As she continues to archive, she is also training and mentoring the new court clerk Marlene Whitefeather to learn archiving cases as we continue to have Miranda create folders in JustWare and onto the archiving database.

3. Objectives to be accomplished in the next quarter

Provide training to Court Administrators in Crownpoint and Alamo on court processes, financials, and case management online.

XI. Judicial Branch Statistical Caseload Reports

FY2023 THIRD QUARTER OVERALL STATISTICS BY LOCATION

LOCATION	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Supreme Court	112	0.5%	13	0.3%	125	0.4%	13	0.3%	112	0.5%
Alamo	100	0.4%	21	0.5%	121	0.4%	27	0.7%	94	0.4%
Aneth	673	2.7%	49	1.3%	722	2.5%	116	2.8%	606	2.5%
Chinle	1,222	4.9%	412	10.7%	1,634	5.7%	376	9.1%	1,258	5.1%
Crownpoint	2,268	9.2%	654	16.9%	2,922	10.2%	621	15.1%	2,301	9.4%
Dilkon	4,273	17.3%	127	3.3%	4,400	15.4%	48	1.2%	4,352	17.8%
Dził Yijin	457	1.8%	98	2.5%	555	1.9%	152	3.7%	403	1.6%
Kayenta	1,509	6.1%	398	10.3%	1,907	6.7%	306	7.4%	1,601	6.5%
Pueblo Pintado	244	1.0%	17	0.4%	261	0.9%	59	1.4%	202	0.8%
Ramah	1,956	7.9%	79	2.0%	2,035	7.1%	93	2.3%	1,942	7.9%
Shiprock	2,306	9.3%	375	9.7%	2,681	9.4%	640	15.6%	2,041	8.3%
To'hajilee	437	1.8%	20	0.5%	457	1.6%	61	1.5%	396	1.6%
Tuba City	2,218	9.0%	500	12.9%	2,718	9.5%	419	10.2%	2,299	9.4%
Window Rock	6,245	25.3%	568	14.7%	6,813	23.8%	838	20.4%	5,975	24.4%
Probation Services	585	2.4%	445	11.5%	1,030	3.6%	297	7.2%	733	3.0%
Peacemaking	118	0.5%	91	2.4%	209	0.7%	47	1.1%	162	0.7%
TOTAL	24,723	100.0%	3,867	100.0%	28,590	100.0%	4,113	100.0%	24,477	100.0%

FY2023 THIRD QUARTER OVERALL STATISTICS BY CASE TYPE

CASE TYPE	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	1,145	4.6%	90	2.3%	1,235	4.3%	135	3.3%	1,100	4.5%
Criminal	8,129	32.9%	550	14.2%	8,679	30.4%	893	21.7%	7,786	31.8%
Civil Traffic	9,326	37.7%	1,549	40.1%	10,875	38.0%	1,656	40.3%	9,219	37.7%
Criminal Traffic	1,462	5.9%	152	3.9%	1,614	5.6%	147	3.6%	1,467	6.0%
Family Civil	2,644	10.7%	232	6.0%	2,876	10.1%	284	6.9%	2,592	10.6%
Domestic Violence	778	3.1%	674	17.4%	1,452	5.1%	552	13.4%	900	3.7%
Dependency	276	1.1%	29	0.7%	305	1.1%	36	0.9%	269	1.1%
Delinquency	102	0.4%	35	0.9%	137	0.5%	34	0.8%	103	0.4%
CHINS	46	0.2%	7	0.2%	53	0.2%	19	0.5%	34	0.1%
Supreme Court	112	0.5%	13	0.3%	125	0.4%	13	0.3%	112	0.5%
Probation/Parole	585	2.4%	445	11.5%	1,030	3.6%	297	7.2%	733	3.0%
Peacemaking	118	0.5%	91	2.4%	209	0.7%	47	1.1%	162	0.7%

SUPREME COURT OF THE NAVAJO NATION

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Reconsiderations		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	108	96%	5	38%	0	0%	113	90%	5	38%	108	96%
Criminal	4	4%	0	0%	0	0%	4	3%	0	0%	4	4%
NNBA	0	0%	8	62%	0	0%	8	6%	8	0%	0	0%
Special Proceedings	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Quarter Caseload	112	100%	13	100%	0	0%	125	100%	13	38%	112	100%

ALAMO COURT

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	22	22.0%	0	0.0%	22	18.2%	0	0.0%	22	23.4%
Criminal	44	44.0%	1	4.8%	45	37.2%	3	11.1%	42	44.7%
Civil Traffic	2	2.0%	2	9.5%	4	3.3%	2	7.4%	2	2.1%
Criminal Traffic	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
District Total	68		3		71		5		66	
Family Civil	23	23.0%	5	23.8%	28	23.1%	8	29.6%	20	21.3%
Domestic Violence	2	2.0%	13	61.9%	15	12.4%	14	51.9%	1	1.1%
Dependency	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Delinquency	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
CHINS	7	7.0%	0	0.0%	7	5.8%	0	0.0%	7	7.4%
Family Total	32		18		50		22		28	
Quarter Caseload	100	100.0%	21	100.0%	121	100.0%	27	100.0%	94	100.0%

ANETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	46	6.8%	1	2.0%	47	6.5%	1	0.9%	46	7.6%
Criminal	273	40.6%	5	10.2%	278	38.5%	4	3.4%	274	45.2%
Civil Traffic	100	14.9%	1	2.0%	101	14.0%	75	64.7%	26	4.3%
Criminal Traffic	60	8.9%	0	0.0%	60	8.3%	2	1.7%	58	9.6%
District Total	479		7		486		82		404	
Family Civil	152	22.6%	17	34.7%	169	23.4%	8	6.9%	161	26.6%
Domestic Violence	30	4.5%	22	44.9%	52	7.2%	24	20.7%	28	4.6%
Dependency	8	1.2%	2	4.1%	10	1.4%	1	0.9%	9	1.5%
Delinquency	2	0.3%	1	2.0%	3	0.4%	0	0.0%	3	0.5%
CHINS	2	0.3%	0	0.0%	2	0.3%	1	0.9%	1	0.2%
Family Total	194		42		236		34		202	
Quarter Caseload	673	100.0%	49	100.0%	722	100.0%	116	100.0%	606	100.0%

