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## II. Vision, Mission, and Strategic Goals

### VISION

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

### MISSION

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

### STRATEGIC GOALS

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

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## **IV. Message from the Chief Justice**

### **Fiscal Year 2024 Second Quarterly Message (January, February, March) Chief Justice JoAnn Jayne (Aláájí Hashkééjí Nahat'á)**

Yá'át'ééh, Shí Diné Doo Shíghéí, Ado Nihíí Nahata'jii Nataani Honorable 25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council Delegates, Doo Aláájí Hózhóójí Nahat'á Dájiz dah'yígí Dr. Buu Nygren, Doo Richelle Montoya Akódó Dájiz dah'yígí, Doo Crystalyne Curley, Aláájí Nahata'jii Nataani Dájiz dah'yígí, Doo distinguished guests. I respectfully present you the Hashkééjí Nahat'á (Judicial Branch) Second Quarterly Report for Fiscal Year 2024: Yasnił'ees (January), the Thawing of Snow; Atsábiyáázh (February), Birth of Eaglets; Wóózhch'jíd (March), First Cry of Eaglets.

The Hashkééjí Nahat'á Branch (“Branch”) began the process of developing its Fiscal Year 2025 General Funds budget in January, 2024. The Branch implemented an adjusted approach during this quarter by having the Administrative Office of the Courts (“AOC”) financial staff visit 12 District Courts, 1 Circuit Court, Supreme Court, Peacemaking Program, Probation and Parole Services, and the Judicial Conduct Commission to develop a budget detailed with performance criteria and indicators for the 2025 budget as required by 12 N.N.C. 850(C). This would be a second visit to the units. During the first visit to the units, staff accumulated inventory data on each court and program and possible funding sources to address the need. Every location was assessed, specifically targeting expenditure and future funding needs of the Branch. As stated before, “Sustainable funding is essential for the Hashkééjí Nahat'á Branch to keep its judicial independence and to interpret the law in a neutral, rational, and impartial manner. An effective democracy, as is the Navajo Nation, cannot progress without a fully functioning judicial branch with the resources that it needs. If we do not have full funding for justice, we cannot sustain nor fully comply with our Navajo Nation laws, not because we are incapable, but the weight placed on sustaining justice can be wrought with challenges such as inadequate funding.” The Branch will be reaching out to the Legislative and the Executive Branches to work with us for the fiscal year 2025 General Funds budget allocations.

At this point, the Branch has completed the first half of this fiscal year from October 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024. During this time, the Branch has been under scrutiny for caseload management.

The Branch has 12 Judicial District Courts, 1 Circuit Court, and a Supreme Court.

Eleven (11) judges work in the 13 district courts (with 7 vacant judge positions). The Branch has five (5) staff attorneys working for the district courts (with 5 vacant attorney positions).

Two (2) justices work in the Supreme Court (with 1 vacant justice position). The Branch has no attorney (law clerk) working for the supreme court (with 1 vacant law clerk).

Jurists, staff attorneys, law clerks, court administrators, court clerks, bailiffs, office technicians, and every other position in the Branch has a crucial role in the administration of justice for the Navajo Nation.

The impact of judge and attorney vacancies is immense. The totality of circumstances which occur when there are 11 judges rather than 18 places weight on remaining judges to carry out the load which has been placed upon them due to the vacancies.

For example, a glimpse of a judges work: Judges preside "... over civil, criminal and family court cases; provides policy direction and guidance in the operation of their Judicial District court, such as developing budgets; hears and decides cases within the jurisdiction of the Navajo Nation courts, including but limited to evidentiary hearings, motions writs and trials; issues search and arrest warrants; hears the facts and interprets and applies applicable statutes, rules, ordinances, and case law; performs legal research; adheres to case management policies; renders orders and judgments on cases heard before the court.

Judges provide policy guidance in resolving administrative, operational and related managerial issues such as court buildings operation and maintenance; assures compliance with consent decree establishing health and safety standards for the Nation's detention facilities; provides legal education and information on works of the Navajo Nation Courts to the public and other governmental entities including state and federal governments; conducts ministerial duties not limited to oath of office; may serve on Navajo Nation court related projects for purpose of improving the quality of justice."

Staff attorneys play a pivotal role for judges. The duties for staff attorneys are: "Under general direction of the Judges of the assigned district, performs work of considerable difficulty in providing complex legal advice and guidance; conducts legal research and drafts legal documents in support of the judges, court solicitor and court administrators; undertakes special projects for the Judicial Branch; performs related duties assigned. Provides legal guidance to judicial judges, involving numerous areas of law; utilizes a variety of research methods to find legal precedents; reviews statutes, rules, administrative orders, policies and procedures, case law, briefs and other administrative and legal documents; provides both informal and legal opinions, recommendations and legal briefs resulting from research; proposes alternatives and options to consider; drafts memoranda, decisions, judgements, orders, summaries and other legal documents. Provides advice and assistance in administrative issues, including, but not limited to, employment matters, policy issues, and impact of legislation; undertakes special legal and administrative projects, conducts legal education programs; participates in the development of training plans, curricula and educational materials and provides training; provides legal representation for the court in various legal arenas; attends meetings."

The vacancy of a judge or staff attorney (or both) removes the required, complex work required to sustain a single court system (*as described in the duties of judges and staff attorneys above*). This has a tremendous impact on caseload.

When the Branch personnel vacancy rate stands where it is (and it mirrors the United States judicial vacancy rates in state, federal, or local courts), the Branch has done a tremendous work in adjudicating cases. Absolutely, the Branch has worked extremely hard in filling judge and staff attorney positions. The Branch will continue to recruit. And yes, the Branch will continue to work each and every day on cases.

The Branch has generated new initiatives in a relatively short time, for example, creating clerkships for the Supreme Court and District Courts, as well as continuing the internships and externships opportunities (providing opportunities for employment, experience, and skill to become future attorneys or judges).

We are happy to share the enclosed Branch's report 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

### Peacemaking Program Activities

The goal of Peacemaking is to 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. The first value in the Plan of Operation is that these services be available to Dine of all denominations. Peacemaking practices are relevant to Dine of all religious beliefs because they are deeply rooted in Navajo culture.

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

The Peacemaking Program delivered direct services exceeding our performance goals during the second 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. Continued discussions with Branches of government and local communities are focusing on Peacemaking as primary forum of dispute resolution that is understood and used by the Diné, this engagement expands our broader responsibilities of providing services exemplified through Diné Bi Beenahaz'aanii to other agencies and departments.

Acting Peacemaking Program Coordinator has been active in the Executive Management Team Meetings; FY 2024 Budget Formulation Work-Session and Meetings; Court Administrators/Program Managers Meeting; Tsehootsooi Judicial/Public Safety Building Meetings; Peacemaking Program and Probation/Parole Collaboration Meetings; Dilkon Judicial District Building Meetings; Annual Case Certification Meetings, and Youth Conference Collaboration Meetings.

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

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

The Peacemaking Program completed Peacemaker Orientation and Training, resulting in thirty-seven (37) certified Community Peacemakers. As the Peacemaking Program continues to recruit Community Peacemakers, they will be orientated and trained.

##### b. 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, including providing traditional research for various issues facing Navajo Nation and/or when asked for guidance; providing presentations on preserving Diné Way of Life teachings and our language

as Primary based on Diné Fundamental Law; and providing presentations on a variety of traditional topics for youth and adults and in the workplace.

The Peacemaking Program was asked for guidance and traditional teachings on Solar Eclipse, which is occurring on April 08, 2024. The Peacemaking Program Staff convened and had a lengthy discussion on the topic. The traditional teachings were presented to Court Administrators, Program Managers, and Leadership for a request to Chief Justice to observe our traditional teachings during a Solar Eclipse.

The Peacemaking Program conducted Work session II and III in revising and reviewing program forms, revisit Vision/Mission/Value Statement, reviewing Peacemaking Program Plan of Operation, and coming up with scope of work to seek funding opportunities.

The Peacemaking Program has conducted two meetings with Office Technicians in preparing FY2025 General Funds Budgets. The meetings included training on how to prepare a budget. Currently, the Peacemaking Program is proposing three additional positions: two (2) Senior Traditional Program Specialists and one (1) Document Technician. The proposal for additional positions was sent to the Office of Chief Justice for approval.

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

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

Provided translation for the Administrative Office of the Courts during a public forum on KJAK/KNDN radio broadcast. In addition, the program presented the Peacemaking Program services.

Attended the Law and Order Committee Meeting at Navajo Tribal Utility Authority Headquarters in Fort Defiance, Arizona, regarding Probate. The work session was attended by Council Delegates, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture, Grazing Officials, and Judicial Branch staff.

Attended the Dine Action Plan and Hataalii/Chanter Summit at Dine College in Tsaile, Arizona. Hataalii/Chanters, Navajo Nation Programs, and Community Members attended the summit.

Provided presentations on Life Value Engagement and the process of referrals to Probation/Parole Program Staff at Chinle Judicial District in Chinle, Arizona. The process and meaning of Life Value Engagement was explained and the process of referrals were explained.

Attended a meeting with Crownpoint Judicial District to discuss pending peacemaking cases. The cases were pending court orders. It was determined that the pending peacemaking cases do not need a court order for closure; therefore, the pending cases were closed. These pending cases dated back to 2017.

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

Peacemaking Program – Alamo and To’Hajiilee Offices

Traditional Program Specialist Annabell Pino provides Peacemaking Program Services at Alamo and To’Hajiilee Offices.

She continues recruiting peacemakers and speaks to community members who may be potential peacemaker(s). Most of them state they will think about it because they doubt that they are qualified to be a peacemaker. She tells them new peacemakers are orientated and trained by Traditional Program Specialists

She received a request for Life Value Engagement session(s) on how to be a mother and father to a child, how will child be stable if adopted by another, overcoming addiction, and rehabilitation does not work. She provided teachings on being good parents, the importance of parents’ involvement in their child’ life, and four states of being. Another session is scheduled for parents.

She received a request for services for Group Life Value Engagement session(s) on traditional teachings for a family and children in Albuquerque, New Mexico. A session is pending.

She attends meetings with the schools and presents Peacemaking Program services for youth. Management and faculty have expressed interest in youth services, such as students with truancy issues. She expressed in utilizing the request for services form and identified the process of services being provided.

She attends meetings with Alamo/Tohajiilee Judicial District and Probation/Parole Office Staff to collaborate on issues and concerns and providing better services.

She has been tasked with another Traditional Program Specialist to plan, organize and conduct a Post-Covid Beauty Way Ceremony for Peacemaking

Program and Staff and a Summer Youth Peacemaking Conference. She is conducting meetings with Peacemaking Program Staff and other resources for these two events to be successful.

The challenges in providing Peacemaking Program services for Alamo and To'Hajiilee Offices are the dirt road between the two offices and office spaces at each site. There is limited to no office space for the Traditional Program Specialist. The Peacemaking Program hogan does need renovation and repairs; in-addition, water, and sewer.

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

Traditional Program Specialist Darlene Desiderio provides Peacemaking Program Services at Crownpoint and Pueblo Pintado Offices. Traditional Program Specialist Ruby Frank with Peacemaking Program Ramah Office and Traditional Program Specialist Annabell Pino with Alamo and To'Hajiilee Offices provided services.

The Program received a request for Life Value Engagement session(s) for a minor child that was detained. She was assisted by Traditional Program Specialist Ruby Frank with Peacemaking Program Ramah Office due to the complexity of the issues and concerns the minor child was expressing. They provided traditional teachings on the annihilation of Nayee and the Nayee that were spared. The minor child and parent were thankful of the teachings.

The Program provided orientation for four new Peacemaking Program Employees; two (2) Traditional Program Specialist, one (1) Traditional Dine Researcher, and one (1) Office Technician as assigned by Bi-Culture Training Manager.

#### Peacemaking Program – Ramah Office

Traditional Program Specialist Ruby Frank provides Peacemaking Program Services at Ramah Office.

She received two (2) cases from Ramah Social Services requesting Life Value Engagement session(s) on traditional teachings for each client. Clients are being contacted to schedule the sessions.

She conducted three (3) Life Value Engagement sessions for three (3) court referrals. The first session was trying to learn more about the individuals' life history and if any, traditional teachings. The second session was on the twelve (12) eras of our Dine history and elaborated on the spared Nayéé'. The third session was on reflection of what they learned and how they would apply it to their life and home.

She received a request for a Peacemaking Session concerning a female abusing alcohol and leading to child neglect. She made a home visit for an interview with family members and determined if she was willing to participate. The female responded that she did not want to participate. However, she proceeded with Life Value Engagement session(s) providing traditional teachings on how to be a daughter, woman, and mother. Nimá díinsin, baa háá nínizin, dóó ayóó ííníní, hamá ádingo hóyéé. Nimá déego aldó' t'áá ákót'eigo naantsíkees. Asdzání dóó amá jíłįigo ajidláago baayahásin dóó doo beelt'éeda. Hazho'ó asdzání bíiyisii dóó amá íłłįigo néedziłį. Na'álchíní baajoobá'í dóó baahastxi'. The female was understanding and appreciated the teachings; and would apologize for her behavior. At the request of the mother of the female, Life Value Engagement session(s) will continue.

She was appointed to tie the Kinaalda's hair and be her mentor. The young lady is from Maryland. The mother wanted her daughter to have this puberty ceremony to stay connected with her Diné roots. She told the story of the White Shell Woman being raised by First Man and Fist Woman; giving birth to twin warriors to kill off Nayéé'; revisited by the holy ones as chaos and disharmony were occurring among the five-fingered people; created and molded a human being and gave the four original clans along with canes and protectors. She continued with traditional teachings of a woman must make sure there is peace and harmony in the home as she is the protector of Kǫ', Honeeshgish, Ch'iiyáán Ałtaas'éeí, Tó, Sodizin Yésdáhí, Nitł'iz Dóó Yódi Yésdáhí Nilí, and Diné Fundamental Law. Attendees appreciated the teachings, including the medicine man.

She met with the Director of Ramah Navajo Social Services to discuss better services for child neglect, abuse, and truancy referrals; and providing Life Value Engagement session(s) on traditional teachings by Peacemaker.

She was assigned to cover Crownpoint and Pueblo Pintado Peacemaking Program Offices. During her coverage, she conducted Life Value Engagement session(s) on traditional teachings for two individuals.

She assisted Traditional Program Specialist at Peacemaking Program Crownpoint Office in conducting Life Value Engagement session on traditional teachings for a minor child and his parents. The minor child has history of delinquent acts resulting in being detained in detention as well as running away from numerous treatment centers. The session began with introductions, established K'e relationship, importance of education, education is considered a life skill, Hazhó'ó ííníłta', Hazhó'ó íísíníłts'áá, T'áadoo ne'ídíłáhí, and Binahjí' yá'át'éhígíí naanish bik'í díínááł. The session was for three (3) hours.

She provided new employee orientation for Traditional Program Specialist and Office Technician on Diné Fundamental Laws, Hooghan Haz'áádoó

Nanitin, Átchíní Banidazhnit'á, Nábiná hazláago Ach'í' Yáti', Nahat'á dóó Na'nitin Bik'ehgo Da'iinaanii.

She facilitated the Diné Bizaad Writing and Reading Training for Peacemaking Program Staff.

#### Peacemaking Program – Window Rock Office

Traditional Program Specialist Harry Begay with Peacemaking Program Dilkon Office was assigned to cover Peacemaking Program Window Rock Office.

The Peacemaking Program Window Rock Office was challenged with case management and the status of each case. Files had to be extracted electronically from the laptop. This caused uncertainty of the number of cases and status of each case. This accounting of cases is on-going.

#### Peacemaking Program - Dilkon Office

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

He received a referral from the court to have a Peacemaking session for property distribution of a decedent. The issue was contacting all parties involved because there was limited information on the referral; however, a session is scheduled.

He continues to provide grief talk to families that lost loved ones. The hardest was the passing of a fellow colleague and talking to his family, who are close relatives. Another is the passing of a sister and continue to provide grief talk to relatives.