CHINLE JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	58	4.7%	13	3.2%	71	4.3%	13	3.5%	58	4.6%
Criminal	512	41.9%	114	27.7%	626	38.3%	70	18.6%	556	44.2%
Civil Traffic	130	10.6%	148	35.9%	278	17.0%	94	25.0%	184	14.6%
Criminal Traffic	80	6.5%	10	2.4%	90	5.5%	7	1.9%	83	6.6%
District Total	780		285		1,065		184		881	
Family Civil	163	13.3%	32	7.8%	195	11.9%	58	15.4%	137	10.9%
Domestic Violence	201	16.4%	79	19.2%	280	17.1%	100	26.6%	180	14.3%
Dependency	39	3.2%	6	1.5%	45	2.8%	12	3.2%	33	2.6%
Delinquency	28	2.3%	4	1.0%	32	2.0%	11	2.9%	21	1.7%
CHINS	11	0.9%	6	1.5%	17	1.0%	11	2.9%	6	0.5%
Family Total	442		127		569		192		377	
Quarter Caseload	1,222	100.0%	412	100.0%	1,634	100.0%	376	100.0%	1,258	100.0%

CROWNPOINT JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	61	2.7%	19	2.9%	80	2.7%	12	1.9%	68	3.0%
Criminal	1,502	66.2%	49	7.5%	1,551	53.1%	122	19.6%	1,429	62.1%
Civil Traffic	130	5.7%	398	60.9%	528	18.1%	323	52.0%	205	8.9%
Criminal Traffic	209	9.2%	12	1.8%	221	7.6%	23	3.7%	198	8.6%
District Total	1,902		478		2,380		480		1,900	
Family Civil	238	10.5%	37	5.7%	275	9.4%	54	8.7%	221	9.6%
Domestic Violence	72	3.2%	123	18.8%	195	6.7%	79	12.7%	116	5.0%
Dependency	46	2.0%	1	0.2%	47	1.6%	3	0.5%	44	1.9%
Delinquency	8	0.4%	15	2.3%	23	0.8%	4	0.6%	19	0.8%
CHINS	2	0.1%	0	0.0%	2	0.1%	1	0.2%	1	0.0%
Family Total	366		176		542		141		401	
Quarter Caseload	2,268	100.0%	654	100.0%	2,922	100.0%	621	100.0%	2,301	100.0%

DILKON JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	48	1.1%	0	0.0%	48	1.1%	0	0.0%	48	1.1%
Criminal	1,444	33.8%	17	13.4%	1,461	33.2%	11	22.9%	1,450	33.3%
Civil Traffic	2,231	52.2%	83	65.4%	2,314	52.6%	12	25.0%	2,302	52.9%
Criminal Traffic	169	4.0%	6	4.7%	175	4.0%	3	6.3%	172	4.0%
District Total	3,892		106		3,998		26		3,972	
Family Civil	256	6.0%	9	7.1%	265	6.0%	1	2.1%	264	6.1%
Domestic Violence	92	2.2%	10	7.9%	102	2.3%	21	43.8%	81	1.9%
Dependency	25	0.6%	2	1.6%	27	0.6%	0	0.0%	27	0.6%
Delinquency	7	0.2%	0	0.0%	7	0.2%	0	0.0%	7	0.2%
CHINS	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
Family Total	381		21		402		22		380	
Quarter Caseload	4,273	100.0%	127	100.0%	4,400	100.0%	48	100.0%	4,352	100.0%

DZIK YUJIN JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	11	2.4%	2	2.0%	13	2.3%	1	0.7%	12	3.0%
Criminal	90	19.7%	22	22.4%	112	20.2%	62	40.8%	50	12.4%
Civil Traffic	243	53.2%	0	0.0%	243	43.8%	3	2.0%	240	59.6%
Criminal Traffic	29	6.3%	9	9.2%	38	6.8%	10	6.6%	28	6.9%
District Total	373		33		406		76		330	
Family Civil	38	8.3%	17	17.3%	55	9.9%	28	18.4%	27	6.7%
Domestic Violence	16	3.5%	43	43.9%	59	10.6%	37	24.3%	22	5.5%
Dependency	21	4.6%	2	2.0%	23	4.1%	5	3.3%	18	4.5%
Delinquency	5	1.1%	2	2.0%	7	1.3%	5	3.3%	2	0.5%
CHINS	4	0.9%	1	1.0%	5	0.9%	1	0.7%	4	1.0%
Family Total	84		65		149		76		73	
Quarter Caseload	457	100.0%	98	100.0%	555	100.0%	152	100.0%	403	100.0%

KA YENTA JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	29	1.9%	3	0.8%	32	1.7%	8	2.6%	24	1.5%
Criminal	1,038	68.8%	96	24.1%	1,134	59.5%	107	35.0%	1,027	64.1%
Civil Traffic	37	2.5%	172	43.2%	209	11.0%	94	30.7%	115	7.2%
Criminal Traffic	285	18.9%	28	7.0%	313	16.4%	13	4.2%	300	18.7%
District Total	1,389		299		1,688		222		1,466	
Family Civil	71	4.7%	22	5.5%	93	4.9%	18	5.9%	75	4.7%
Domestic Violence	11	0.7%	70	17.6%	81	4.2%	61	19.9%	20	1.2%
Dependency	35	2.3%	4	1.0%	39	2.0%	3	1.0%	36	2.2%
Delinquency	3	0.2%	3	0.8%	6	0.3%	2	0.7%	4	0.2%
CHINS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Family Total	120		99		219		84		135	
Quarter Caseload	1,509	100.0%	398	100.0%	1,907	100.0%	306	100.0%	1,601	100.0%

PUEBLO PINTADO COURT

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	8	3.3%	0	0.0%	8	3.1%	4	6.8%	4	2.0%
Criminal	192	78.7%	8	47.1%	200	76.6%	40	67.8%	160	79.2%
Civil Traffic	8	3.3%	2	11.8%	10	3.8%	3	5.1%	7	3.5%
Criminal Traffic	7	2.9%	0	0.0%	7	2.7%	1	1.7%	6	3.0%
District Total	215		10		225		48		177	
Family Civil	12	4.9%	1	5.9%	13	5.0%	0	0.0%	13	6.4%
Domestic Violence	7	2.9%	6	35.3%	13	5.0%	10	16.9%	3	1.5%
Dependency	9	3.7%	0	0.0%	9	3.4%	1	1.7%	8	4.0%
Delinquency	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
CHINS	1	0.4%	0	0.0%	1	0.4%	0	0.0%	1	0.5%
Family Total	29		7		36		11		25	
Quarter Caseload	244	100.0%	17	100.0%	261	100.0%	59	100.0%	202	100.0%

RAMAH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	4	0.2%	1	1.3%	5	0.2%	1	1.1%	4	0.2%
Criminal	344	17.6%	19	24.1%	363	17.8%	56	60.2%	307	15.8%
Civil Traffic	1,408	72.0%	39	49.4%	1,447	71.1%	30	32.3%	1,417	73.0%
Criminal Traffic	13	0.7%	0	0.0%	13	0.6%	0	0.0%	13	0.7%
District Total	1,769		59		1,828		87		1,741	
Family Civil	112	5.7%	1	1.3%	113	5.6%	0	0.0%	113	5.8%
Domestic Violence	52	2.7%	18	22.8%	70	3.4%	3	3.2%	67	3.5%
Dependency	6	0.3%	1	1.3%	7	0.3%	2	2.2%	5	0.3%
Delinquency	17	0.9%	0	0.0%	17	0.8%	1	1.1%	16	0.8%
CHINS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Family Total	187		20		207		6		201	
Quarter Caseload	1,956	100.0%	79	100.0%	2,035	100.0%	93	100.0%	1,942	100.0%

SHIPROCK JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	106	4.6%	8	2.1%	114	4.3%	13	2.0%	101	4.9%
Criminal	861	37.3%	63	16.8%	924	34.5%	295	46.1%	629	30.8%
Civil Traffic	450	19.5%	90	24.0%	540	20.1%	139	21.7%	401	19.6%
Criminal Traffic	316	13.7%	21	5.6%	337	12.6%	64	10.0%	273	13.4%
District Total	1,733		182		1,915		511		1,404	
Family Civil	517	22.4%	44	11.7%	561	20.9%	27	4.2%	534	26.2%
Domestic Violence	20	0.9%	143	38.1%	163	6.1%	90	14.1%	73	3.6%
Dependency	9	0.4%	3	0.8%	12	0.4%	3	0.5%	9	0.4%
Delinquency	16	0.7%	3	0.8%	19	0.7%	5	0.8%	14	0.7%
CHINS	11	0.5%	0	0.0%	11	0.4%	4	0.6%	7	0.3%
Family Total	573		193		766		129		637	
Quarter Caseload	2,306	100.0%	375	100.0%	2,681	100.0%	640	100.0%	2,041	100.0%

TO'HAIJILEE COURT

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	0	0.0%	2	10.0%	2	0.4%	1	1.6%	1	0.3%
Criminal	242	55.4%	1	5.0%	243	53.2%	23	37.7%	220	55.6%
Civil Traffic	78	17.8%	0	0.0%	78	17.1%	3	4.9%	75	18.9%
Criminal Traffic	16	3.7%	0	0.0%	16	3.5%	2	3.3%	14	3.5%
District Total	336		3		339		29		310	
Family Civil	42	9.6%	5	25.0%	47	10.3%	17	27.9%	30	7.6%
Domestic Violence	48	11.0%	12	60.0%	60	13.1%	15	24.6%	45	11.4%
Dependency	2	0.5%	0	0.0%	2	0.4%	0	0.0%	2	0.5%
Delinquency	3	0.7%	0	0.0%	3	0.7%	0	0.0%	3	0.8%
CHINS	6	1.4%	0	0.0%	6	1.3%	0	0.0%	6	1.5%
Family Total	101		17		118		32		86	
Quarter Caseload	437	100.0%	20	100.0%	457	100.0%	61	100.0%	396	100.0%

TUBA CITY JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	38	1.7%	1	0.2%	39	1.4%	8	1.9%	31	1.3%
Criminal	1,531	69.0%	132	26.4%	1,663	61.2%	74	17.7%	1,589	69.1%
Civil Traffic	151	6.8%	224	44.8%	375	13.8%	226	53.9%	149	6.5%
Criminal Traffic	257	11.6%	50	10.0%	307	11.3%	13	3.1%	294	12.8%
District Total	1,977		407		2,384		321		2,063	
Family Civil	192	8.7%	23	4.6%	215	7.9%	37	8.8%	178	7.7%
Domestic Violence	29	1.3%	62	12.4%	91	3.3%	54	12.9%	37	1.6%
Dependency	11	0.5%	3	0.6%	14	0.5%	0	0.0%	14	0.6%
Delinquency	8	0.4%	5	1.0%	13	0.5%	6	1.4%	7	0.3%
CHINS	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	1	0.2%	0	0.0%
Family Total	241		93		334		98		236	
Quarter Caseload	2,218	100.0%	500	100.0%	2,718	100.0%	419	100.0%	2,299	100.0%

WINDOW ROCK JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	714	11.4%	40	7.0%	754	11.1%	73	8.7%	681	11.4%
Criminal	56	0.9%	23	4.0%	79	1.2%	26	3.1%	53	0.9%
Civil Traffic	4,358	69.8%	390	68.7%	4,748	69.7%	652	77.8%	4,096	68.6%
Criminal Traffic	21	0.3%	16	2.8%	37	0.5%	9	1.1%	28	0.5%
District Total	5,149		469		5,618		760		4,858	
Family Civil	828	13.3%	19	3.3%	847	12.4%	28	3.3%	819	13.7%
Domestic Violence	198	3.2%	73	12.9%	271	4.0%	44	5.3%	227	3.8%
Dependency	65	1.0%	5	0.9%	70	1.0%	6	0.7%	64	1.1%
Delinquency	5	0.1%	2	0.4%	7	0.1%	0	0.0%	7	0.1%
CHINS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Family Total	1,096		99		1,195		78		1,117	
Quarter Caseload	6,245	100.0%	568	100.0%	6,813	100.0%	838	100.0%	5,975	100.0%