He conducted eighteen (18) Life Value Engagement sessions on traditional teachings of Adeehaniih: Remember yourself, know your clans and how to relate to others, respect yourself and others, and know your support people; Adahodilzin: Have Reverence for yourself and honor your words, your parents, grandparents, environment, your mind, attitude, your spirit; Adaa Ahaya: Take care of yourself, eat well, exercise, brush your teeth/hair, drink water, get some rest, and take care of your heart, brain, kidney, liver, etc.; Adaa Haah Hasin: Prepare for challenges, manage your stress, manage your time, and state your vision, your mission, goals and objectives. Clients appreciate Peacemaking Services; some would say they never had the opportunity of getting these traditional teachings from their parents

He attended the Native Summit coordinated by the Holbrook School District held at Indian Wells Elementary School in Indian Wells, Arizona. The school invited Navajo Nation Programs and Chapters in collaborative efforts to

increase services for students. He presented Peacemaking Program services for children and that Peacemaking Program can be a partner.

He presented Peacemaking Program services to the Coconino County Attorney's Office on how the services could be afforded to their clients that are court ordered or referred from various agencies that are Diné People. The turnout was good, and the presentation received positive feedback from the people that attended.

He has been providing Peacemaking Program services to the Chapter Officials at Leupp Chapter, after there has been verbal and physical confrontation with chapter members. The Chapter passed a resolution requesting the Peacemaking Program to provide presentations at chapter meetings.

A request for Peacemaking Program services was made by Greasewood Springs School for several children. Currently, he is waiting on parents to submit consent forms for the services to begin.

#### Peacemaking Program – Chinle Office

Traditional Program Specialist Laveena Begay provides Peacemaking Program Services at the Chinle Office; however, Traditional Program Specialist Andy Harrison with Peacemaking Program Kayenta Office and Traditional Program Specialist Anna Scott with Peacemaking Program Chinle Office provided services.

Traditional Program Specialist Anna Scott provided Life Value Engagement sessions for seven (7) pending 2023 cases that were referred by the Chinle Judicial District for juvenile offenses and adult criminal offenses. All sessions were successful.

Traditional Program Specialist Anna Scott is providing Life Value Engagement sessions for fourteen (14) 2024 cases that were referred by Chinle Judicial District for juvenile offense and adult criminal offenses. All 14 are pending closure.

Traditional Program Specialist Anna Scott is providing Peacemaking services for a walk-in request. This case is still being served.

Traditional Program Specialist Andy Harrison received a walk-in Peacemaking request. The Naalchidi requested a Peacemaking session. The secondary Naalchidi refused to have a Peacemaking session. He contacted the primary Naalchidi and decided to use another alternative to Peacemaking.

TPS Harrison completed nine (9) Life Value Engagements sessions. He used Haz'aadoo Na nitin, Clan System Adoone' e Ldli, Self-Care in Dine' Perspective.

### Peacemaking Program – Dził Yijiin Office

Traditional Program Specialist Anna Scott provides Peacemaking Program Services at Dził Yijiin Office.

She provided Life Value Engagement sessions for nine (9) pending 2023 cases that were referred by Dził Yijiin Judicial District for adult criminal offenses. All sessions were successful. She provided services for a walk-in request but closed for lack of interest.

She provided Life Value Engagement sessions for five (5) 2024 cases that were referred by Dził Yijiin Judicial District for criminal offenses. All sessions were successful.

She is providing Peacemaking and Life Value Engagement sessions for one (1) case that was referred by Dził Yijiin Judicial District resulting from one filing for a temporary protection order. This case is still being served.

She is providing Peacemaking and Life Value Engagement sessions for one (1) case that was referred by Northern Arizona Victim Witness Services. This case is still being served.

She attended multiple Diné Action Plan (DAP) meetings that entailed suicide, substance abuse, domestic violence, missing murdered Diné relatives (MMDR), and capacity building. At these meetings, she provides Diné traditional and culture teachings and Peacemaking Program support.

She attended the Human Trafficking Awareness Gathering at Navajo Nation Council Chambers.

She presented Peacemaking Program services at the Chinle Veteran Talking Circle event for veterans.

### Peacemaking Program – Tuba City Office

Traditional Program Specialist Rosiene Charley provides Peacemaking Program Services at Tuba City Office.

She traveled to the Peacemaking Program Chinle Office for an assigned case to conduct a session relating to Probate. Traditional Program Specialist Harry Begay assisted with this session, but the Naalchidi did not arrive. An outcome summary was submitted back to the court for Lack of Interest.

Community Peacemaker is continuing to work with a student and his family to address truancy and behavioral issues through the collaboration of the Tuba City Junior High School.



This quarter the Peacemaker conducted two Diné Family Group Conferences to achieve the goals listed within this report.

She received a total of one hundred fifty (150) cases. Eight (8) were carried over from last quarter. She provided thirty-eight (38) Individual Life Value Engagement sessions and one (1) Group Life Value Engagement session, some were in person, and some were through telephonic communication. She conducted seven (7) Diné Family Group Conference. Six (6) cases were resolved and successfully closed; three (3) cases were withdrawn due to lack of interest on behalf of Naalchidi; and nineteen (19) cases were referred to referring agencies due to lack of interest. The following topics were shared with Naalchidi to intervene and in hopes of preventing future disharmony.

**Truancy:** Many schools on the Navajo Nation face issues relating to habitual truancy; as a means of resolving the issue, some of the schools resort to the Peacemaking Program due to the following reason(s): (1) Most often they make referrals to other resources such as the Division of Social Services, and they are often informed truancy is not serious enough for them to address. (2) They often can't file with the court as they are told truancy is not a chargeable offense unless if it is a Child in Need of Supervision or for other Delinquent or Dependent offenses. The following information has been shared with the students and parents who receive services through the Peacemaking Program. *“Learning occurs in the home setting and at the school setting, it is important for the child to learn about their culture and the western education standards. This is necessary for the child to be a contributing member of society. Education is very important once one graduates and receives their high school diploma; it is as though the student has received a key to open doors to many opportunities that are awaiting, such as furthering their education, military careers and/or obtaining a job one must successfully complete the requirements of mandatory education from Kindergarten to a High School Senior. Traditional and Western education is equally important to successfully function in both worlds and to make a living. It is of vital importance as the student will someday return to fulfill the roles and responsibilities as leaders. A student should also be mindful and respectful of their parents/guardians/school officials and other individuals that they deal with daily. They must remember policies and rules are everywhere to provide boundaries and if one should overstep those boundaries consequences await. It is of utmost importance to remember our traditional values as we go about our day, to get up early and receive blessings that await, to remember ourselves, to always have self-respect and respect for others, to have reverence and to understand boundaries.”*

**Traditional Life Values:** Most of the individuals who receive services through the Peacemaking Program receive information on Traditional Life Values. Traditional Life Values teachings share common fundamental teachings that many of the Diné lack in today's age. As a result, there are social ills. The following information is shared: *“When we think about life values in the traditional perspective it could mean so many things i.e. self, family, livestock, home, teachings..., in western society life values could be about tangible or materialistic items. The most important values are teachings that you have received from near your parents or grandparents’ fireplace as these are blessings and protective way teachings that provide guidance in our journey throughout life. K’e’ is another important value, through this we understand our identity, respect, and provides stability. When we think about K’e’ one might understand it as relationship with others but it goes beyond that; it is your entire environment. K’e’ can even be scolded; in western thought that is constructive criticism. Through this you grow if perceived in a positive perspective. An individual also must understand that they are a value, to their family, loved ones, the community...each one of us play a crucial role. Presently, we live in a fast-paced world due to technology; therefore, it is easy to forget about yourself. To remember yourself say a prayer, visit your family and relatives, know your self-identity. Have reverence for yourself as you are a sacred individual, take care of your thoughts, your words, and your actions. Take care of yourself physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. Finally understand your limits and boundaries.”*

**Parenting:** I received a referral for a mother to receive parenting. The following information was shared with her: *“Diné philosophy is incorporated in parenting; from the day a fetus is conceived, the thoughts of the parents begin the process of a new life. During the three trimesters of the fetus’s development the parents should be cautious and observe all traditional protocol for their baby to be healthy. During this time the holy people are communicating with the fetus and imprint him/her with their fingerprints, whorl on top of their head and the tip of the tongue. Prior to the baby’s arrival, the mother has a Blessing Way Ceremony for a safe delivery. All while, the holy people wait for the perfect moment for the child to be born; the moment the baby is born and takes his/her first breath, a spiritual being enters the baby’s body and will be a part of the individual’s earthly journey. The placenta is reverently placed in a juniper tree. The immediate family establishes a bond with the newborn and grandma Fire is also present for the introduction to her new grandchild. The newborn’s dried umbilical cord falls off several days later, the parents reverently put the dried cord at the sheep or horse corral that the child will take care of the livestock and to always remember home. The holy people continue to communicate with the child, until his /her first laugh. Family or relative who made the child laugh is*

*responsible for cooking a feast for all to enjoy so the baby can have empathy for all who cross his/her path. The baby will reach many milestones during its first year with walking being one of them. This was the time to make the baby a pair of shoes, it would be anointed with corn pollen and patterns of footprints would be made with white or yellow corn meal depending on the sex of the baby. The baby would be guided on the footprints as this is the road of life. From zero to nine years of age the parents should take every opportunity to teach their child about the dos and don'ts of life; during this age the child receives the information and will remember and are very eager to please their parents. The parents should also be planning for future milestones such as the child's coming of age ceremonies. When the child becomes of age, they are now considered a young man or a young lady. A Kinaalda ceremony for the young lady and a sweat lodge ceremony is conducted for the young man. During this time the fundamental teachings of roles and responsibilities are shared by the child's elders. The adolescent continues to attend school and goes about their daily activities. It is during this time from 10 years of age to 18 years of age, the adolescent will learn by trial and error although he/she is discouraged from doing certain things. Nevertheless, the parents' responsibility is to continue to guide the adolescent in hopes that he or she will live a productive life and may someday live to be 102 years old. A parent's goal is to raise a resilient individual. However, if the parents do not mold the child, he or she may become disobedient, this is where gang involvement, delinquent acts, teen pregnancy, run aways, self-mutilation, suicide, bullying, truancy, and many others come into play. That is what elders meant when they cautioned about your child becoming a Nayee and the parents end up in a chaotic situation sometimes fearing for their lives. It is also important not to be involved with substances and domestic violence as this could result in affecting a child's overall wellbeing and most often that is where cycles are often reborn and often known as generational trauma. A parent must remember they are a child's first teacher."*

A total of twenty-eight (28) individuals came forth to Peacemaking Program through telecommunication or in person inquiring on court related issues; although they must file with the court first, they were informed of how Peacemaking Program might be of assistance to them. Others submitted requests for a copy of Peacemaking Agreements from prior sessions. Another individual brought her adolescent grandsons to Peacemaking for a talk to, regarding their behavior. The Behavioral Specialist of Tuba City Junior High School called regarding truancy referrals; information was provided to her along with a School Referral form.

A total of twenty-two (22) students and parents received services through the Peacemaking Program to address truancy related issues. Students were

encouraged to attend school, in hopes of a brighter future. While parents and school staff discussed the issue and how it can be resolved.

**Customer Service Training:** She assisted the Judicial Training Manager, Ms. Lahomah Bahe, with Customer Service from the Diné perspective to address the legislative concern. The following Judicial Districts and Programs received services: Window Judicial District, Tuba City Judicial District, Dził Yijiin Judicial District, Aneth Judicial District, To'Hajilee/Alamo Judicial District, Kayenta Judicial District, Dilkon Judicial District, Peacemaking Program and Supreme Court. A total of ninety-four (94) Navajo Nation Judicial staff participated. The staff shared positive remarks stating they enjoyed the traditional teachings relating to customer service, as the teachings took them back to their upbringing. However, it was brought to our attention that there was one district who submitted a complaint that the information shared in Navajo was not translated for the non-fluent audience. The following information was shared from the traditional perspective relating to Customer Service. *“Our mother, Changing Woman took rubbings off her skin from her chest, her arm pits, and her back to create the Diné. The process took much thought and planning as the process was very sacred. Next, she used the sacred stones of white shell, turquoise, abalone, and obsidian. The sacred stones became the skeletal structure, bodily fluid, fingernails/toenails, spinal cord, eyes, and hair color. The four sacred elements of earth, water, air, and fire were also implemented to bring the Diné to life. This is the primary reason it is said a Diné individual is a holistic five fingered being. Upon leaving the home of Changing Woman and returning to the vicinity of San Francisco Peak, the group ventured and looked for water as they had gotten thirsty. Upon finding water and observing each other’s reaction the first four clans (Towering House, Near the Water Clan, Bitter Water, Mud Clan) were established. One night the mountain lion (protector of the Near the Water clan) had a bad dream, when he was awakened by the bear (protector of the Towering House clan); mountain lion explained he dreamt that enemies were near and had attacked them. Through this the group used caution and asked one of the Near the Water clan to be vigilant throughout the night as he walked around the camp. Sometime in the night the individual alerted the group that there was horse hoof sound in the distance; the group prepared and successfully fought the battle with the Utes. In the morning, they celebrated their victory and informed the individual who was tasked in being the informant that he would now have his own clan of One Who Walks Around You. The western world states humans have five senses; however, Diné have a sixth sense which is dreams for self-awareness. There are many clans today, and each clan has a set of clans that they relate to which is called k’é ts’ósi; some of the clans received their clan names such as the story of the One Who Walks Around You and others based on settlement locations, talents and so on. K’e’ is a Diné Fundamental Law and it is often the most violated law. It*

*is important to have respect for customers and colleagues alike. K'e' is important because it helps one to understand their roles & responsibilities; boundaries; helping one another; teaching one another; taking care of one another; and discourages sexual harassment. Everything begins with each one of us individually, that is exactly what it means when you say k'odoo hozhoo doleel, that positivity begins with each one of us as a personal accountability. It is important to take care of your thoughts because if you are thinking in a negative way one will say what is on his/her mind and the same with acting it out. Be careful with your words as they can heal or hurt others. Be careful with your actions. Thinking in a counterclockwise direction often leads to having a negative attitude at work, being lazy, depending on others, refusing to acknowledge responsibilities, and having 'it's not my problem' attitude. Thinking in a clockwise direction helps one to be mindful that one can turn negative situations into positive situations such as living with everyday Nayee. When this is achieved one will enjoy work and put in 120% of their efforts despite the circumstances. Understanding Blessing Way Teachings and Protection Way Teachings were shared with the group including constructive criticism to turn negative into positive and shared the purpose of hashkee and using the Employees Policies and Procedures as a form of be'atsxís for staff discipline. The Diné Philosophy was also shared with the group, to inform them each day we think about the task at hand, then plan the day and accomplish it, and upon completing the task we reflect this is where improvements are made."*

**Hataa' Bajin ne'aszh Bahane':** The Office of Navajo Government Development requested for a Traditional Group Education relating to the Twin Warrior Narrative for the Navajo Government Development's regular meeting at the Bodaway Gap Chapter House. There was a total of 32 participants in person and virtually. The audience had positive feedback on the stories that were shared with them. The story is shared vaguely in this synopsis out of respect as spring has arrived. The following was shared, *"The Diné traditional stories begin at a place called the Black World; the journey story goes to the Blue World then on to the Yellow World. At the Yellow World there was the separation of the sexe; as a result unnatural children that are known as monsters were born. The monsters caused chaos and unrest. Through prayers the miraculous birth of White Shell Woman occurred. Within four days White Shell Woman had reached puberty and a Beauty Way ceremony called the Kinalda was performed on her so that she could give life in the means of giving birth. Days later White Shell Woman became pregnant with her children, who we call the Twin Warriors (Monster Slayer & Child Born of Water). The conception of the twins occurred as a miracle through the prayers that were offered in hopes of redemption from the monsters. The holy deities established k'e' as grandparents with the twins and prepared them physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually for their life's*

*journeys. Upon learning of who their biological father was they went on a quest to meet him and to request that they use his sacred weapons to get rid of the monsters roaming the land. Other characters helped them to travel safely and to be able to overcome obstacles that lay ahead through giving them certain paraphernalia such as prayer feathers. Upon arrival at their father's home, he tested them to confirm that they were his biological children. Upon passing all the tests they were welcome into the family and were able to receive the weapons that they sought. Once they returned home, they went about and slayed all the monsters except for the ones who pleaded for their lives stating they are needed for human beings to learn to exist in a positive way among them. The story of the creation of the first four clans was also shared with the group."*

She presented on the Peacemaking Program history and services on two occasions to two outside adversarial entities. The first presentation was provided at the Coconino County Attorney's Office per the request of Chief Deputy Attorney, Coordinator for Indigenous Initiatives of the City Manager's Office. The Indigenous Initiatives Committee did a report on how to help Diné that are situated in the border town of Flagstaff, AZ, and the surrounding vicinity to prevent recidivism and developing resources to successfully reintegrate individuals with their families. They reached out to the Peacemaking Program to learn more about Peacemaking services and Navajo culture to have a better understanding of Diné people and to work better with our Diné relatives. She did a Peacemaking Program presentation with a total of twenty-one (21) attorneys. They received the information well and had some questions relating to services. The second presentation was at the 2024 Juvenile Judges Spring Conference in Moab, UT; through the collaboration efforts with the Administrative Office of the Courts and Tribal Liaison with the Administrative Office of the Courts. She learned some of the Juvenile Judges dealt with numerous Navajo children in the areas of St. George, Kanab, and Montezuma Creek, UT to name a few. The Judges were particularly interested in the Peacemaker Youth Apprenticeship, there was one Judge who shared he knows of several Diné youth who fit into the criteria as they are young leaders in the community, and he would refer them for apprenticeship. The Judges and staff all made positive remarks regarding the presentation, and one said it was the best presentation she had heard within the last three days. There was a total of sixty-four (64) participants who listened to the presentation. *"The Peacemaking Program offices are located at every Judicial District across the Navajo Nation; there are 13 Judicial Districts. At each Peacemaking office, there is a Traditional Program Specialist, who are full time employees; there are also Peacemakers who are primarily volunteers to assist with the Peacemaking services. The Peacemaking Program is under the Navajo Nation Judicial Branch; however, it is a horizontal justice system that offers restorative justice through non-*

*adversarial means. Diné have always had a non-adversarial dispute resolution method since time immemorial, as they are also mentioned in traditional stories. The Diné were first exposed to the Anglo court system in 1864 in Ft. Sumner, New Mexico. According to stories it is said that is where the Diné court got its name Diné bée góoldí, this is a misinterpretation of the words, Court Day. Upon the signing of the Treaty of 1868, the Diné were released from Ft. Sumner to return to their homeland. However, that came with westernized changes meaning there would be schools for children, trading posts, railroads, including the establishment of courts. Some of the Diné leaders were appointed to be Judges, under the instructions of the BIA Agent. In 1952, the Diné leaders were confident they could establish the Navajo Nation Court System through tribal sovereignty. As of today, this commemoration is celebrated at each Judicial District annually. In 1982, the Navajo Nation Peacemaking Court was established by the Navajo Judges through research conducted with grassroots elders. This was done because the people did not quite understand the adversarial method as it was foreign to them. Upon learning the traditional method was to talk things out utilizing K'e' with culturally relevant teachings, the Judges agreed this would give the people a choice of how they wanted to resolve their disputes whether it was westernized or traditional. She shared the story of my maternal grandparents utilizing traditional Peacemaking in the late 1930s or early 1940s to learn to live in harmony together for over 50 years, based on the agreement that took place at that time. In early 2000s, the former Chief Justice Claudeen Bates-Arthur reviewed Peacemaking Court and removed the word Court as this was not a court practice. In 2002, the Council acknowledged Diné Fundamental Law under Title II. Diné Fundamental Law and its components of Natural, Traditional, Customary and Common Law, were shared. At the conclusion of presentations, highlights and accomplishments of the program were shared.*

#### Peacemaking Program - Kayenta Office

Traditional Program Specialist Andy Harrison Jr. provides Peacemaking Program Services at Kayenta Office.

He received two (2) referrals for Peacemaking sessions from Kayenta Judicial District. He closed one (1) case due to Naałchidíí failing to contact Peacemaking Program Kayenta Office. The other case is pending, waiting on Naałchidíí to confirm with family members to have a peacemaking session. The Naałchidíí confirmed that the family members decided to withdraw their request.

He orientated and trained three community-based Peacemakers, who are Mr. Kenneth Johnson, Mr. Harrison Begay, and Mrs. Betty Dobson. Peacemaking Program Kayenta Office has five (5) certified Peacemakers to provide Peacemaking Program services.

He received a referral for Life Value Engagement session from Kayenta Judicial District. He completed the Life Value Engagement session using the Hooghan Haz'aadoo Na nitin, Clan System Adoone' e Ldli, and Self-Care in Dine' Perspective.

He is contacting schools within Peacemaking Program Kayenta service area, advising them of Peacemaking Program services. He has reached out to the local chapters requesting to be on their next planning and regular chapter meetings to provide a presentation on Peacemaking Program services

#### Peacemaking Program – Aneth Office

Traditional Program Specialist Alfonso Nez Jr. provides peacemaking program services at Shiprock and Aneth Offices.

He received a truancy referral from Bluff Elementary for Life Value Engagement session(s). He provided sessions of using K'e, relationship to the child, responsible teen, Nayee', Nayee' Ye' ii tsoh Story, traditional disciplining, being a parent is a job, and importance of education.

He conducts two (2) Life Value Engagement sessions for walk-in requests for two adults with behavioral issues. He provided traditional teachings on Íiná bił dah naaskíd, communication, respecting family relationships and continuing with reverence in overcoming adversities.

He received a walk-in request for Life Value Engagement session on land issues. This case is pending submission of program documents.

He is collaborating with local resources in presenting Peacemaking Program services and providing traditional talks.

#### Peacemaking Program – Shiprock Office

Traditional Program Specialist Myron Begay started with Peacemaking Program on Monday, February 05, 2024. Since then, he is being orientated and trained for the position. He is contacting the chapters, schools, and programs within Shiprock Agency for introduction and providing presentations on Peacemaking Program services.

He conducted Group Life Value Engagement session for Shiprock Alternative School Incorporation (SASI) faculty on K'e, clans, parenting at home/work, parenting styles to increase productivity within workplace.

He provided a presentation on Peacemaking Program services to the Human Resource Coordinator at SASI.

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



- Uniform Peacemaking Program Services.
- Review and revise Peacemaking Program Plan of Operation.
- Implement Peacemaking Program Case Management Procedure.
- Fill vacant Peacemaking Program positions.
- Continue to provide presentations Dine Fundamental Law and traditional teachings.
- Coordinate recruiting for new Peacemakers.
- Improve Peacemaking Program services, such as, Peacemaking Sessions, Individual Life Value Engagement (ILVE), Group Life Value Engagement (GLVE), and Dine Family Group Conferences (DFGC), Peacemaker Youth Education and Apprenticeship Program.

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

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

The first goal has been achieved. Chief Probation Officer Lucinda Yellowhair and Probation and Parole Services (PPS) Management revisited training issues for FY2024. It was discussed to fulfill the objective goals and budgeted funds for the remainder of FY2024. American Probation & Parole Association (APPA) training was fulfilled. Basic Tribal Probation was cancelled because PPS was informed the curriculum would consist of basic curriculum. During the pandemic and while telecommuting, newly hired staff were referred to attend the virtual basic tribal probation academy that was hosted by Fox Valley Technical College at no cost. Therefore, all staff are ready for the advanced tribal probation academy. Most of the probation officers were trained and certified in Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) in 2017. Certification has now expired and ready to recertify the staff and initiate the MRT sessions in all PPS districts. The recertification training will be scheduled the week of June 3-7, 2024, at the Sandra Day O'Connor Probation Service Meeting Room.

The next goal to be scheduled and placed on the Law and Order Committee (LOC) agenda has not been achieved. Madame Chair Eugenia Charles-Newton agreed to sponsor the Plan of Operation renewal. There has been communication exchanged with Delegate Charles-Newton on the next LOC agenda, which had to be rescheduled due to conflicts in schedules.

The next goal was accomplished of PPS staff attending the 2024 Winter Session American Probation & Parole Association (APPA) training in Seattle, Washington. Staff, including the PPS managing staff, the Senior Probation Officers and Chief Probation Officer, traveled to Seattle, Washington to attend the training session, which was a success. The probation staff experienced first-hand information and training.

The next goal was accomplished. Chief Probation Officer Yellowhair completed the task of evaluating the Senior Probation Officers and submitted to the Office of Human Resources. Senior Probation Officers also submitted their staff evaluations. Probation & Parole Services prioritizes evaluation for the month of January to ensure all evaluations are completed and submitted.

The revision of the quarterly report was not achieved in this quarter. It will be placed back into the goal identification for the next quarter. A discussion of the topic will be made available for Senior Probation Officers and Chief Probation Officer during the quarter.

## **2. OTHER SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

The first quarter of 2024 was a time of identifying new projects aside from the budget. It is time to reflect on closing out projects that were not completed from the previous fiscal year. Chief Probation Officer Yellowhair focused on expending the first quarter 25% of the PPS budget. The PPS management team identified needs for PPS staff in terms of supplies for operational, custodial, and building issues. The first expenditures were met and satisfied. The team is working on the next 25% budget expenditures.

Chief Probation Officer and Senior Probation Officer JoAnn Holyan-Terry were invited to join AOC Acting Judicial Administration Director Karen Francis, Acting Peacemaking Coordinator Dempsey Harvey and Law & Order Chairperson Delegate Eugenia Charles Newton to the radio station KGAK in Gallup, New Mexico to participate in an educational radio forum. A presentation of our department, duties and responsibilities and initiatives were shared with the listeners, the people. This was a good experience and opportunity for PPS to share all the significant duties that come with receiving a case after adjudication and supervision as the primary statutory responsibility. The information sharing was recommended to be announced in the Navajo language which Chief Probation Officer Yellowhair was able to achieve and share with the public. It was an overall good experience and information sharing.

Chief Probation Officer identified committee assignment for each Senior Probation Officer aside from supervising their staff. Committee assignment is as follows.

Harmon Mason – EPP Revision Committee & JB Strategic Planning Committee

Sheila Begishie – PPS Safety Committee & Case Management Task Force Committee

JoAnn Holyan-Terry – JB Training Committee & Diné Action Plan

Chief Probation Officer will also be attending these committee meetings and work sessions.

In this quarter, the PPS Safety team have been actively scheduling meetings to begin moving forward implementing training, identifying equipment needs for continual defensive tactic training, and coordinating the initial development of a draft policy for probation services. The Safety team consist of a lead facilitator, Senior Probation Officer Sheila Begishie. Senior PO Begishie has scheduled two meetings for the purpose of introducing the purpose of the committee, and its goals and objectives. Senior PO Begishie has reported to the Round Table Management meetings updates of the Safety committee meetings. Currently, they are identifying training for this summer, purchasing equipment for the defensive tactic training which will be an annual event, and preparing for policy issues. The policy issues they will be drafting will eventually be inserted into the revisions of the Standard Operating Procedures manual. Another significant area to report is the collaboration with Mr. Scott Murphy, USPO-District of Arizona. Mr. Scott works from the Flagstaff office and has offered to work with NNPPS for guidance, support, training, and recommendation for equipment purchases. Mr. Murphy has been very helpful and happy to work with the Safety team and is always open to assistance. Thus far, there are positive updates.

There was an opportunity for the overall PPS staff to attend the Winter Session American Probation & Parole Association (APPA) training institute in Seattle, Washington. After the travel and training

was achieved, PPS staff had a debriefing of their first attendance to APPA. Probation staff responded with gratitude for their experience and participation. The supervision and direct services tools they walked away with and are now applying is the wider perspective of their duties and responsibilities. A better understanding of concepts of case management, supervision and networking was acknowledged. It was enlightening to hear how their supervision concepts are different in terms of region, social engagement, and resources. They expressed the importance of integrating the way of life and language, and how Ke' plays a very important role in their supervision. They understood that in the Navajo probation supervision, there is an emphasis on co-existence between western and cultural way of living. Probation staff shared various expressions of their experience and attendance.

Another significant accomplishment that was identified and assigned for PPS to complete was case certification. Chief Probation Officer and Senior Probation Officer Sheila Begishie attended two work sessions and training to prepare for the upcoming case certification. Case certification was initially a task the Courts are vested with annually, however this year the Acting Director of Administration directed to include to task Probation Services with certifying all incoming cases within probation services. It was a daunting task at the beginning, as the management team discussed and identified a process of how to account for cases; the process to account for cases received fell in place and assigned to all probation officers. At the result of case certification, it was expressed by staff that perhaps case certification for PPS is a good task annually. Some have realized that accounting for all cases is another way of checking and balance system for their cases. Probation Officers expressed during PPS quarterly meeting their feedback on case certification the realization of being accountable for cases received, how it allows a check and balance for the case management system and to ensure case received is first entered into the Just Ware, logged into the master log and or individual log and a hard copy file is retained. These are the three areas where cases should be accounted for. Accuracy and accountability are also reflected in the statistical information generated by each probation officer. Perhaps PPS will include case accounting annually as the department moves forward.

While attending the APPA training, Chief Probation Officer Yellowhair attended the leadership session regarding Tribal Issues facilitated by Mark Dyea, Tribal Grants Manager for APPA. The purpose of this session was to discuss tribal issues such as barriers and challenges tribes face and experience. Finding solutions and recommendations to overcome issues was also a discussion. Chief Probation Officer Yellowhair was given an opportunity to provide an overview of Navajo Nation Probation Services. Mr. Dyea intends to hold tribal issue sessions as such to share so other tribal affiliates can suggest or provide some assistance and or guidance. The session was helpful in terms of understanding that all indigenous tribes across the Country face obstacles and are not the same.

Chief Probation Officer Yellowhair was invited to attend the Diné Action Plan Advisory Group meeting in Kayenta, Arizona. Chief Probation Officer Yellowhair attended the two-day meeting and participated in discussions related to subcommittees within the Advisory Group, identifying needs, and work sessions planning for the upcoming Data Summit Presentation. Discussions included, Sharepoint procedures, data sharing agreement with various departments for background checks, work group member listing and items listed for strategic planning. Chief Probation Officer was assigned to be included in the Building Capacity task group. Actions plans were discussed in various assigned groups. Plans were identified for upcoming summits and presentations.

Chief Probation Officer Yellowhair was able to compile and complete the annual report to the Office of Administration. Included in the report were goals, objectives that were met and accomplished.

The information provides tasks and duties that are identified to be task completion which provides enhancement and moving forward with other significant goals to meet the needs of the people PPS serves, quality assurance, professional and knowledgeable services and communication with the clients, family, and communities.

The Chief Probation Officer scheduled two budget work sessions. The first work session was scheduled for the PPS management team and Office Technician who support the management team. The first work session was to discuss the needs for FY2025 in terms of training, supplies, equipment, and other needs for operational functions. The proposed budget was drafted and submitted to Ms. Sandra Dalgai. The second budget meeting was held with Financial Services, Ms. Sandra Dalgai and Ms. Linda Williams, the assigned PPS fiscal specialist who assists and supports the budget expenditures and finances for PPS. At the end of the meeting, the PPS management team updated the draft budget and submitted it to AOC. The difference in the budget funding for FY2025 is that the PPS management team's travel, training, and other operational needs are not included being that they were instructed in March 2024 with no documentation to reflect changes to utilize the 638 funding. Thus, there will be a slight reduction in the general funds travel and operations cost proposed for FY2025.

Chief Probation Officer Yellowhair ended the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter scheduling a collaboration meeting between Probation & Parole Services and Peacemaking Program staff. The meeting of the two departments was scheduled in Chinle. The intent of the meeting was to reintroduce staff because of new staff and new acting leadership for Peacemaking. The second intent was to revisit the concept of Life Value Engagement (LVE). The purpose and intent of this concept is for probation officers to have a better understanding of client referrals, the type of teaching received and how it will positively impact the client's wellbeing. The Peacemaking program explained the culture and teachings of LVE cultural concept. The presentation of LVE brought clarification and better understanding. Acting Coordinator Harvey and Chief Probation Officer Yellowhair discussed and agreed to continue the collaboration meetings and training for the purpose of updates and further knowledge and understanding.