NAVAJO NATION PROBATION SERVICES

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Adult Probation	189	32.3%	102	22.9%	291	28.3%	68	22.9%	223	30.4%
Adult Parole	8	1.4%	5	1.1%	13	1.3%	7	2.4%	6	0.8%
Adult Short-Term Probation	333	56.9%	293	65.8%	626	60.8%	191	64.3%	435	59.3%
Adult Probation Total	530		400		930		266		664	
Juvenile Probation	16	2.7%	8	1.8%	24	2.3%	4	1.3%	20	2.7%
Juvenile Short-Term Probatio	39	6.7%	37	8.3%	76	7.4%	27	9.1%	49	6.7%
Juvenile Probation Total	55		45		100		31		69	
Quarter Caseload	585	100.0%	445	100.0%	1,030	100.0%	297	100.0%	733	100.0%

NAVAJO NATION PEACEMAKING PROGRAM

District	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Alamo	3	2.5%	7	7.7%	10	4.8%	0	0.0%	10	6.2%
Aneth	0	0.0%	4	4.4%	4	1.9%	3	6.4%	1	0.6%
Chinle	17	14.4%	19	20.9%	36	17.2%	8	17.0%	28	17.3%
Crownpoint	32	27.1%	8	8.8%	40	19.1%	0	0.0%	40	24.7%
Dilkon	15	12.7%	17	18.7%	32	15.3%	7	14.9%	25	15.4%
Dził Yijiin	5	4.2%	10	11.0%	15	7.2%	4	8.5%	11	6.8%
Kayenta	1	0.8%	0	0.0%	1	0.5%	0	0.0%	1	0.6%
Ramah	2	1.7%	2	2.2%	4	1.9%	4	8.5%	0	0.0%
Shiprock	6	5.1%	1	1.1%	7	3.3%	0	0.0%	7	4.3%
To'hajiilee	1	0.8%	0	0.0%	1	0.5%	0	0.0%	1	0.6%
Tuba City	12	10.2%	9	9.9%	21	10.0%	16	34.0%	5	3.1%
Window Rock	24	20.3%	14	15.4%	38	18.2%	5	10.6%	33	20.4%
Quarter Caseload	118	100.0%	91	100.0%	209	100.0%	47	100.0%	162	100.0%

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. The 24th Navajo Nation Council approved Legislation 0152-22 the FY 2023 Comprehensives budget on 9/08/22. The NN President approved the FY 2023 Comprehensive budget per legislation CS-42-22 on 9/24/22. The Judicial Branch General Fund budget allocation is \$17,258,393 plus Indirect Cost Fund of \$127,836; General Wage Adjustment (GWA) of \$451,609; for a Grand Total of \$17,837,838 (Original Budget). The FY 2023 budget was revised to include FY 2022 Prior Year Encumbrance Carry over in the amount of \$59,375 for the following Business Units: BU 102001 @ \$57,875; and BU 102008 @ \$1,500. The budget was revised again on 12/15/22 to include FY 2022 General Fund Carryover into FY 2023 for 17 of 18 Business Units for various amounts, totaling \$1,041,790.87. The budget was revised for month ending 5/31/23 to include \$800,274 in FY 2023 GWA for all business units except for BU 102019 (JCC). The Revised Budget is now at \$19,739,277.87. The Judicial Branch's FY 2023 General Fund Budgets consists of eighteen (18) Business Units. Fixed Costs. The JB Fixed Costs allocation is \$350,000 for the NN Integrated Justice Information Sharing - JB (NNIJIS.) This amount was revised to include FY 2022 Prior year encumbrance carry over in the amount of \$27,479.98. The revised budget for NNIJIS is \$377,479.98. As of 6/30/23.

No.	Business Unit/Object Code	Program/Description	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Actuals - YTD	Encumbrances	Budget Available	% Expended of Total
1	102001	Admin Office of the Courts						
	1930	Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	(485,568.39)	0.00	0.00	(485,568.39)	0.00%
	1992	IDC Recovery	(127,836.00)	(127,836.00)	(74,861.26)	0.00	(52,974.74)	58.56%
	1996	Allocation	(1,685,900.00)	(1,769,278.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,769,278.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(1,813,736.00)	(2,382,682.39)	(74,861.26)	0.00	(2,307,821.13)	3.14%
	2000	Personnel Expenses	1,652,030.00	1,735,408.00	1,040,528.58	0.00	694,879.42	59.96%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	161,706.00	647,274.39	155,225.73	23,906.20	468,142.46	27.67%
	2000	Expenses	1,813,736.00	2,382,682.39	1,195,754.31	23,906.20	1,163,021.88	51.19%
2	102002	Chinle Judicial District						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	1996	Allocation	(1,211,918.00)	(1,271,037.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,271,037.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(1,211,918.00)	(1,271,037.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,271,037.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	1,109,639.00	1,168,758.00	479,235.17	0.00	689,522.83	41.00%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	102,279.00	102,279.00	41,762.06	6,385.74	54,131.20	47.07%
	2000	Expenses	1,211,918.00	1,271,037.00	520,997.23	6,385.74	743,654.03	41.49%
3	102003	Crownpoint Judicial District						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	(9,631.56)	0.00	0.00	(9,631.56)	0.00%
	1996	Allocation	(1,092,239.00)	(1,143,451.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,143,451.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(1,092,239.00)	(1,153,082.56)	0.00	0.00	(1,153,082.56)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	1,053,058.00	1,104,270.00	536,750.32	0.00	567,519.68	48.61%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	39,181.00	48,812.56	29,812.09	0.00	19,000.47	61.07%
	2000	Expenses	1,092,239.00	1,153,082.56	566,562.41	0.00	586,520.15	49.13%
4	102004	Window Rock Judicial District						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	(45,353.08)	0.00	0.00	(45,353.08)	0.00%
	1996	Allocation	(1,344,492.00)	(1,404,985.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,404,985.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(1,344,492.00)	(1,450,338.08)	0.00	0.00	(1,450,338.08)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	1,264,923.00	1,325,416.00	580,392.92	0.00	745,023.08	43.79%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	79,569.00	124,922.08	27,491.42	5,980.19	91,450.47	26.79%
	9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	2000	Expenses	1,344,492.00	1,450,338.08	607,884.34	5,980.19	836,473.55	42.33%
5	102005	Shiprock Judicial District						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	(44,795.17)	0.00	0.00	(44,795.17)	0.00%
	1996	Allocation	(1,277,551.00)	(1,334,158.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,334,158.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(1,277,551.00)	(1,378,953.17)	0.00	0.00	(1,378,953.17)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	1,175,439.00	1,232,046.00	608,264.88	0.00	623,781.12	49.37%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	102,112.00	146,907.17	48,399.78	6,740.51	91,766.88	37.53%
	9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	2000	Expenses	1,277,551.00	1,378,953.17	656,664.66	6,740.51	715,548.00	48.11%

No.	Business Unit/Object Code	Program/Description	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Actuals - YTD	Encumbrances	Budget Available	% Expensed of Total
6	102006	Tuba City Judicial District						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	(30,009.94)	0.00	0.00	(30,009.94)	0.00%
	1996	Allocation	(1,174,749.00)	(1,227,453.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,227,453.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(1,174,749.00)	(1,257,462.94)	0.00	0.00	(1,257,462.94)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	1,073,533.00	1,126,237.00	500,852.81	0.00	625,384.19	44.47%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	101,216.00	131,225.94	97,612.11	1,392.24	32,221.59	75.45%
	2000	Expenses	1,174,749.00	1,257,462.94	598,464.92	1,392.24	657,605.78	47.70%
7	102007	Ramah Judicial District						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	(10,979.88)	0.00	0.00	(10,979.88)	0.00%
	1996	Allocation	(675,746.00)	(706,574.00)	0.00	0.00	(706,574.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(675,746.00)	(717,553.88)	0.00	0.00	(717,553.88)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	644,627.00	675,455.00	392,000.80	0.00	283,454.20	58.04%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	31,119.00	42,098.88	22,206.49	1,068.48	18,823.91	55.29%
	2000	Expenses	675,746.00	717,553.88	414,207.29	1,068.48	302,278.11	57.87%
8	102008	Supreme Court						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	(59,766.12)	0.00	0.00	(59,766.12)	0.00%
	1996	Allocation	(1,556,906.00)	(1,619,297.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,619,297.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(1,556,906.00)	(1,679,063.12)	0.00	0.00	(1,679,063.12)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	1,439,817.00	1,502,208.00	600,050.14	0.00	902,157.86	39.94%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	117,089.00	176,855.12	54,929.51	2,167.29	119,758.32	32.28%
	9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	2000	Expenses	1,556,906.00	1,679,063.12	654,979.65	2,167.29	1,021,916.18	39.14%
9	102009	Peacemaking Program						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	(144,441.83)	0.00	0.00	(144,441.83)	0.00%
	1996	Allocation	(1,426,856.00)	(1,491,179.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,491,179.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(1,426,856.00)	(1,635,620.83)	0.00	0.00	(1,635,620.83)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	1,262,963.00	1,327,286.00	709,937.00	0.00	617,349.00	53.49%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	158,893.00	183,334.83	51,220.30	8,297.06	123,817.47	32.46%
	9000	Capital Outlay	5,000.00	125,000.00	0.00	0.00	125,000.00	0.00%
	2000	Expenses	1,426,856.00	1,635,620.83	761,157.30	8,297.06	866,166.47	47.04%
10	102010	Kayenta Judicial District						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	(43,245.82)	0.00	0.00	(43,245.82)	0.00%
	1996	Allocation	(938,067.00)	(980,864.00)	0.00	0.00	(980,864.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(938,067.00)	(1,024,109.82)	0.00	0.00	(1,024,109.82)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	843,974.00	886,771.00	434,624.78	0.00	452,146.22	49.01%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	94,093.00	137,338.82	38,982.68	1,517.11	96,839.03	29.49%
	2000	Expenses	938,067.00	1,024,109.82	473,607.46	1,517.11	548,985.25	46.39%
11	102011	Dilkon Judicial District						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	(81,280.75)	0.00	0.00	(81,280.75)	0.00%
	1996	Allocation	(855,231.00)	(893,296.00)	0.00	0.00	(893,296.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(855,231.00)	(974,576.75)	0.00	0.00	(974,576.75)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	799,982.00	838,047.00	479,180.52	0.00	358,866.48	57.18%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	55,249.00	136,529.75	24,968.59	13,059.89	98,501.27	27.85%
	2000	Expenses	855,231.00	974,576.75	504,149.11	13,059.89	457,367.75	53.07%
12	102012	Aneth Judicial District						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	(29,320.40)	0.00	0.00	(29,320.40)	0.00%
	1996	Allocation	(682,407.00)	(713,427.00)	0.00	0.00	(713,427.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(682,407.00)	(742,747.40)	0.00	0.00	(742,747.40)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	599,144.00	630,164.00	327,124.85	0.00	303,039.15	51.91%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	83,263.00	112,583.40	44,455.87	6,510.58	61,616.95	45.27%
	2000	Expenses	682,407.00	742,747.40	371,580.72	6,510.58	364,656.10	50.90%