Due to shortage of probation officers in the Window Rock, Chinle, Tuba City, Kayenta and Dilkon Districts, probation officers from across the miles have been assigned to take on cases to assist their colleagues who need assistance with case load, presentence investigations and reports, and other court ordered requests. For this reason, PPS has revamped and uniformed the case management system and processes for the purpose of reassignment of cases. Processes, forms, and conditions are uniform; reassignment, reviewing, case staffing and exit interviews are uniformed; and to date, PPS notes and recognize that uniformity works and is consistent.

### **3. OBJECTIVES TO BE ACCOMPLISHED IN THE NEXT QUARTER**

To coordinate the MRT training for probation officers and Senior Probation Officers.

To schedule with LOC to place the PPS Plan of Operation on the agenda for updates and renewal.

To facilitate the revisit of the department statistic version.

To continue the enhancement of PPS department.

To revisit the submission of quarterly reports.

### **District Summary**

No significant reporting from district probation officers for the first quarter. Probation Officers primarily reported on updating, implementing a case plan and risk assessment for their cases. Local resources meetings are taking place in most of the districts, communicating and collaborating with their respective local resources.

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

#### **ANETH**

Probation Officer Norton reports in this quarter that she was assigned to assist Kayenta Probation & Parole Services (KYPPS) regarding case load supervision. Kayenta PPS currently has one vacant probation officer's position, which leaves one probation officer to handle all incoming cases. Probation Officer Norton is assigned to help Probation Officer Geneva Salt. Probation Officer Norton travels to Kayenta to meet her clients for in-person report ins. She also spends the day in Kayenta as she receives cases such as presentence reports, application for legal counsel, deferred prosecution, and pre-trial releases. Probation Officer Norton schedules her day in Kayenta handling her assigned cases working out of the Kayenta office.

Probation Officer Norton expressed her experience with case certification was an experience for her to account for all her cases. Her responses to account for her cases was a check and balance system to ensure all her cases were accounted for and she is accountable for her assigned cases. It was a task that opened new perspectives on case management systems.

#### **CHINLE**

Probation Officer Aldrian Draper reports her assignment of cases from a former Probation Officer who resigned in December 2023. Upon receiving her assigned cases she initially reviewed and assessed the cases. Officer Draper found most cases received were inconsistent and needed to be updated. This process took time aside from her own cases. Probation Officer Draper merged all cases into one case load for statistical purposes and appropriate case management system supervision.

Probation Officer Draper reports her travel and attendance at the Winter APPA Training in Seattle, Washington. She claims she returned with the abundance of information and knowledge she acquired. One important concept she returned with was the evidence-based concept of developing a roadmap to success by helping clients develop goals and how to successfully apply their own goals to themselves which then changes their own perspective of themselves. Officer Draper is confident and eager to resume her work with clients with successful intentions and new beginnings.

Probation Officer Dalton was assigned to be on the PPS Safety Committee with other PPS colleagues. The purpose of her assignment is to collaborate for upcoming training and identify equipment for defensive tactic gear and assist to draft a policy to be inserted into the Standard Operating Procedures. Officer Dalton is eager to work with the Safety team moving forward

identifying safety measures for the overall probation department. She claims she is happy and willing to assist, to be a part of this team, to engage and provide recommendations with the team to further enhance the probation safety areas of the department. Probation Officer Dalton also added that the presentation provided by Mr. Scott Murphy, USPO-District of Arizona, Flagstaff office has provided them some guidance, suggestions and recommendation for training and appropriate equipment purchase and needs for future trainings. Officer Dalton feels confident and excited to see the result of overall safety measures for PPS.

### CROWNPOINT

Probation Officer Shawn Bodie provided a report indicating he attended the APPA training virtually because he chose not to attend in person. He attended several sessions that were offered through virtual means which were slightly different than the in-person sessions. He reports he took learning tools away to apply to his cases and to his probation awareness methods and techniques.

### KAYENTA

Probation Officer Geneva Salt reports in this quarter that she collaborated with Department of Behavioral Health Services, Outpatient Services to conduct her domestic violence class that include Officer Salt's clients at the Kayenta PPS Conference Room. Thus far, ongoing sessions have been successful and on schedule.

Probation Officer Salt is a solo probation officer in the Kayenta District, therefore requires assistance to main a higher case load. Probation Officer Bettina Norton has been assigned some of Kayenta's cases and has been traveling out to Kayenta to assist Officer Salt. Officer Norton's assistance has been a great help and support.

Probation Officer Salt also reports that she has been receiving higher cases in pre-trial services aside from additional probation duties and responsibilities.

### RAMAH

Probation Officer Brendolyn Natan reports she was temporarily assigned cases from the Dził Yijiin (DY) Probation Services. Officer Natan has been reviewing and making contacts with clients to ensure she was able get all the information and instructions for report-ins from across the miles. Thus far, Officer Natan reports she has been updating and making sure all cases are updated in the Just Ware system as well as the hard copy folders. Officer Natan will supervise the DY cases until the new probation officer is hired.

### SHIPROCK

Probation Officers Calvin Silas and Lucy Yesslith met with Family Crisis Center in Farmington, New Mexico. The purpose of their initiative was to obtain information on services they provide such as 52-week domestic violence sessions, individual and or group substance abuse counseling, women who use force program, and a resiliency group for juveniles. End result meeting was to network, share information and initiate a collaborative or joint understanding to send clients for counseling purposes.

During this quarter Shiprock Probation & Parole Services received their Adopt-A-Highway sign and posted at mile marker 18 and 19 on Highway 64 in Shiprock, NM. It was decided among the staff that they would pick up trash quarterly as community support and time for wellness exercise activity. Probation Officers will coordinate with New Mexico Department of Highway-District 5 office for trash bags and schedule time and date.

Probation Officer Silas continues his successful bicycle efforts. He collaborates with the Youth (YES) program and the Diné Bike Project. He refers clients that need transportation in the local Shiprock areas, primarily for clients who come from miles across the town limits and those who are ordered to obtain counseling services and/or need transportation for personal wellbeing.

Probation Officer Clorissa Thomas was invited to the Aste Biyaazh Elementary School to conduct a presentation to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Topics she addressed were making smart choices, cyberbullying, empowering students, and educational information on ill effects of alcohol and drugs. Officer Thomas's presentation includes group engagement and participation from students. Officer Thomas demonstrated her presentations with activity sheets that have pictures of the movement of alcohol and drugs through the body and how it affects your body and mental wellbeing. Officer Thomas enjoys presentations as such, and it is a rewarding sentiment demonstrated by the student's gratitude and sentiments.

Probation Officer Lucy Yesslith reports the highlight of her quarter among other significant accomplishments this quarter was to share and elaborate her training travel she attended through APPA in Seattle. The opportunity to attend sessions such as center youth and families to individualize probation; minimize confinement; look to encourage success, not punish failure and be a bridge to opportunity and connection in the community; be a coach, teacher, mentor, and advocate, not a compliance monitor; aim for progress, not perfection; and hold probation accountable for meaningful results.

Officer Yesslith and Officer Thomas left a positive and rewarding sentiment about how they left certain sessions feeling proud and prideful of being a Navajo and being a team player of the Navajo PPS.

Probation Officer Yesslith also attended a board meeting that involved the Shiprock Healing Circle Drop-in Center. The Center offers Navajo Wellness Class, Sisters Support Group, Parenting class, AA meetings, and men's sweat lodge and talking circle. The Drop-in Center also offers community involvement using arts and crafts.

## TUBA CITY

Probation Officer Jonathon Nez initiated network contacts to ensure proper referral placement for his clients. He contacted Coconino County Juvenile Probation Services in Page, Arizona for assistance to obtain a listing of their clients to ensure clients are not also on their active listing; he also requested available resources in Page.

Officer Nez reports he reviewed each case and noticed minimal contacts and supervision were conducted and went back through the cases to thoroughly review conditions and met with clients to conduct other conditional services such as drug testing and found clients were not adhering to court order conditions. Officer Nez sat down with clients to explain the consequences of the tests and how

they would like to be accountable for themselves, continue to move through the criminal justice system or begin making cognitive changes to their lifestyles. Office Nez reports his intent is to work with clients to decrease alcohol and substance abuse, criminal activity and restore harmony with oneself referring to clients, victims, and family.

Officer Nez also reports he participated and attended the Winter APPA training through virtual training means. Officer Nez reports he took from the training the coaching concept in terms of supervision and how he put into thought the concept which relates to the concept of restoring and progress. As a new probation officer, Probation Officer Nez is still in the learning stages, but what he took away from the APPA training was listening and identifying areas to improve and use as a goal clients set for themselves. He claims it was great to be provided with the opportunity to attend the virtual training.

### TO'HAJIILEE/ALAMO

Probation Officer Lauren Billy is one probation officer who was assigned to assist another probation officer across the miles due to lack of manpower. Probation Officer Billy was assigned to assist Tuba City PPS. The assignment from across the miles was an experience for her. She was able to assist and experience the difference between regions, people, slight language differences and way of life. She also experienced handling a larger caseload and working with court staff from across the miles. The advantage and adjustment were easy because of the internal uniform process PPS obtains.

Probation Officer Billy reached out to Probation Officer Clorissa Thomas, Shiprock Probation Officer, for a case plan presentation. Officer Billy is in the process of developing case plans for all her active cases according to her training she received from APPA.

### WINDOW ROCK

Probation Officer Antoinette Begay and Probation Officer Melody Hunyumtewa have been assigned to oversee the Dilkon probation cases. Currently, Dilkon is not a stationed probation office. Window Rock probation officers schedule and travel to Dilkon once a week to update, attend hearings, and check in their clients for Dilkon. Thus far, they have managed their time to schedule the one day for Dilkon. Currently, they are managing. Good job to Window Rock Probation Officers and to all Officers who are assisting their sister districts where they are needed.

## **VII. Judicial Conduct Commission**

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

The Judicial Conduct Commission held a meeting on January 27, 2024. The Commission reviewed and discussed two complaints that were received directly from the complainants. The Commission does not have authority to accept complaints directly from complainants; complaints must be referred from the Chief Justice or the Law and Order Committee to the Commission.



The Judicial Conduct Commission held a work session on February 24, 2024, to review and discuss potential revisions to Title 7 of the Navajo Nation Code.

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

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) assisted the judicial districts with building and maintenance issues, such as repairs and other issues. These issues included the Dilkon Judicial District roof, repairs at Aneth Judicial District and assisting with the Window Rock District Court modular building.

The Administrative Office of the Courts assisted with the expenditure of funds related to the American Rescue Plan Act Fiscal Recovery Funds. The Judicial Branch received \$5,876,685 through the Defunded CARES Act allocation. The AOC assisted with issuing Requests for Proposals and assisted the judicial courts and programs with purchasing needed equipment and supplies utilizing the funds.

The Administrative Office of the Courts led the planning for the annual Justice Day event for the Window Rock area courts and programs for April 1, 2024, in commemoration of the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Navajo Nation court system.

The Acting Administrative Director attended Law and Order Committee meetings and work sessions including: February 1, 2024 leadership meeting; February 12, 2024 meeting; February 16, 2024 work session on the judicial/public safety fund priority list legislation; February 23, 2024 leadership meeting on probate; February 24, 2024 meeting at Whitehorse High School; March 12, 2024 work session; and March 25, 2024 meeting. The Acting Administrative Director was also one of the agents for the presentation of Legislation 0278-23 sponsored by Chairwoman Eugenia Charles-Newton and Speaker Crystalyne Curley to approve the judicial/public safety fund priority list during the January 8, 2024 regular meeting and March 4, 2024 special meeting. The legislation was not approved.

The Administrative Office of the Courts staff continued to conduct site visits this quarter for purposes of inventorying equipment and property at the judicial districts and to assist the courts and programs in developing their Fiscal Year 2025 general funds budget. In addition, the Branch's Training Manager, along with Rosiene Charley of the Peacemaking Program, did an excellent job in providing customer service training from both the western and the traditional perspective at the judicial districts throughout the second quarter.

The Automation and Information Technology Manager retired effective March 29, 2024. The Judicial Branch thanks Mr. Ben Mariano for 28+ years of service with the Branch. Mr. Mariano assisted the Branch with implementing the Justware case management system, implementing payment by credit card at district courts, and equipping Branch personnel with the ability to telecommute during the pandemic.

### **Human Resources Office**

#### **Recruitment**

1. To fill judge and staff vacancies, Human Resources (HR) advertises on the Judicial Branch and law school websites, social media sites, local newspapers and radio stations, local/state organizations, and with national tribal organizations. Job vacancy announcements (JVA) have been posted at the following law schools:

- University of New Mexico School of Law
- Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor School of Law
- University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law
- University of Colorado School of Law in Boulder, Colorado
- University of Utah School of Law
- Brigham Young University J. Rueben Clark Law School
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas, William S. Boyd School of Law
- University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law
- University of California, Berkeley, School of Law
- University of Oregon School of Law

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

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

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

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

2. HR attends career days at local universities and colleges, and area law schools as part of its recruitment efforts. During this quarter, the HR Specialist attended the following recruiting events:

- Navajo Nation Corrections Career Fair, Tuba City, AZ
- Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources Career Fair, Window Rock, AZ
- Diné College Job Fair, Tsaile, AZ
- Diné College Career Fair, Shiprock, NM

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

### **Judge Applicants**

No judge applications were received in this quarter.

**Selection during FY 24 First Quarter:** During this quarter, HR processed new hire, resignation, and retirement personnel action forms (PAF), as well as change notice PAFs (introductory to regular status).

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

The Judicial Branch programs and districts engaged in tele- or video-conference or in-person interviews to recruit and select for the vacancies. HR conducts the initial onboarding process for new hires. When the new employee reports to work in-person, the districts/programs conduct in-person trainings for new hires.

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

### **January 2024**

- Training Manager and Peacemaking staff provided Customer Service Training in the following Judicial Districts: Window Rock, Tuba City, Dził Yijiin, Aneth, To'Hajiilee, Alamo, Kayenta.

### **February 2024**

- Training Manager and Peacemaking staff provided Customer Service Training in the following Judicial Districts: Dilkon, Tuba City, Supreme Court.
- Sexual Harassment Awareness and Prevention Training: 1 virtual session, 1 hybrid session at Kayenta, and 1 in person session at Dził Yijiin.
- Five (5) virtual trainings on the Step Increase process
- Judicial Branch Training Committee Work Session.

### **March 2023**

- HR staff attend a Navajo language reading and writing 2-day training provided by the Peacemaking Program.
- Sexual Harassment Awareness and Prevention Training: 1 virtual session
- Judicial Branch Employee Policies and Procedures Training: 1 virtual session
- Training Manager attended a Tribal Human Resources Professional Certification Training in Albuquerque, NM.

## **Policy Development**

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

1. Judicial Branch court safety policy

## 2. Training Policy

### **Other**

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

### **Information Technology**

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

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

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

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

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

Provided JustWare user training for new employees.

Attended the bi-weekly Judicial Branch teleconference meetings.

Continue to prepare and configure computers for new employees hired by Judicial Branch. Also assist with establishing email, Microsoft 365 profiles.

Begin attending mandatory Executive Staff meetings.

Attended Hashkeeji Fund meetings and work sessions.

Continue meetings with Pine Technologies to update JusticeWeb API portals.

Attended meetings on expenditures of American Rescue Plan Act funds for the Judicial Branch.

Continue working on Request For Proposals (RFP) for purchase of audio archiving for the courts to replace dated equipment.

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

Server UPS batteries have been purchased, deployed, installed and configured at the district courts.

Microsoft 365 has been fully deployed to Microsoft Cloud Services.

DUO has been implemented, a security appliance for remote access to the Navajo Nation servers.

Aneth District Court has been re-cabled to current Ethernet CAT6 standards and the network infrastructure has been relocated in the building.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

To repair and maintain JustWare on-line payment portals.

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

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

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

### **1. Accomplishments**

- a. Monitoring approved Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Navajo Nation Integrated Justice Information Sharing Project (NNIJISP) of \$375,000 by processing procurement of computer equipment for partners.
- b. Prepared the FY2024 Budget for Fixed Cost amount of \$375,000, which contains the following Account Codes: 1) 5500-Communications and Utilities of \$158,000; 2) 6000-Repairs and Maintenance of \$168,000; and 3) 7000-Special Transactions of \$24,000. These amounts are shared and in support for use by Division of Public Safety/Information Management Section, Social Services/Family Services, Judicial Branch Courts, Probation and Parole Services, Peacemaking Program, and Department of Information Services, who are all key components of the Navajo Nation justice community.
- c. Provided computer equipment specification to staff and gathered quotes for Judicial Branch upon request. Assisted in completing Professional Service Contract for WASP, Inventory Barcode System, Pine Technology, LLC for JustWare Support and Maintenance, and Matrix Imaging for Support and Maintenance of archived court files. Also assisted in Judicial Branch Requests for Proposals and bid openings of eFiling for Judicial Branch, Recorders for Courts, Laptops and Docking Stations for Judicial Branch. In the process of requesting quotes for 180 Monitors to be replaced across Judicial Courts.
- d. Attended TEAMS meetings for; Weekly IT Updates, Office Technician, Budget Preparation by Fiscal Office financial, monthly Navajo Nation Integrated Justice Information Sharing Project (NNIJISP) meeting regarding JustWare, case management system used by all partners of NNIJISP.
- e. Attended on-line meetings: Law and Order Committee, Court Administrators, Budget and Finance Committee, Peacemaking Program, and Administrative Office of the Courts.

### **2. Activities**

- a. Completed IT service requests for software support, software upgrades for desktop computers, installation of printers, hardware and software trouble shooting.
- b. Provided quotes to purchase computer equipment, printers, external drives, desktops, and laptops for Administrative Office of the Courts, Supreme Court, and Judicial Courts.

- c. Completed NNIJISP 1st Quarter and Performance Criteria reports.
- d. Assisting Larry Hoskie, Acting Information Technology Manager, with administrative duties when necessary.
- e. Coordinated, facilitated monthly NNIJISP meetings.
- f. Conducting physical inventory for Information Technology Office and assisted Fiscal Department with Fixed Assets and Office Furniture inventory as well.

**3. Objectives for the next quarter**

- a. Assist Bennie Francisco Jr, Director Administrative Office of Courts, with coordinating NNIJISP meeting dates, meeting agenda and scheduling.
- b. Provide continuous information technology support of JustWare, hardware and software for Judicial Branch.
- c. Complete receiving reports and pay internet and communications billing statement.
- d. Assist in closing outstanding Dell invoices.
- e. Assist Financial Staff with Request for Proposals, Bid Openings, Bid Tabulation Sheets, quotes to expend ARPA funds by June 2024.
- f. Complete NNIJISP Quarterly and Performance Criteria reports and provide Information Technology support information numbers to Information Technology Manager.

**X. Courts of the Navajo Nation**

**A. Supreme Court**

1. Caseload Statistics

a. Civil

(1) Cases Filed	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Total</u>
-Certified Question.....0	1	5	5	11
-Child Custody/Child Support.....2				
-Civil Rights/Other.....0				
-Contract.....1				
-Decedent Estate.....0				
-Delinquency.....0				
-Domestic Violence.....1				
-Elections.....0				
-Employment/Labor.....4				
-Ethics.....0				

-Forcible Entry and Detainer.....	0			
-Grazing.....	0			
-Land Dispute.....	1			
-Probate.....	0			
-Torts.....	0			
-Writs.....	2			
-Reconsiderations.....	0			
(2) Cases Completed	0	0	0	0
(3) Hearings Held	0	0	1	0
(4) Total Decisions this Quarter:				
Memorandum Decision	0	0	0	0
Orders	0	2	2	4
Opinions	0	0	0	0

b. Criminal

	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</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>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</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
(d) Orders	0	0	0	0
(e) Opinions	0	0	0	0

d. Special Proceedings

	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</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: 132



- (2) Filed: 11
- (3) Reconsiderations: 2
- (4) Closed: 0
- (5) Pending: 143

Pending cases	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Civil	1	0	1	3	12	19	13	6	4	13	25	25	11	133
Criminal	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	4
NNBA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	6
Special proceeding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1	0	1	3	13	19	13	6	6	14	25	31	11	143

2. Motions Reviews and Decided:

Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
0	2	1	3

3. Oral Arguments/Hearings Held: 1

4. Pro Bono Appointments:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Tuba City/Kayenta/Dilkon	21	14	16	51
Window Rock/Chinle/Dzil Yijiin	10	22	8	40
Crownpoint/Shiprock/Aneth/ Pueblo Pintado	12	16	5	33
Ramah/Alamo/To'hajiilee	0	0	3	3
Total	43	52	32	127

1. Navajo Reporter Sales

The Navajo Nation Supreme Court sells Navajo Reporter books which are official reports of cases argued and decided in the Navajo Nation Supreme Court and the District Courts of the Navajo Nation. The books are sold in volumes starting from volume 1 to volume 9, except for volume 5, which are sold at Dine 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 11 book sales in the second quarter.

SUPREME COURT AND JUDICIAL BRANCH

Chief Justice JoAnn Jayne and Associate Justice Eleanor Shirley continue to work on cases this quarter. Justices by Designation, Judge Cynthia Thompson and Judge Irene Black were assigned to cases and participated in disposition sessions with the Supreme Court panel. The Supreme Court is without a law clerk. Some of the Justices' duties consist of preliminary review of cases to determine if an appeal is timely, whether record compilation has been completed, and whether the filings are following the Navajo Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure, statutes of the Navajo Nation

Code, and case law. Justices research and draft orders and decisions made on the cases. In conducting preliminary reviews, the Justices coordinate the research and review of the lower court record with the Supreme Court Clerk on the discussion and drafting of Orders. There was one (1) hearing in the second quarter.

### JUDICIAL CONFERENCE

The Judicial Conference is composed of eleven (11) Judges and two (2) Justices who set policy and advise the Chief Justice in matters concerning the administrative functions and policy development of the courts. In the second quarter of fiscal year 2024, the Judicial Conference met on March 28, 2024. The discussion items on the agenda were on case management policy- case closure, case certification, telephonic hearings, judge's coverage, staff attorney assignments, salaries for judges, court security policy and other pilot projects. The next Judicial Conference is set for June 28, 2024.

### OATH OF OFFICE

On March 15, 2024, Chief Justice JoAnn Jayne assisted with the swearing-in of Navajo Police Academy graduates of Class #59.

On February 14, 2024, Associate Justice Eleanor Shirley gave the oath of office for Interim Council Delegate Lester Yazzie for Baahaali, Chilchiltah, Manuelito, Red Rock, Rock Springs, Tsayatoh Chapters.

On February 26, 2024, Associate Justice Eleanor Shirley gave the oath of office to Linda Youvella and Raymond Smith Jr., Ft. Defiance School Board Members.

On January 16, 2024, Associate Justice Eleanor Shirley gave the oath of office to Irene Harvey, Chapter President with Hurfeano Chapter, and Branda Wauneka, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer, Ft. Defiance Chapter.

### SUPREME COURT VACANCIES

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

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

### PROBATIONARY JUDGES AND JUSTICE EVALUATIONS

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

Currently, there are a total of five (5) probationary Judges with the Navajo Nation. Three (3) Judges have completed their first six-month evaluation, one (1) Judge has completed their first and second evaluation, and one (1) Judge completed their first, second, third, and fourth six-month evaluations and is now ready for their final performance review team evaluation.

Surveys on performance were given to the Navajo Nation Bar Association and Law Enforcement members. The surveys are an integral part of the evaluation process. Chief Justice completed two judges' performance evaluations in the second quarter.

#### OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE

The Office of the Chief Justice created two pipeline programs to assist Justices and Judges and courts with case load reduction. Starting this summer the Office of Chief Justice will be opening applications for the Judicial Branch Intern/Externship Program and the Two-Year Judicial Clerkship Program. The Office of the Chief Justice will be establishing training plans for each candidate and provide career support for these candidates. Both programs will be provided training opportunities. These positions are to support the jurist in their research and drafting – it is direct support to the judges and justices. It is also the opportunity to mentor new students who will come back to work for the Navajo Nation.

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

The Office of the Chief Justice assisted the Arizona Supreme Court and Commission on Diversity, Equality, and Justice with Legal Futures: The Impact of You. The office hosted eleven (11) students with Window Rock High School seeking a career in the legal field. There were three (3) district court Judges and the Chief Justice who met one-on-one with the students and conducted presentations and exercises with the students.

The Government Relations Officer with the Office of Chief Justice released public service announcements and press releases on behalf of the Judicial Branch. She also updated the website when necessary and the social media pages of the Branch, including on X (formerly known as Twitter) and Facebook, to keep the public informed.

#### OFFICE OF PRO BONO SERVICES

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

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

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

The Office of Pro Bono Services received 127 Pro Bono requests for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter: 51 requests were from Tuba City, Kayenta and Dilkon Judicial Districts; 40 requests were from Window Rock, Chinle and Dził Yijiin Judicial Districts; 33 requests were from Crownpoint, Shiprock and Aneth Judicial Districts; and 3 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 January 31, 2024; February 14, 2024; and March 15, 2024. Chief Justice proposed that research begin on options for pro tempore judges (retired) to return to service since retirement rules for retired judges affect return to service options for retired judges. This is an effort to enlarge the number of judges now serving the Navajo Nation.

Chief Justice JoAnn Jayne attended the Law and Order Committee work session on February 1, 2024, regarding the Judicial/Public Safety Facilities Fund agreement with Public Safety, Michael Anderson, and Delores Greyeyes.

Associate Justice Shirley and Associate Attorney Cherie Espinosa met with Crownpoint Judicial District on January 31, 2024. They also meet with Navajo Technical University on court security, judges/justices/hearing officers, clerks/court administrators, administrator/management trainings, and integrity/judicial independence.

The Government Relations Officer attended meetings in-person or virtually of the Law and Order Committee, Budget and Finance Committee, Naabikiyati Committee, and the Navajo Nation Council.

The Government Relations Officer attended the Diné Action Plan (DAP) Advisory Group (AG) meeting on March 6-7, 2024. The meeting included a presentation on Blessing and Protection Way Teachings by Wilfred Moses, Totah Behavioral Health Presbyterian Medical Services. Breakout sessions were conducted by task forces on suicide, substance abuse, missing and murdered Diné relatives, violence, and capacity building. There were reports on the planned Hataathli Summit and Data Summit and by One Fire Associates, which is the evaluator for the DAP AG.

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

## STATE/ FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Chief Justice JoAnn Jayne was invited by Speaker Javier Martinez, New Mexico House of Representative, to attend the Opening Ceremony of the 56<sup>th</sup> Legislation, Second Session, on January 16, 2024. Additionally, Chief Justice met the New Mexico Supreme Court Chief Justice and Justices. They discussed common goals, objectives, and challenges to appellate courts. Chief Justice attended American Indian Day at New Mexico Legislatures on February 2, 2024, to meet, greet, and have discussions with legislative, tribal leadership, and various staff. Chief Justice also met with New Mexico Administrative Office of the Courts.

On March 5, 2024, Chief Justice was invited to attend the Census with Tribal Law Enforcement Agencies and Census of Tribal Court Systems Tribal Justice Panel Meeting. She met with tribal judges on their processes for court administration.

## TRAINING

The Supreme Court and Office of Chief Justice staff attended customer service training on February 13, 2024.

Associate Justice and Judicial Staff Assistant attended Defensive Driving Class on March 26, 2024.

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

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

- a. Court Services. The Tuba City Court staff continued to provide service to the public. Judge Cecelia Tallman continued to hear all scheduled court proceedings presiding over all District and Family cases. Court orders are prepared and issued. The Court Administrator continued to assist the judge and staff as needed, prepared budgets, performed worked in personnel, property, and the court building. The office technician continued to provide support to the overall court operation, ordering supplies and inventory of property. The facility maintenance technician continued to provide support and serviced HVAC system at the other Judicial Districts, Supreme Court, and Administrative Office. The two bailiffs continued to provide court security at the front entrance and in the courtrooms. The five court clerks continued to provide in-person window service, processing court cases, docketing new cases, collecting fines, fees and cash bonds, clerking court proceedings, processing court pleadings, updating the court's automation system, Justware. The court hearings are in-person, except for those that request for telephonic court hearings. However, court trials, evidentiary and final hearing are conducted in-person. The court continued to receive court documents via postal mail, in-person, facsimile; credit card/money order for payments are received at the window service counter.
- b. General Staff Meeting. Court Administrator Alice Huskie provided updates on court operations and shared information on plans, budgets, supplies, training, and events. With the lingering effects of the COVID-19 virus, staff are encouraged to continue

keeping their office areas clean. For health and safety reasons the court staff are highly encouraged to continue to sanitize their workspaces.

- c. Office Technician Meetings. Financial Technicians Sandra Dalgai, Linda Williams and Paulette Begay held monthly meetings with the office technicians from all the Judicial Districts. The meetings are to provide updates and instructions to follow all requirements of the FMIS purchasing procurements. Participants raised questions and clarifications were provided to the staff. Office Technician Orlando Sam participated in the meetings. Ms. Sandra Dalgai facilitated the meetings.
- d. Vacant Position: The Tuba City Judicial District has five vacant positions; one judge, one staff attorney, one clerk, one bailiff, one custodian. All positions need to be filled to have a 100% court operation. Our district is budgeted for a two-judge court operation due to the high caseload. Currently, Judge Tallman is taking on the workload for a two-judge position. Example, Judge Tallman during this quarter reviewed, issued judgment, and closed 449 cases. The concern is burning out of the presiding judge, which begins to affect her health and well-being.
- e. Daily Visitor Sign-in and Metal Detector Count for January, February & March 2024.

<u>FY 2024 – Second Quarter Daily Visitor Sign-in Report</u>
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MONTHS	Court Hearing	Protection Order	Pay Fine/Cash Bond	Filing Documents	Obtain Information	Check Mail	Attend Training	Background Check	Oath of Office	Building Maintenance	Attend Meeting	Other Hearings	Other	Total Clients Served
January 2024	120	18	20	119	168	71	16	2	26	1	1	0	41	603
February 2024	230	32	26	132	159	58	18	1	1	1	9	0	50	717
March 2024	249	35	41	161	264	64	22	4	10	2	10	0	55	917
<b>Total:</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>2,237</b>

f. Request for court documents and audio for January, February & March 2024.