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13	102013	Tohajilee Judicial District						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	(49,251.44)	0.00	0.00	(49,251.44)	0.00%
	1996	Allocation	(685,796.00)	(717,007.00)	0.00	0.00	(717,007.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(685,796.00)	(766,258.44)	0.00	0.00	(766,258.44)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	638,959.00	686,679.00	427,461.61	0.00	259,217.39	62.25%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	46,837.00	79,579.44	33,491.01	6,282.47	39,805.96	49.98%
	2000	Expenses	685,796.00	766,258.44	460,952.62	6,282.47	299,023.35	60.98%
14	102014	Alamo Judicial District						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	(16,696.08)	0.00	0.00	(16,696.08)	0.00%
	1996	Allocation	(266,381.00)	(294,602.00)	0.00	0.00	(294,602.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(266,381.00)	(311,298.08)	0.00	0.00	(311,298.08)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	260,955.00	269,176.00	83,832.13	0.00	185,343.87	31.14%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	25,426.00	42,122.08	12,197.55	1,898.14	28,026.39	33.46%
	2000	Expenses	286,381.00	311,298.08	96,029.68	1,898.14	213,370.26	31.46%
15	102015	Dzil Yijjin Judicial District						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	(4,568.30)	0.00	0.00	(4,568.30)	0.00%
	1996	Allocation	(510,845.00)	(532,215.00)	0.00	0.00	(532,215.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(510,845.00)	(536,783.30)	0.00	0.00	(536,783.30)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	457,333.00	478,703.00	303,971.30	0.00	174,731.70	63.50%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	53,512.00	58,080.30	21,482.00	42.40	36,555.90	37.06%
	9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	2000	Expenses	510,845.00	536,783.30	325,453.30	42.40	211,287.60	60.64%
16	102017	Pueblo Pintado Circuit Court						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	(11,136.97)	0.00	0.00	(11,136.97)	0.00%
	1996	Allocation	(203,381.00)	(216,461.00)	0.00	0.00	(216,461.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(203,381.00)	(227,597.97)	0.00	0.00	(227,597.97)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	190,625.00	203,705.00	41,696.99	0.00	162,008.01	20.47%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	12,756.00	23,892.97	11,237.20	400.00	12,255.77	48.71%
	2000	Expenses	203,381.00	227,597.97	52,934.19	400.00	174,263.78	23.43%
17	102018	Probation Services						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	(22,644.60)	0.00	0.00	(22,644.60)	0.00%
	1996	Allocation	(2,021,442.00)	(2,114,897.00)	0.00	0.00	(2,114,897.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(2,021,442.00)	(2,137,541.60)	0.00	0.00	(2,137,541.60)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	1,816,042.00	1,909,497.00	1,021,557.96	0.00	887,939.04	53.50%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	205,400.00	228,044.60	105,499.43	3,183.09	119,362.08	47.66%
	9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	2000	Expenses	2,021,442.00	2,137,541.60	1,127,057.39	3,183.09	1,007,301.12	52.88%
18	102019	Judicial Conduct Commission						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	(12,475.54)	0.00	0.00	(12,475.54)	0.00%
	1996	Allocation	(80,095.00)	(80,095.00)	0.00	0.00	(80,095.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(80,095.00)	(92,570.54)	0.00	0.00	(92,570.54)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	51,480.00	51,480.00	1,411.88	0.00	50,068.12	2.74%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	28,615.00	41,090.54	4,760.70	1,251.19	35,078.65	14.63%
	2000	Expenses	80,095.00	92,570.54	6,172.58	1,251.19	85,146.77	8.02%
Judicial Branch General Fund Total:			17,837,838.00	19,739,277.87	9,394,609.16	90,082.58	10,254,586.13	48.05%
Overall Breakdown of General Funds:								
	1930	Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	(1,101,165.87)	0.00	0.00	(1,101,165.87)	0.00%
	1992	IDC Recovery	(127,836.00)	(127,836.00)	(74,861.26)	0.00	(52,974.74)	58.56%
	1996	Allocation	(17,690,002.00)	(18,510,276.00)	0.00	0.00	(18,510,276.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(17,817,838.00)	(19,739,277.87)	(74,861.26)	0.00	(19,664,416.61)	0.38%
	2000	Personnel Expenses	16,334,523.00	17,151,306.00	8,568,874.64	0.00	8,582,431.36	49.96%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	1,498,315.00	2,462,971.87	825,734.52	90,082.58	1,547,154.77	37.18%
	9000	Capital Outlay	5,000.00	125,000.00	0.00	0.00	125,000.00	0.00%
	2000	Expenses	17,837,838.00	19,739,277.87	9,394,609.16	90,082.58	10,254,586.13	48.05%

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19	118019	NN Integrated Justice (Fixed Costs)						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	(27,479.98)	0.00	0.00	(27,479.98)	0.00%
	1996	Allocation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	1000	Revenues	0.00	(27,479.98)	0.00	0.00	(27,479.98)	0.00%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	350,000.00	377,479.98	118,565.16	83,672.48	175,242.34	53.58%
	2000	Expenses	350,000.00	377,479.98	118,565.16	83,672.48	175,242.34	53.58%
Overall Breakdown of General Funds Plus NN Integrated Justice Fixed Costs:								
	1930	Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	(1,128,645.85)	0.00	0.00	(1,128,645.85)	0.00%
	1992	IDC Recovery	(127,836.00)	(127,836.00)	(74,861.26)	0.00	(52,974.74)	58.56%
	1996	Allocation	(17,690,002.00)	(18,510,276.00)	0.00	0.00	(18,510,276.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(17,817,838.00)	(19,766,757.85)	(74,861.26)	0.00	(19,691,896.59)	0.38%
	2000	Personnel Expenses	16,334,523.00	17,151,306.00	8,568,874.64	0.00	8,582,431.36	49.96%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	1,848,315.00	2,840,451.85	944,299.68	173,755.06	1,722,397.11	39.36%
	9000	Capital Outlay	5,000.00	125,000.00	0.00	0.00	125,000.00	0.00%
	2000	Expenses	18,187,838.00	20,116,757.85	9,513,174.32	173,755.06	10,429,828.47	48.15%

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) K160800 FY '16 Edward Byrne JAG, Contract Term 10/1/15 - 9/30/19; (7) K180803 FY '18 Edward Bryne Jag , Contract Term 10/1/17 - 9/30/23; (8) K160736 CY 16 Tribal Courts, Contract Term 1/1/16 - 12/31/19; (9) K160781 CY 16 Judicial One Time Funding, Contract Term 1/1/16 - 12/31/19, (10) K170745 CY 17 Tribal Courts, Contract Term 1/1/17 – 12/31/19; (11) K170748 CY 17 One Time Funding VAVA, Contract Term 1/1/17 - 12/31/18; (12) K180718 CY 18 Tribal Courts, Contract Term 1/1/18 – 12/31/23; (13) K180772 CY 18 One Time Direct TIWAHE Funding Contract Term 1/1/18 - 12/31/23; (14) K190723 CY 19 Tribal Courts, Contract Term 1/1/19 - 12/31/23; (15) K190778 CY 19 Judicial One Time Funds, Contract Term 1/1/19 - 12/31/23; (16) K200713 CY 20 Tribal Courts, Contract Term 1/1/20 - 12/31/23; (17) K200744 CY 20 One Time Funds VAWA, Contract Term 1/1/20 - 12/31/23; (18) K200791 CY 20 One time Fund DAPA CW, Contract Term 1/1/20 - 12/31/23; (19) K210722 CY 21 Tribal Courts, Contract Term 1/1/21-12/31/23; (20) K210758 Tribal Courts Program - ARPA, Contract Term 1/1/21 -12/31/23; (21) K220710 CY'22 Tribal Courts Program, Contract Term 1/1/21 - 12/31/23; (22) K220740 CY'22 Domestic Abuse Protection/Child Welfare, Contract Term 01/1/20 - 12/31/23; (23) K230730 CY 23 Tribal Courts Program, Contract Term 1/1/23 - 12/31/23; (24) K230743 CY '23 Tribal Courts O&M, Contract Term 1/1/23 - 12/31/23, (25) K2207101 CY '22 Tribal Courts O&M, Contract Term 1/1/22 - 12/31/23; (26) K201506 US Treasury - Judicial Branch (CARES ACT), Contract Term 8/26/20 - 12/30/20, extended to 12/30/21 and (27) K211518 US Treasury (ARPA), Contract Term 1/1/21 to 12/31/23. There are eighteen (18) 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.

No.	Business Unit/Object Code	Program/Description	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Actuals - YTD	Encumbrances	Budget Available	% Expensed of Total
1	K170801	Peacemaking Youth EDU-Apprentices						
	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	12,085.44	0.00	35,226.56	25.54%
	2000	Expenses	349,630.00	349,630.00	89,308.59	0.00	260,321.41	25.54%
2	K180800	Navajo Juvenile Healing To Wellness Court						
	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%
3	K170802	FY 17 Edward Byrne JAG						
	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%
4	K180801	FY '18 New Path Reentry						
	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	385,906.00	405.06	0.00	385,500.94	0.10%
	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%
5	K180802	NN Wellness Courts						
	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%
6	K160800	FY 16 Edward Byrne JAG						
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	46,301.00	44,392.00	43,115.52	0.00	1,276.48	97.12%
	9500	Matching & Indirect Cost	2,530.00	4,439.00	4,311.56	0.00	127.44	97.13%
	2000	Expenses	48,831.00	48,831.00	47,427.08	0.00	1,403.92	97.12%
7	K180803	FY 18 Edward Byrne JAG						
	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	\$1,878,990.00	\$2,378,990.00	\$174,625.96	\$0.00	\$2,204,364.04	7.34%

No.	Business Unit/Object Code	Program/Description	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Actuals - YTD	Encumbrances	Budget Available	% Expended of Total
10	K170745	CY 17 Tribal Courts						
	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%
11	K170748	CY 17 One Time Funds VAWA						
	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%
12	K180718	CY 18 Tribal Courts						
	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%
13	K180772	CY 18 One Time Direct TIWAHE						
	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%
14	K190723	CY 19 Tribal Courts						
	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	224,347.22	16,096.11	8,804.11	96.47%
	2000	Expenses	270,643.00	1,685,820.00	1,660,347.29	16,096.11	9,376.60	99.44%
15	K190778	CY 19 Judicial One Time Funds						
	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	11,384.69	411.88	34,854.43	25.29%
	2000	Expenses	325,306.00	325,306.00	266,789.63	411.88	58,104.49	82.14%
16	K200713	CY 20 Tribal Courts						
	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	98,366.28	39,663.15	76,859.98	64.23%
	2000	Expenses	323,185.00	1,903,041.00	1,779,178.33	39,663.15	84,199.52	95.58%
17	K200744	CY 20 Judicial One Time Funds VAWA						
	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	52,749.18	0.00	29,246.82	64.33%
	2000	Expenses	185,192.00	185,192.00	155,213.14	0.00	29,978.86	83.81%
18	K200791	CY 20 Judicial One Time Fund DAPA CW						
	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%
19	K210722	CY 21 Tribal Courts						
	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	78,910.23	3,748.52	167,655.38	33.02%
	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	1,639,759.65	3,748.52	329,913.83	83.28%
20	K210758	CY 21 Tribal Courts Program - ARPA						
	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	80,152.57	103,925.87	488,988.56	27.35%
	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	302,232.36	103,925.87	593,841.77	40.62%
21	K220710	CY '22 Tribal Courts Program						
	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	31,522.51	34,422.45	336,792.66	16.37%
	2000	Expenses	262,307.00	2,267,880.00	1,752,672.90	34,422.45	480,784.65	78.80%
22	K220740	CY'22 DOM ABUSE PRTC/CHLD WELF						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	582,319.00	741,074.00	623,035.78	0.00	118,038.22	84.07%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	71,095.00	24,877.00	4,131.03	0.00	20,745.97	16.61%
	2000	Expenses	653,414.00	765,951.00	627,166.81	0.00	138,784.19	81.88%
23	K230730	CY '23 Tribal Courts Program						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	312,981.00	1,564,929.00	374,222.33	0.00	1,190,706.67	23.91%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	56,170.00	542,021.00	1,936.49	0.00	540,084.51	0.36%
	2000	Expenses	369,151.00	2,106,950.00	376,158.82	0.00	1,730,791.18	17.85%
24	K230743	CY '23 Tribal Courts O&M						
	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%
25	K2207101	CY'22 Tribal Courts O&M						
	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:			\$7,427,475.31	\$18,419,225.36	\$14,704,459.65	\$198,267.98	\$3,516,497.73	80.91%
Judicial Branch External Funds & P.L. 93-638 Grand Total:			\$9,306,465.31	\$20,798,215.36	\$14,879,085.61	\$198,267.98	\$5,720,861.77	72.49%

No.	Business Unit/Object Code	Program/Description	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Actuals - YTD	Encumbrances	Budget Available	% Expensed of Total
26	K201506	US TREASURY - Judicial Branch (CARES ACT)						
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	#DIV/0!
2000		Expenses	9,633,863.00	1,866,269.74	1,866,269.74	0.00	0.00	100.00%
27	K211518	US TREASURY - Judicial Branch (APRA)						
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	5,577,543.00	78,590.45	430,311.71	5,068,640.84	9.12%
9000		Capital Outlay	0.00	26,356.00	7,208.00	0.00	19,148.00	27.35%
2000		Expenses	5,876,685.00	5,876,685.00	85,798.45	430,311.71	5,360,574.84	8.78%
Overall Breakdown of General Funds, NNU, External Funds, P.L. 93-638 Funds and US Treasury								
2000		Personnel Expenses	23,225,030.00	32,572,086.41	21,341,168.19	0.00	11,230,918.22	65.52%
3000-7000		Operating Expenses	17,417,998.31	15,123,588.05	4,657,118.85	802,334.75	9,664,134.45	36.10%
9000		Capital Outlay	2,119,911.00	639,531.49	324,463.28	0.00	315,068.21	50.73%
9500		Matching & Indirect Cost	241,912.00	322,722.00	21,577.80	0.00	301,144.20	6.69%
2000		Expenses	\$43,004,851.31	\$48,657,927.95	\$26,344,328.12	\$802,334.75	\$21,511,265.08	55.79%