Month:	January - 2024	February - 2024	March - 2024	Total:
<b>Total Court Document Request</b>	9	18	32	59
Completed documents. Request	8	13	22	43
Pending Document Request	1	5	10	16
<b>Total Audio Request</b>	5	2	2	9
Completed Audio Request	5	2	2	9
Pending Audio Request	0	0	0	0

**2. Other Significant Accomplishments**

- a. Customer Service. On January 5, 2024, Judicial Branch Training Manager Lahomah A. Bahe and Traditional Program Specialist Rosiene Charley provided customer service training in the English and Navajo Languages. The training was very informative, which included group discussion and group activities. All court staff attended the training.
- b. Innovations in Technology Conference. On January 31, 2024, to February 3, 2024, Office Technician Orlando Sam attended the conference, which was held at the Charlotte Convention Center in Charlotte, North Carolina. There were a lot of break-out sessions for the conference attendees to attend. Some training sessions attended by Mr. Sam included creating forms accepted by the courts, bridging the digital divide with legal kiosks, filing fairness, frontline Justice workers, utilizing case management system to communicate with community partners and improving staff efficiency.
- c. Navajo Nation Retirement Benefits. On February 2, 2024, Retirement Officer Melissa Cleveland provided training for the court staff. Ms. Cleveland shared information on the Retirement Benefit Plans, who is eligible, money management, how benefits are calculated, vesting service, converting unused sick leave hours, types of retirements, qualified domestic relations order (QDRO), retirement savings resources; social security, defined benefit plan and 401(k) savings plans. The training was very informative.
- d. Oath of Office. Judge Cecelia Tallman administered oath of office for newly elected chapter officials and the Navajo Law Enforcement, as follows:

- January 19, 2024, the Tuba City Department of Navajo Law Enforcement were administered their annual work oath as required by their department. The twenty-five personnel, including the Lieutenant, Sergeants, and Police Officers, renewed their work oath for the Year 2024.
  - February 16, 2024, Judge Tallman administered an oath of office for new Navajo Board of Election Lula Neztosie.
  - March 8, 2024, Judge Tallman administered an oath of office for Cameron District Grazing Committee member Craig Lynn Johnson.
  - March 15, 2024, Tuba City School representing Tuba City Myra Begay and Chapter Vice-President Gordan Folgheraiter representing Naatsis' Aan Chapter.
- e. Navajo Nation (NN) Procurement Training. On February 12, 2024, the NN Purchasing Department provided the training. Office Technician Orlando Sam attended the training. Training topics included procurement rules and regulations, types of procurement, sole source procurement, emergency procurement, purchase requisition, receipt and acceptance of goods, contract review process, budget procedures, object codes, level of detail and payment processing. The training was well received and informative since the staff are utilizing the 6B process.
- f. Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Meeting. On February 28, 2024, on behalf of the Tuba City Judicial District, court clerk Lorisa Begay attended Judicial Branch's budget meeting in Chinle, Arizona. Acting Financial Service Manager Sandra Dalgai facilitated the meeting. Districts and Programs were given instruction to begin working on their FY 2025 budgets. On March 20, 2024, Ms. Sandra Dalgai met with Court Administrator Alice Huskie and Office Technician Orlando Sam for further one-on-one budget instructions.
- g. Sexual Harassment Awareness Training. On February 29, 2024, Training Manager Lahomah Bahe provided the sexual harassment and awareness training as required by the Navajo Nation Government. Court Administrator Alice Huskie, Office Technician Orlando Sam, Court clerks Lorisa Begay and Geraldine Sakiestewa attended the training.
- h. Court Administrators and Program Managers Meeting. On March 21, 2024, Court Administrator Alice Huskie facilitated the meeting with all Judicial Districts. Acting Financial Service Manager Sandra Dalgai provided information on the budgets, inventory, and fleet vehicles. Automation & Information Technology Manager Ben Mariano provided an update on the courtroom recording equipment, kiosk for courts and monitors. All court administrators, program managers and administrative staff were in attendance.
- i. Legal Futures Day (LFD) 2024. On March 28, 2024. Executive Director of the Indian Legal Program and the Assistant Dean for Community Engagement at ASU Law Kathlene Rosier and Arizona State University (ASU) - Director of Indian Legal Clinic Patty Ferguson-Bohnee facilitated the event. The program is designed for 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. Seventeen (17) students from Tuba City High School participated in the event and were given information on how to apply for the ASU law program. The two motivational speakers were former ASU law students; Verrin Kewenvoyouma and Kris Beecher are from Tuba City and both graduated from Tuba City High School. As a learning experience and participation, in the training, the students were assigned different scenarios to share their opinions (pros and cons) on the different subjects and situations. The students enjoyed the training activities, and it gave them a chance to express their voices and opinions. The students enjoyed the presentation, and the motivational speakers were excellent.

- j. Justware Training. On March 28-29, 2024, Court clerk Paradise Bitsoi and Bailiff Shaun Whitehair attended the Justware training in Window Rock, Arizona. The training provided hands-on training for new staff to navigate the court's automation system Justware.

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

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

## **C. Kayenta Judicial District**

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

- a. The Kayenta Judicial District completed its 2023 District and Family Court Annual Certification of Caseload Report. The purpose of the annual case certification is to ensure accountability of all court case files. For cases that are still pending, the district explains why they are pending and what action will be taken to close the cases. Our district reported a backlog of 36 family court cases and verified that 33% of the 860 district civil backlog cases are in bench warrant status.
- b. Court administrator Lavonne K. Yazzie participated in a meeting with the Kayenta Township to secure the transfer of funds approved by Navajo Nation Council resolution CJY-33-22. The \$13,215,000 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.
- c. Court Administrator Lavonne K. Yazzie participated in a Legal Services Corporation conference entitled, "*2024 Innovations in Technology Conference*" on February 01-03, 2024, in Charlotte, NC. She received updates on innovative legal information websites and online tools that empower individuals to access crucial legal resources conveniently, updated technologies solutions that enhance the efficiency and

effectiveness of legal services delivery and identify strategies for using technology to encourage and support in providing legal assistance to low-income individuals. Based on the information acquired, the district will review its ADA equipment needs and continue to facilitate free Pro Se Legal Intake Clinics and Mobile Court services.

d. District employees participated in the following trainings:

- January 31, 2024 – The Judicial Branch Human Resources office provided “*Customer Service Training*.” The staff received an important refresher course on customer service, positive and professional image, communication skills and handling of difficult people and complaints.
- February 09, 2024 – The Judicial Branch Human Resources office provided a training entitled, “*Judicial Branch Step Increase Procedures*”. District staff were given a review of the guidelines for implementing step increases for eligible employees based on job performance pursuant to the Judicial Branch Employee Policies and Procedures.
- February 12, 2024 – Office technician Regina Jones participated in a training entitled, “*Navajo Nation Procurement Training*.” The training provided valuable updated information on purchasing requirements to ensure consistency, quality and integrity in the Navajo Nation procurement process.
- February 29, 2024 - The Judicial Branch Human Resources office provided a mandatory training entitled, “*Sexual Harassment Awareness*.” The sole purpose training is to protect employees and everyone in the workplace from harassment, reporting process, and investigating and resolving acts or conduct of a sexually harassing nature.
- March 01, 2024 - Court administrator Lavonne K. Yazzie and office technician Regina Jones participated in Judicial Branch sponsored training entitled, “*JustWare Financial and Statistics Training*”, in Chinle, AZ. The training provided an overview and clarification of court fines, fees and cash bond collections and reports, and the case management system case statistics reports.

e. Kayenta Judicial District participated in a Kayenta Service Provider’s meeting on February 2, 2024, and March 22, 2024, in Kayenta, Arizona. The meetings promote positive and collaborative efforts to share and streamline existing processes to better serve our communities.

## **2. Other significant accomplishments**

- a. Court administrator Lavonne K. Yazzie facilitated two Judicial Branch Case Management Policy revision work sessions on January 02 and 26, 2024.
- b. By invitation, Judge Letitia Stover administered the Oath of Office to nineteen (19) Kayenta Navajo Nation Department of Public Safety police officers on January 16,

2024, in Kayenta, AZ.

- c. Court administrator Lavonne K. Yazzie conducted a presentation on the “History of the Navajo Nation Courts and Judicial Branch Case Management” for the branch probation services staff on January 30, 2024, in Chinle, AZ.
- d. The Kayenta Judicial District facilitated a free DNA Legal Services’ Pro Se Legal Clinic on March 6, 2024, in Kayenta, AZ. DNA is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit legal aid organization that provides free civil legal services to low-income people who otherwise could not afford to hire an attorney.
- e. Court Administrator Lavonne K. Yazzie participated in a Diné Action Plan Advisory Group meeting on March 06, 2024, in Kayenta, AZ.
- f. Judge Letitia Stover participated in a Quarterly Judicial Conference meeting on March 28, 2024, in Rehoboth, NM. Conference participants received Judicial Branch updates and new developments.
- g. By invitation, Judge Letitia Stover participated in the Legal Futures 2024 program hosted by the Arizona Commission on Diversity, Equality, and Justice in the Judiciary in Ft. Defiance, AZ. The March 29, 2024, event focused on introducing diverse young people from the community to the legal profession. Similar events were held across the State of Arizona in Flagstaff, Phoenix, Tucson, Yuma and Tuba City.
- h. Court administrator Lavonne K. Yazzie participated in two preliminary Fiscal Year 2025 Navajo Nation General Fund Budget Formulation meetings.

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

- a. To provide three in-service training courses for the district staff.
- b. To facilitate the bi-annual clerk cross training rotation.
- c. To provide mobile court services to two Navajo chapters.
- d. To implement plans for Justice Day community event.
- e. To obtain approved fiscal documents to commence the Kayenta Judicial Complex construction phase.
- f. To promote positive and more effective working relationships with the community, local law enforcement and other public service organizations through quarterly meetings.

**D. Aneth Judicial District**

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

- a. With the pandemic pronounced over, the Aneth Judicial District staff continue to wear their masks and disinfect their workstations daily because of the continued reports of infections from the regional health care facility in Montezuma Creek, Utah. The Aneth Court staff continue to self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 and for the seasonal cold before reporting to work.
- b. The month of February 2024, the Aneth court physically counted all court case files for the Aneth Judicial District for all case types. The Aneth court reports it was a long process, and some Aneth cases were misplaced in different case types or mislabeled. However, all Aneth case files were accounted for in all case types.
- c. Aneth Judicial District administrative staff developed an expenditure plan to spend its annual allotment of general funds budget for FY2024.
- d. The Aneth District Court's FY2025 initial draft budget is completed and submitted to the Administrative Office of the Court's Fiscal Department for review. Further budget meetings are planned to complete a comprehensive budget for FY2025.
- e. The Court Administrator Bryan Parrish finalized the Hashkééjí Nahat'á Béeso Bá Hooghan expenditure plan and capital outlay budget. The expenditure packet will be forwarded for review to the Office of the Chief Justice for her consideration.

## **2. Other significant accomplishments**

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

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

- a. The Aneth court will provide updates on the FY2025 budget with all Judicial Branch Court Administrators and Program Managers.
- b. The Court Administrator will continue to receive funds allocation updates for the Hashkééjí Nahat'á Béeso Bá Hooghan funds.

## **E. Chinle Judicial District**

### **1. Accomplishments of objectives**

- a. Chinle Court Operations: The Chinle court staff continued to provide court services to the public from Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. The courts remain open during lunch. The court clerks and bailiff play a crucial role in the operations of the court. They typically work with case management, filing documents, scheduling court hearings, clerk the hearings for the judge, issue court documents and orders as signed by the judge, maintain court records, collect and process fines and fees, provide court security, provide and maintain the upkeep of the court building, and provide customer services to the people. The court administrator assists the judge with the administrative aspect of the courts and their operation. The staff attorney conducts legal research and analysis to assist judge in preparing for hearings, trials, and other proceedings. Judge continues to preside over court hearings and filings.
- b. Performance Evaluations: Judge and the court administrator completed the employees' annual performance evaluations. The performance evaluations were forwarded to the Judicial Branch Human Resources Department to be placed in the employee's personnel file folder. Staff were satisfied with the results of their performance evaluation. They established personal goals to learn more about the court process and procedures.
- c. Caseload Certification: Court clerks, court administrator, and judge worked together to complete the district's caseload certification. The backlog of cases appeared to be due to bench warrants not being executed by Navajo Police Department, petitions and complaints not being served to parties by Navajo Police Department, and inaction of parties on their cases.
- d. Resource Meeting: The court administrator and Judge facilitated a district resource meeting with the local providers. Discussions included welcoming everyone to the meeting and improving our services to the public. Everyone who attended was grateful to hear from one another and continued to encourage each other in staying safe. It was a productive meeting. Another meeting is scheduled for the near future.
- e. FY 2025 Budget Formulation Meeting: The court administrator attended the meeting and received information on how the Judicial Branch plans to approach the FY 2025 budget. Chief Justice stated that the program's budget be formulated with case

management as a factor. Programs within the Judicial Branch were directed to submit a draft of their budget and further discussion would commence in the near future.

- f. Quarterly Judicial Conference: The judge was unable to attend the quarterly judicial conference. Judge tended to a court hearing that was administratively assigned by the Chief Justice. The court administrators and program managers were not included in the judicial conference.
- g. Vacant Judge Position: The Chinle Judicial District has a vacant judge position that needs to be filled. Judge Thompson is assigned to cover Chinle Judicial District and Dził Yijiin Judicial District. Thus far, the court staff from both districts have been working closely with Judge Thompson to continue court services to the public. The main concern is burning out our Judge. Chinle Judicial District needs a judge to fulfill the vacant position.

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

- a. The Chinle Judicial District judge and court administrator will participate in meetings with service providers and the Chief Justice's Office.
- b. The Chinle Judicial District will continue to work toward meeting its performance criteria.
- c. 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. Dził Yijiin Judicial District maintains Court operation in processing all case types filed and provides in-person court services. Judge Thompson held court hearings in-person and through teleconferencing or virtual appearances, while overseeing two district courts. Judge Thompson also handled all hearings concerning Petition for Domestic Abuse Protection Orders this quarter.
- b. Dził Yijiin District completed mandatory 2023 Annual Performance Evaluations for the district employees.

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

- a. Dził Yijiin District submitted information on Probate and Quite Title Cases arranged by distributed property in each case with a time frame from 2023, 2022, 2021 & 2020.
- b. Dził Yijiin District prepared and submitted 2023 Caseload Certifications studies in all case types: Criminal/Traffic/District Civil/Family Court Domestic and Children's cases on February 27, 2024.

- c. Dził Yíjiiin District workforce attained three (3) or more trainings in the second quarter:
- January 9, 2024: Customer Service in-person training facilitated by Lahomah Bahe (Western) version and Rosiene Charley covered topics pertaining to customer service in Navajo.
  - January 11, 2024: The District Court staff attended virtual De Stress Training facilitated by Vera Hyatt with Navajo Nation Staff Development & Training.
  - February 13, 2024: District staff participated in the Step Increase virtual training presented by Human Resources.
  - February 28, 2024: a virtual training on Sexual Harassment Awareness facilitated by Lahomah Bahe, Training Coordinator.
  - March 1, 2024: The Office Technician attended JustWare Financial & Statistics training Navajo Nation Court facilitated by Melanie Price, Program Support Specialist.
  - March 25 – 29, 2024: Marita Lee, Court Clerk, attended Fundamental and Specialized Tribal Court skills training in Las Vegas, NV.
  - March 28 & 29, 2024: The Court Bailiff, Richard Claw, attended JustWare 101 training offered by Melanie Price.
- d. During the second quarter, the Court Administrator attended various meetings to represent Dził Yíjiiin Judicial District:
- On January 24, 2024, Court Administrator, Arlene Lee assisted Tuba City District with interviews for a vacant Court Clerk position.
  - On January 29, 2024, participated in the Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) presentation by Cheyenna James, Navajo Nation Telecommunication & Utilities.
  - On February 8, 2024, Ms. Lee attended the Court Administrator and Managers meeting virtually.
  - On February 12, 2024, Ms. Lee attended a training on Navajo Nation Procurement Rules and Regulations presented by Purchasing section from the Office of the Controller.
  - February 28, 2024, FY 25 Budget planning work session at Navajo Department of Transportation conference room.
  - March 1, 2024, JustWare Financial & Statistics virtual training.
  - March 12, 2024, Ms. Lee attended an in-person budget work session for FY 25 general funds with Ms. Dalgai, Acting Fiscal Director.
  - March 28 & 29, 2024, Ms. Lee attended a virtual work session on 'Alchíní B́í Beehaz 'annii Act of 2011 Revision sponsored by Department of Family Services (DFS).

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

- a. Dził Yíjiiin Judicial District will continue to facilitate Resource Meetings with various service providers to collaborate and network to improve essential service to the public.

## **G. Dilkon Judicial District**

### **JUDICIAL DISTRICT SUPPORT SERVICE REPORT**

Dilkon Judicial District operates and delivers court services in-person full-time daily. All court hearings are in-person except for those that request for telephonic court hearing and conference call numbers are provided for court hearing call-ins. Court documents are received by via postal mail, in-person, and facsimile; payments are received by money order and credit card at the court customer service window.

For health and safety reasons the court staff are highly encouraged to continue to sanitize their workstations and wear their mask when necessary.

Dilkon Court email address is [nndkcourt@navajo-nsn.gov](mailto:nndkcourt@navajo-nsn.gov) and for more information, please visit the website of the Navajo Nation Judicial Branch.

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

- a. To facilitate the Dilkon Judicial District Resource Meetings to network and collaboration with local resources to improve services to the public.  
Unfortunately, this objective of the resource meeting was not met this quarter. This meeting has been conducted by the staff attorney and will now be picked up by the court administrator for the next quarter. The court has faced some urgent unexpected situation with the building which led to short-term closure. We will continue to meet virtually/telephonically the best way we can to achieve this goal; it is very important to have resource meetings with the local resources to keep the communication and to update each other to serve our customers.
- b. To conduct two in-service training for the district staff.  
On February 06, 2024, an in-service training was held for court staff regarding Customer Service presented by Judicial Branch Human Resource. On February 20, 2024, another in-service meeting was held for staff regarding court building roof update, safety, and possible relocation, plus plans for court hearings, customer care and local resources communications.

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

- a. Dilkon Court Administrator participated in the uniform case management policy work group. The group had a couple of meetings this quarter. This is a continued working process to update the policy. The participants include staff attorneys, associate attorney, acting director of court administration, court administrators, chief probation officer, senior probation officer, and peacemaking program staff.
- b. Dilkon Court completed the Court Caseload Certification for FY2023.
- c. Dilkon Court completed the Annual Report.



- d. Dilkon Court staff are participating in trainings offered by the Judicial Branch Training Manager. Staff completed required-mandatory trainings and other educational trainings. Staff are encouraged to take virtual training over in-person training when necessary.
- e. Court Administrator attended various meetings this quarter: Court Administrators and Managers meetings; building meeting; JustWare Statistics-Financial trainings; Budget meetings; and assisted other districts with interviews.
- f. Judge Gilmore conducted several Oaths of Office this quarter.
- g. Dilkon Court is diligently working on backlog cases. This is a continued project which also associates with updating JustWare to accurately reflect all cases to closures. This is a priority in all judicial districts emphasized by the Chief Justice.
- h. Dilkon Court completed the annual evaluation for district personnel.

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

- a. To facilitate the Dilkon Judicial District Resource Meetings to network and collaborate with local resources to improve services to the public.
- b. To conduct in-service training courses for the district staff to enhance everyday learning and communication; this is a continue objective.
- c. To plan the annual Judicial Branch Justice Day.

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

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

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

For the months of January, February and March, Judge Malcolm Begay and Kendra Dale, Court Administrator have been attending the planning of the new Tsehootsoi Judicial/ Public Safety Center which will be built North of the new Navajo Tribal Utility Authority complex in Fort Defiance, Arizona. The Navajo Nation Partners (Navajo Nation Police Department, Navajo Nation

Department of Corrections) have been meeting on a bi-weekly basis to continue completion of the floor plan phase.

For the months of January, February, and March, Judge Malcolm Begay and Kendra Dale, Court Administrator have been meeting with the Judicial Team- Ms. Cherie Espinosa, Ms. Karen Francis, and Ms. Gwendolyn Keedo and the CDC consultant Mr. Andy Thomas regarding the Window Rock Judicial Modular building that will be set up West of the United States Postal Office in Fort Defiance, Arizona. The process started again in October 2023 when Mr. Thomas took over the project. The 164 process has been completed. A final meeting regarding the final floor plan was completed. The building has started construction on March 25, 2024.

### **Administrative response**

- a. Honorable Judge Malcolm Begay, Honorable Judge Victor Clyde, and Judicial Hearing Officer Loritta Largo preside and hear all Window Rock Judicial Family and District Court cases.
- b. The Window Rock Judicial District has fully opened the court's front desk services for the public. The WRJD has allowed limited access to in-person services for the public and we are open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- c. WRJD holds 90% telephonic hearings and only by request from the involved parties to hold an in-person hearing. A designated location is sought outside of the Judicial Branch. The Jury Trials that are scheduled are held at the sister locations which is with the Crownpoint Judicial District and Chinle Judicial District.
- d. There were 338 Family Court hearings and 756 District Court hearings for this Quarter. Orders for these hearings contribute to the current backlogged WRJD cases.
- e. The Judicial Hearing Officer, Loritta Largo assists Window Rock Judicial District with Domestic Violence Petition hearings and presides over the Shelter Care hearings. Ms. Largo also assists Chinle, Dilkon, and Kayenta Judicial District Courts on a weekly basis. For this quarter, the hearings for Window Rock Judicial District consisted of 199 cases. Ms. Largo assists the Judges by presiding over the cases and gives recommendations after each hearing, the Judges prepare the final Orders for distribution to the parties.
- f. The second quarter had 84 court document requests and 73 court document requests were completed.
- h. On a monthly basis, Olivia Begay, District Court Clerk ensures that all WRJD bank deposits were successfully recorded and closed by the Cashier's Office. The amount deposited were:
  - January total amount for Court and Traffic Fines: \$6,228.70
  - February total amount for Court and Traffic Fines: \$6,019.50
  - March total amount for Court and Traffic Fines: \$5,045.45

- i. Honorable Judge Malcolm Begay administered Oaths to a total of 33 (thirty-three) Police Officers with the Navajo Nation Police Department.
- j. Honorable Judge Victor Clyde administered one oath of office for this quarter.

Court Schedule: Honorable Judge Malcolm Begay presides on all District Court cases and Honorable Judge Clyde presides on all Family Court cases with Window Rock Judicial District, with the exception of domestic violence cases.

Quarterly Judicial Conference: The quarterly Judicial Conference was scheduled for March 28, 2024, Judge Malcolm Begay and Judge Victor Clyde attended.

Court Administrator meeting: On March 21, 2024, a Court Administrator meeting was held virtually- Kendra Dale, Court Administrator attended.

Vacant Positions: The Window Rock Judicial District has 4 vacant positions: one District Court Judge, one Staff Attorney and two District Court Clerk. The Human Resource Department with Judicial Branch continues to advertise the positions. Some of the funds will be utilized to hire temporary Judicial Assistants and an extern.

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

- Training- Customer Service Training for staff on January 2, 2024. Ms. Lohomah Bahe, JB Training Manager instructed the training.
- Training- Innovation Training Conference 2024 on January 30- February 3, 2024. Judge Malcolm Begay and Kendra Dale, Court Administrator attended. This training allowed networking with non-profit partners that assist courts with grant funding and creating artificial intelligence (AI) software that benefits the public and provides efficient court automation. AI is utilized to assist the public with filling out court documents, correspondence, and navigating court systems that are cost effective for low-income families. The presentations also displayed how Florida State foster care children are learning their legal rights through phone/web applications, the training also displayed how the public is assisted with language interpreters through technology; some courts use data analytics to better serve underrepresented populations with case management statistics; other court administrators are learning to track public grants through Microsoft 365 software applications, and a host of other useful information for courts, as well as the public.
- Training- Procurement training on February 12, 2024. Office of Controller staff instructed the training. Kendra Dale, Court Administrator and LaDera Storer, Court Clerk attended the training.
- Training- Forensic Justice Institute training on February 29, 2024 (virtual) with the Wisconsin State Bar Association. Judge Malcolm Begay attended. This webinar training provided insight into the latest legal issues of genetic genealogy involving unlawful search/seizures, use of unlawful private data, ethical considerations in genetic data materials, and (most importantly) federal prosecutions of homicide cases, concerning fentanyl fatalities, with discovery issues of chemistry/toxicology

results. The training was obtained to better prepare for scientific evidence disputes, in major crimes cases, within the Window Rock Judicial Court.

### **Objectives to be accomplished**

- a. The Window Rock Judicial District continues to work out of the two Conference rooms within the Administrative Office of the Courts in Window Rock, Arizona. The first building project is the temporary modular building which will be located in Fort Defiance, Arizona across from the Post Office. This project should be completed in 2024. The second building project is the Tsehootsoi Judicial/ Public Safety Center which will be built North of the new Navajo Tribal Utilities Authority complex in Fort Defiance, Arizona. This project should be completed in 2027.
- b. The WRJD staff will be completed case certification on February 28, 2024.
- c. The WRJD staff continue to perform excellent work ethics on maintaining the statistics and reporting of the caseloads.

## **I. Shiprock Judicial District**

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

- a. The Shiprock Judicial District personnel devoted their attention to the caseload certification this quarter and completed the 2023 Certification of District Case Load Report.
- b. FY 2025 Initial Budget Planning Meeting was held on February 28, 2024, which provided information on budget development for fiscal year 2025 and instruction for submission of proposed budget by March 29, 2024. The district's proposed budget has been submitted.
- c. Quotes are received for a project to address the electric outlet overloads. Two on-site project assessments were conducted by two vendors.

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

- a. In this quarter, a total of four hundred thirty (430) new filings were received, and seven hundred seventy-four (774) cases were closed.
- b. On March 1, 2024, the Shiprock Court conducted an oath of office ceremony for the Shiprock Police Department and Shiprock Criminal Investigation Office. Law enforcement included fourteen (14) police officers, one (1) police lieutenant, two (2) police sergeants and criminal investigators included three (3) criminal investigators and one (1) criminal investigator supervisor. On March 11, 2024, the second group of four (4) police officers received their oath of office.
- c. Shiprock Service Contract Private Process Server

Contract Private Process Server completed twenty-six successful services of court documents this quarter.

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

Services	Received	Sent Out	Total
Telephone Calls	890		
Fax Transmittals	146	25	
On-Line Payment	0		
Call-In Payment	20		
Postal Mail & Drop Box	231	797	
Documents Filed w/ District	1,115		
Documents Filed w/ Family	679		
Visitor’s Log	2,249		
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>5,335</b>	<b>822</b>	<b>6,157</b>

**SHIPROCK JUDICIAL DISTRICT FY 24 – 2<sup>ND</sup> Quarter - VISITORS LOG**

A total of **2,249** individuals received in-person service during this quarter.

		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	January 2024	28	8	2	2	53	116	0	52	3	13	41	169	0	0	130	<b>617</b>
2	February 2024	38	11	11	0	42	278	0	61	3	2	36	156	5	3	150	<b>796</b>
3	March 2024	112	20	16	1	62	185	4	62	3	5	34	181	11	7	133	<b>836</b>
	<b>Total</b>	178	39	29	3	157	579	4	175	9	20	111	506	16	10	413	<b>2,249</b>

*TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED: 2,249*

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

**JUDICIAL DISTRICT REPORT – District/Family Courts and Support Services  
HON. LEONARD LIVINGSTON, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE**

During this period the undersigned Judge presided over civil, criminal, and family court cases; heard facts and interpreted 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 assistance of Staff Attorney Shawn Attakai and Court Administrator Jamie S. Mike.

Conducted ministerial duties not limited to oath of office; administered the annual oaths of office to Crownpoint Police district to all sworn personnel, support staff; 33 sworn police officers, 5 communication specialists, and 6 sworn criminal investigators. Administered oaths of office to 4 elected Navajo officials (chapters).

Attended managerial, supervisory functions, activities etc., for Crownpoint and Pueblo Pintado Circuit court. The business units continue to address backlogs and new cases. Periodic staff meetings were held this quarter for administrative matters between the Judge, Staff Attorney and Court Administrator. The Leadership & Management continues to provide guidance, feedback, direction, and information on court operations.

Completed assignment for court-related capital outlay projects for purpose of improving the quality of justice. Completed tasks to Navajo Nation Haashkeeki Nahata Beeso Ba Hooghan representing judges.

Presided, conducted (via Teams video) hearings to other Districts of all assigned cases.

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

- Online web course, National Judicial College, Reno, Nevada.
- Completed Navajo Nation Department of Information Technology (DIT) continuing computer security training initiatives (modules). Gained educational tools that can assess, navigate, and improve business unit cyber security intelligence, both at work and at home.
- Navajo Nation judges, justices judicial conference, held March 29, 2024, Fire Rock Casino, Church Rock, NM, and separate informal Judges Round Table web sessions.

Presiding judge for four (4) districts, Crownpoint District, Family courts and Pueblo Pintado Circuit Court (district and family), *Eastern Navajo Agency*. This is a request for three (3) additional judges, and two (2) additional staff attorneys to assist with the judiciary functions to serve the expanding, growing needs of the public. The business units cover twenty-nine (29) chapters, local government entities.

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

- a. Crownpoint and Pueblo Pintado District Continue to work on back log cases. During the second quarter of FY 2024, the Crownpoint Judicial District Court staff made progress in resolving their backlog of cases, closing out a total of 511 court cases. Most of these cases were in the Criminal, Civil traffic, Family Civil, and Domestic Violence categories. Additionally, they forwarded 1,795 cases to the third quarter.

For Pueblo Pintado Circuit Court, clerks closed out 31 cases (many of the cases are Criminal and Domestic Violence cases) and forwarded 213 cases to the next quarter. Both courts are diligently working on backlogged cases, including family court cases, and all staff members are collaborating to meet their performance criteria goals for this quarter.

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

The Crownpoint Judicial District and Pueblo Pintado Circuit Court staff have actively participated in required training and are dedicated to implementing health and safety protocols to enhance services for our court facility and clients. They consistently prioritize safety for both themselves and the public. Our facility maintains regular hours of operation, welcoming the public from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

- 01/08/24-Human Trafficking in Indian Country Virtual Training.
- 03/01/2024-Justware Training and Financials by IT, Melanie Price.
- 09/29/23-Judicial Branch Step Increase Procedures Presentation by HR, Cheron S. Watchman.
- 01/29/24-Presentation via Teams on VOIP by Telecommunication and Utilities.
- 02/12/24-Procurement Training presented by Purchasing Office.
- NN Information Technology Trainings completed throughout the quarter are: KnowB4-Pushing It To the Limit, Pushing Notification Abuse, and Reporting Security Incidents.

## **2. Other Significant Accomplishments**

a. District Annual Certification Case Load Study

The Crownpoint District and Pueblo Pintado Circuit Court staff worked together to carry out the yearly certification case load analysis for both districts. They manually tallied all case categories in both courts to ensure precise case counts for the Administrative Office of the Courts and to match the Justware data for district court cases. Thorough reviews were conducted for case filings and closures. The study was successfully finalized in February 2024.

b. Eastern Agency Criminal Justice Summit Meeting

The Eastern Agency Criminal Justice Summit Meeting took place at Crownpoint Judicial District Court on March 01, 2024, with the participation of seven resources. During the meeting, the Criminal Justice system and the court system's diverse needs were addressed. Topics such as warrant round-up, traffic citations, and other necessary items were discussed. Additionally, the resources shared updates and suggested scheduling the meeting on a different day, rather than the first of the month due to other meetings being scheduled.

c. In-Person Hearings

All case types are currently being heard in-person at the Crownpoint Judicial District Court. Teleconference requests are still being made for approval by the district Judge. The Pueblo Pintado Circuit Court also conducts in-person hearings at the Crownpoint Judicial District Court, with some cases being approved for teleconference by the district Judge.

d. Crownpoint Justice Center

The HVAC control systems, camera and security systems, internet services, and landscape modifications at the Crownpoint Justice Center are still causing problems. However, the Bureau of Indian Affairs Facility Maintenance has contracted with CARRIER to address the issues with the HVAC control system this quarter. The Navajo Nation Judicial Branch is currently initiating budget proposals for updated cameras and security systems. The center continues to provide preventive maintenance, including cleaning, building and light repairs, and other minor repairs. Fire drills were conducted throughout the quarter with the assistance of the Bailiffs and in collaboration with the Navajo Nation Police Department and Corrections.

e. Pueblo Pintado District Circuit Court Building

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

f. District Staff Attorney

The District Staff Attorney, Mr. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter are:

- Attended and presented "Navajo Court System Complaint Update" at Crownpoint staff meeting on 1/5.
- Met with Peacemaking Program regarding the Peacemaking probate backlog in January 2024.
- Presented "Navajo Fundamental Law/Four Direction Legal Analysis" with Emeritus Chief Justice Robert Yazzie at the Navajo Nation Bar Association (NNBA) Bar Review on 2/8.



- Participated in the interview panel for Pueblo Pintado Circuit Court clerk on 2/13.
  - Attended and participated in the Navajo Nation Council Law and Order Committee meeting on probate backlog in Ft. Defiance, Arizona on 2/23.
  - Attended the Crownpoint Criminal Summit (Resources) Meeting with Law Enforcement and other entities on 3/1.
  - Participated in the NNBA Board of Bar Commissioners Quarterly Meeting on 3/8.
  - Provided feedback to Human Resources regarding court operations on 3/14.
- g. Maintain archiving scanned cases pursuant to the performance criteria. The role of the Document Technician at Crownpoint court is of utmost importance. A total of 1,568 cases were archived during this quarter, resulting in a staggering *49,441 pages*. There were 869 case records and 699 court orders that were scanned, prepared, filed and retrieved. The Document Technician diligently continues to close, scan, and file closed cases.