XIII. Judicial Branch Fines and Fees Collection

Court Fines & Fees Collected by Quarter						
Object Code	Description	FY 2023 1st Qtr.	FY 2023 2nd Qtr.	FY 2023 3rd Qtr.	FY 2023 4th Qtr.	TOTAL - YTD
1600	Fines & Court Fees					
1611	District Court - Chinle	628.65	1,363.55	1,216.35	0.00	3,208.55
1612	District Court - Crownpoint	3,384.50	2,616.95	3,518.95	0.00	9,520.40
1613	District Court - Kayenta	737.60	1,221.55	421.71	0.00	2,380.86
1614	District Court - Ramah	1,690.00	1,885.00	900.00	0.00	4,475.00
1615	District Court - Shiprock	523.70	1,073.30	446.85	0.00	2,043.85
1616	District Court - Tuba City	2,815.70	2,690.95	5,259.15	0.00	10,765.80
1617	District Court - Window Rock	444.40	725.05	1,300.75	0.00	2,470.20
1618	District Court - Dilkon	115.00	1,225.00	2,608.05	0.00	3,948.05
1619.02	District Court - Aneth	127.00	0.00	35.00	0.00	162.00
1619.04	District Court - Dzil Yijiin	585.00	190.00	1,388.00	0.00	2,163.00
1610	Dist. Fines & Court Fees Total:	\$11,051.55	\$12,991.35	\$17,094.81	\$0.00	\$41,137.71
1620	Family					
1621	Family Court - Alamo	135.00	205.00	37.00	0.00	377.00
1622	Family Court - Chinle	770.00	725.00	770.00	0.00	2,265.00
1623	Family Court - Crownpoint	690.00	1,025.00	795.00	0.00	2,510.00
1624	Family Court - Kayenta	540.00	1,942.50	895.00	0.00	3,377.50
1625	Family Court - Ramah	35.00	55.00	35.00	0.00	125.00
1626	Family Court - Shiprock	600.00	570.00	1,282.55	0.00	2,452.55
1627	Family Court - Tohajiilee	115.00	60.00	0.00	0.00	175.00
1628	Family Court - Tuba City	666.50	978.50	906.25	0.00	2,551.25
1629	Family Court - Window Rock	1,720.00	1,570.00	1,500.00	0.00	4,790.00
1630	Family Court - Dilkon	335.00	415.00	568.15	0.00	1,318.15
1631.02	Family Court - Aneth	225.00	495.00	240.00	0.00	960.00
1631.04	Family Court - Dzil Yijiin	630.00	165.00	225.00	0.00	1,020.00
1620	Family Court Total:	\$6,461.50	\$8,206.00	\$7,253.95	\$0.00	\$21,921.45
1640	Circuit					
1642	Circuit Court - Alamo	69.20	95.70	101.05	0.00	265.95
1644	Circuit Court - Tohajiilee	176.40	175.25	246.80	0.00	598.45
1640	Circuit Court Total:	\$245.60	\$270.95	\$347.85	\$0.00	\$864.40
1650	Supreme					
1652	Supreme Court - WR	480.00	360.00	362.10	0.00	1,202.10
1650	Supreme Court Total:	\$480.00	\$360.00	\$362.10	\$0.00	\$1,202.10
1601	Court Total:	\$18,238.65	\$21,828.30	\$25,058.71	\$0.00	\$65,125.66

Description	FY 2023 1st Qtr.	FY 2023 2nd Qtr.	FY 2023 3rd Qtr.	FY 2023 4th Qtr.	TOTAL - YTD
Public Safety Fines					
Traffic					
Traffic Fines - Alamo	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Traffic Fines - Chinle	4,745.00	7,565.00	5,185.00	0.00	17,495.00
Traffic Fines - Crownpoint	3,953.00	9,019.50	8,490.00	0.00	21,462.50
Traffic Fines - Kayenta	14,442.00	22,080.00	13,058.33	0.00	49,580.33
Traffic Fines - Ramah	1,690.00	2,717.00	1,515.00	0.00	5,922.00
Traffic Fines - Shiprock	2,092.50	4,364.75	4,573.00	0.00	11,030.25
Traffic Fines - Tohajilee	0.00	275.00	0.00	0.00	275.00
Traffic Fines - Tuba City	14,012.00	18,423.25	17,292.50	0.00	49,727.75
Traffic Fines - Window Rock	12,660.00	15,371.00	17,460.00	0.00	45,491.00
Traffic Fines - Dilkon	7,855.05	17,035.00	7,260.00	0.00	32,150.05
Traffic Fines - Aneth	255.00	95.00	835.00	0.00	1,185.00
Traffic Fines - Dzil Yijin	700.00	1,145.00	200.00	0.00	2,045.00
Traffic Total:	\$62,404.55	\$98,090.50	\$75,868.83	\$0.00	\$236,363.88
Restitution	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fines & Court Fees Totals:	\$80,643.20	\$119,918.80	\$100,927.54	\$0.00	\$301,489.54
District Court Fines & Fees Summary:					
Fines & Court Fees	11,051.55	12,991.35	17,094.81	0.00	41,137.71
Family	6,461.50	8,206.00	7,253.95	0.00	21,921.45
Circuit	245.60	270.95	347.85	0.00	864.40
Supreme	480.00	360.00	362.10	0.00	1,202.10
Traffic	62,404.55	98,090.50	75,868.83	0.00	236,363.88
Restitution	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grand Totals:	\$80,643.20	\$119,918.80	\$100,927.54	\$0.00	\$301,489.54