1,568 total case records scanned, prepared, and archived for this quarter @ 49,441 pages:

- 337 Civil cases scanned and archived with *15,934 pages*.
  - 337 Civil cases prepared for scanning with *15,934 pages*.
  - 195 Criminal cases prepared and ready for scanning with *17,096 pages*.
  - 625 Family (DM, DV, AN, DL, CHIN), Civil, Criminal, and Traffic closed cases were filed.
  - 32 Disposition reports for 9 resources requesting criminal/traffic records were retrieved at *167 pgs*.
  - 42 Document requests of court orders retrieved for requesting individuals at *310 pgs*.
- h. 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 currently working with all case types.
- i. Commissioners Joseph Hibbard and Sharon Noel provided in-person hearing for Domestic Violence cases for Crownpoint Judicial District and Pueblo Pintado District Circuit Court. This quarter, both Commissioners and District Judge heard 178 total cases for Crownpoint Judicial District Court this quarter, and 36 total cases for Pueblo Pintado District Circuit Court.

During this quarter, Commissioner Hibbard heard 82 total cases for Crownpoint Judicial District Court and 36 cases for Pueblo Pintado District Circuit Court. District Judge Livingston heard 7 total cases for Crownpoint Judicial District Court and no cases for Pueblo Pintado District Circuit Court.

- j. For this quarter, 106 respondents were not served with Temporary Protection Order for Crownpoint Judicial District Court. However, a total of 31 were served with Temporary Protection Order to respondents. A total of 106 were served by the police department, 19 were served by other services, 18 were served by District Court Bailiff.

For this quarter, there were 6 respondents served with Temporary Protection Order by Police Department, 29 were not served by Police Department, 1 was served by District Court Bailiff for Pueblo Pintado Judicial District Circuit Court.

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

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

### **K. Ramah Judicial District**

**Objective:** Ramah Judicial District will continue providing services and conducting hearings. Ramah District Judge is supportive of the services offered to move essential cases forward. Coordinating through plans reflects the same information in terms of working with local resources. It is imperative to coordinate and communicate with the staff to receive incoming court documents, US mail postal service, fax and court email. The court continues to provide services and conduct court hearings.

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

- a. The Ramah District Court has continued with advertising the Court Custodian position. Received several applicants for interview process and should have a hired custodian the next quarter.
- b. Ramah District Court has completed the annual employee evaluations and the forms were forwarded to the Human Resources Office.
- c. The Ramah District Court continues providing services with the following program and resources, such as the Offices of Navajo Nation Prosecutor, Ramah Navajo Social Services, and Ramah Navajo Law Enforcement Services.
- d. During our Daily Operation: This 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter the Ramah Court Staff continuously worked with the schedule system where the entire staff are in the court building and conducting in-person case hearings. Staff continues daily operations and services by

- answering telephone calls, processing of fines and fees payments, processing postal mail, and providing services to litigants.
- e. Court Services/telephone calls/fax services: This 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter there were 78 people signed in for services, 265 telephone calls logged in/out were received, and there were 12 incoming/outgoing fax services.
  - f. The Court Clerks maintain: This 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter the bench warrant list has been updated with the Ramah Navajo Law & Enforcement each month and there are 43 pending bench warrants.
  - g. Weekly Bank Deposits: Court Bailiff continues to make bank deposits (fines & fees & cash bond) at the Wells Fargo Bank located in Gallup, New Mexico. Also, they continue to deliver incoming/outgoing mail to Administrative Office of the Courts, pickup of supplies from Gallup, Navajo Nation Office Supplies, and NOR-KEM Office Supplies.
  - h. This quarterly Resource Meeting: This 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, the court hosted no meeting. Will progressively work on scheduling a meeting into the next quarter by working with the local resources.
  - i. Ramah Regular Chapter Meeting: Court Administrator, Esther Jose, has not attended the Ramah Planning and Regular Chapter meeting. The Ramah Navajo Chapter House is in the process of renovation of the chapter building.
  - j. The Background Check: The Ramah Judicial District honored overall 75 dispositional requests from the Ramah Navajo School Board, 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 purposes and any dispositions if any with the State or Federal.
  - k. Oath of Office: During this quarter, Judge Malcolm Laughing administered the oath of office requested by the Lieutenant, to set a date for Oath of Office for newly hired Law Enforcement Officers, Detention Officers and Telecommunicators. The Ramah Law Enforcement requests for Oath of Office yearly.
  - l. Site Visit from AOC/Program: Meeting with Financial Manager Sandy Dalgai, and other participants through Microsoft Teams on the FY2025 General Budget for Ramah Judicial District.
  - m. Training: On February 28, 2024, District Court Judge Malcolm Laughing, Court Administrator Esther Jose, and Court Bailiff Harvey Pino, all attended mandatory Sexual Harassment Training provided by Lahomah Bahe, Training Manager.
  - n. Procurement Training. On February 28, 2024, the Judicial Branch Financial Manager Sandra Dalgai conducted a FY2025 Budget Work Session held at the Navajo Department of Transportation, Tse Bonito, NM, for an overview of the budget with the Court Administrators and other programs.
  - o. Proposal Request for Funds: On March 18, 2024, a proposal was submitted for the next phase regarding the future of the New Ramah District Court building. The proposal was a request for funds from Hashkeji Nahata Beeso Bahogan. Grant Administrator Raquel Chee has received the memorandum through email regarding the proposal requesting for funds and has been forwarded to the committee. Submitted budget forms requesting the amount of the cost for design and engineering to construct the new court building.

- p. Training on Just Ware 101: On March 28-29, 2024, Court Bailiff, Harvey Pino, and Court Clerk Roxanne Yazzie attended Just Ware training. Topics were as follows: Justware login, navigation, search options, name record overview, case record, system reports. Court Administrator, Esther Jose attended one (1) day on March 29, 2024. The 101 training was a refresher for our skills and the processing for our daily duties with the Jusware system.
- q. FY2025 Budget: On March 28, 2024, Sandy Dalgai, Acting Financial Manager, came out to Ramah District for a one-on-one budget meeting. An overview and update of FY2025 budget was presented as well as provided information regarding the preparation of the budget for the Ramah Judicial District Court. Human Resource staff and Grant Administrator Raquel Chee attended through Microsoft Teams. Ramah District Court attendees were the Court Administrator Esther Jose and Court Clerk Jennifer Jim-Cly.
- r. Pest Control: The scheduled monthly pest control has been provided each month to our court building inside and outside.
- s. Court Administrator Meeting: During this second quarter Court Administrator, Esther Jose attended the Microsoft Teams meeting along with other court administrators and program managers. Topics included financial presentations and participation in ARPA Expenditure Planning meetings were discussed.
- t. Court Administrator/Managers Meeting: On February 8, 2024, Court Administrator Esther Jose participated in court administrator and managers meeting via teleconference. The group was updated on FY2025 Budget process, external funds, training on FMIS and procurement, case referrals, court ADA/ASL translator needs, generating statistics from Justware by codes, VOIP-new telephone system, and NNIJISP request for Background Investigation. Participants received judicial branch updates and ascertained branch development.
- u. Judicial Branch Conference: On March 28, 2024, Judge Malcolm Laughing attended the Judicial Branch Quarterly Conference for the Judges with Chief Justice at Fire Rock Casino, Churchrock, New Mexico.
- v. Training: On March 28-29, 2024, the Ramah Court Bailiff Harvey Pino, and Court Clerk Roxanne Yazzie attended the Just Ware 101 Training, which was held in the Department of Behavioral Health in Window Rock, Az. Both staff completed the training. Court Administrator Esther Jose only attended one day on March 29, 2024. It was a lot of refresher training.

## **2. OBJECTIVES TO BE ACCOMPLISHED IN NEXT QUARTER:**

- a. This 3rd quarter, hire court custodian position.
- b. This 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, 62<sup>nd</sup> Justice Day at Ramah Judicial District will be held.
- c. This 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, to plan, organize, and prepare budget FY2025

## **L. Tóhajiilee Judicial District**

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

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

Court Administrator Regina Begay Roanhorse created docket books for 2005-2007 cases. It was not input into JustWare because of the case certification that was ongoing.

## **2. Other Significant Accomplishments**

- a. Tribal Justice Panel for the 2024 Census of Tribal Law Enforcement Agencies and the 2024 Census of Tribal Court Systems  
Judge William J.J. Platero attended the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics Tribal Justice panel on March 6, 2024, at Albuquerque, New Mexico. The meeting focused on reviewing draft surveys that were developed using input from a series of webinars with the tribal community. The goal was to collect information that will fill gaps in data currently available and document day-to-day functions, staffing and structure of tribal justice agencies serving tribal communities.
- b. Tribal Court Systems Webinar  
On February 20, 2024, Court Administrator Regina Begay-Roanhorse attended one of the webinars entitled “Tribal Court Systems.” Ms. Begay-Roanhorse was asked a series of questions that pertained to tribal court systems and management. The qualitative data is then used for different purposes. The problem with this type of evaluation is that the tribal courts across Indian Country will be compared as a group instead of having an evaluation of Navajo Nation courts with their own laws, tribal court rules and processes, said Ms. Begay Roanhorse. “Sometimes we do need to protect our sovereign data so it is not misinterpreted or used for other unknown reasons,” said Ms. Begay-Roanhorse. According to the fact sheet, the data collected will focus on administrative structure and jurisdiction, staffing and budgets, types of cases filed and closed, and programs/ services.
- c. Case Management  
Staff Attorney Alisha Thompson is assigned to Tuba City Judicial District. She continues to provide legal advice to the Judicial Branch Judges for all districts, when needed.
- d. Case Certification  
Court Administrator Regina Begay Roanhorse and Court Clerk Leona Begay continued to review cases by year and case type. Altogether, during this quarter, the clerks reviewed approximately 140 cases. The process includes reviewing the pleadings, final orders and matching dates on JustWare, updating proceedings and basically ensuring all data in the database is correct. The future goal is to ensure that when reports are run historically or in real time, that the reports are accurate. In addition to this process, the docket books were reviewed by case type on all closed and pending cases to ensure that the final judgments are uploaded in the case record of each JustWare entry if any, and that the docket books are updated. There were some cases the former clerk had “closed” that were not properly closed so the clerks’ office worked on these cases to correct clerically, administratively or judicially, working with our Staff Attorney Alisha Thompson. Although very meticulous, the process, once refined, will include cases back to 2009 in JustWare.

Historically, the To'Hajiilee Judicial District did not have any database or case management system even though all the other districts had one. Therefore, inputting old cases in 2014 when JustWare went "live" was very difficult. The clerks are reviewing these entries in particular. The work will continue into 2024.

- e. McKinley Community Health Alliance  
Court Administrator Regina Begay-Roanhorse attended an online meeting with the McKinley Community Health Alliance to discuss policy changes at the legislature for New Mexico that impact the health and welfare of indigenous people.
- f. Update to Council Delegates  
On January 19, 2024, Council Delegates Norman Begay and George Tolth came to the court building and Court Administrator Regina Begay-Roanhorse gave an update on the USDOJ Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation 2018 grant that was frozen and unspent. She also gave updates on hearings and court staff projects.
- g. To'Hajiilee Chapter Meeting  
On February 6, 2024, Court Administrator Regina Begay-Roanhorse attended the local Chapter meeting and gave updates on number of hearings completed and staffing.
- h. New Mexico Tribal State Judicial Consortium  
Court Administrator Regina Begay-Roanhorse attended, virtually, the New Mexico Tribal State Judicial Consortium meeting. The discussion with the consortium concerned domestic violence orders being recognized by the state courts.
- i. Law and Order Committee, Legislative Branch  
Court Administrator Regina Begay-Roanhorse attended online the meeting on March 4, 2024, for the Law and Order Committee of the Navajo Nation Legislative Branch.  
  
On March 12, 2024, Regina Begay-Roanhorse attended the Law and Order Committee work session online as a Navajo Nation Bar Association member and court staff.
- j. Navajo OSHA Visit  
On March 6, 2024, the Navajo OSHA department inspected the To'Hajiilee courthouse.
- k. Inventory  
On March 14, 2024, the Administrative Office of the Courts staff, IT department and financial department, did an inventory of all our equipment. The court has not received the inventory as of April 4, 2024.
- l. Ats'iis Naabik'iyati Meeting with Canoncito Band of Navajo Health Center, Inc. Behavioral Health  
Court Administrator Regina Begay -Roanhorse attended a community coalition meeting on March 29, 2024, called the Ats'iis Naabik'iyati to map out activities for

the rest of the year to address alcohol, substance abuse, domestic violence and mental health challenges. Ms. Roanhorse will work on an event for Domestic Violence in October 2024.

m. Alamo Judicial District – Funding

On March 4, 2024, Court Administrator Regina Begay Roanhorse attended on online meeting with Judge William Platero, Acting Court Administrator Miranda Apachito, Council Delegate Norman Begay, and the Chapter officials to discuss the federal funding availability for Alamo courts. Referral was made to the Administrative Office of the Courts grants management person, Raquel Chee, to further discuss their involvement in the initiative.

n. Leaky Roof

On March 8, 2024, Court Administrator Regina Begay Roanhorse sent a request to Navajo Nation Facilities Maintenance to fix a leaking roof in the Staff Attorney's office. To date, April 4, 2024, there is no response.

o. Document Technician Position FY 25

Court Administrator Regina Begay Roanhorse requested for a document technician position so that we can increase the archiving of records. Although there is limited room, the position can share the court administrator's office. Peacemaking has an empty office at the court house and Court Administrator rarely sees the program person at the court.

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

- a. Have an open house for To'Hajiilee Justice Day.

**M. Alamo Judicial District**

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

a. Archive cases – Docket lists

The Alamo Judicial District does not have a document technician. However, the Alamo Acting Court Administrator Miranda Apachito continues to archive cases and is training Marlene Whitefeather, Court Clerk, on how to archive cases.

b. Conduct more in person hearings

The Alamo District Court scheduled and conducted more in person hearings this quarter. Our Court day is on Thursday. Judge Platero comes to the Courthouse from To'Hajiilee Court to conduct the in-person hearings. When we have new petitions filed, we scan and email them to Judge Platero for his review and further instructions. We must do it this way because the back road between Alamo and To'Hajiilee is halfway paved and halfway dirt road. The dirt road gets rugged and sometimes it is not a passable road to drive on due to the weather conditions. We must save on mileage for the tribal vehicles and the wear and tear on the vehicles is

not good either. However, the Navajo Nation prosecutor is not available to attend in person hearings and appears virtually for the scheduled hearings.

## **2. Other Significant Accomplishments**

- a. On January 02, 2024, Acting Court Administrator Miranda Apachito attended a meeting regarding the Department of Family Services. They wanted to explain to us which department is taking care of Alamo Court and which department takes care of To'Hajiilee Court. They wanted to make that clear for all of us so that when we are sending them documents on cases we send them to the right place. They also gave us their contact information.
- b. On January 05, 2024, we had a Staff Development with To'Hajiilee Court staff. They appeared virtually for the meeting because they didn't want to be traveling in the mud on the back road. Staff went over the Financial Process and the Trust Account. We went over the Judicial Branch Employee Policies and Procedures (JBEPP) and went over the leave policy.
- c. On January 08, 2024, Acting Court Administrator Miranda Apachito completed the staff evaluations.
- b. On January 12, 2024, Acting Court Administrator Miranda Apachito prepared the 2023 Case Certification of case load study for the Alamo Court and sent them to Karen Franics, Acting Administrative Director.
- c. On January 17, 2024, Acting Court Administrator Miranda Apachito attended the Native Youth Justice Community of Practice via ZOOM. There were several presenters including Kim Mettler, Chief Judge Devon Lomayesva, and Shannon McLocklom, Association on American Indian Affairs. They talked about the Tribal Youth Court Reclaiming Wellness Intertribal Court in Southern California. They explained that it takes a team to run the court and the team consists of the Judge, Court Coordinator, Bailiff, and the Court Clerk.
- d. On January 18, 2024, Acting Court Administrator Miranda Apachito attended a HVAC, Building issues, etc. meeting. The meeting included Gwendolyn Keedo, Paulette Begay, Karen Franics, Raquel Chee, Sandra Dalgai, and the Court Administrators. Each district went over the HVAC systems and gave updates on the quotes that they are trying to get to use the ARPA funding.
- e. On January 23, 2024, Lahomah Bahe, Training Manager, sent an email to all the districts asking for a nominee to be on her training committee. Acting Court Administrator Miranda Apachito informed her that Marlene Whitefeather, Court Clerk, will be on her committee. This is still on going and Ms. Whitefeather will be working with Ms. Bahe to let her know of our training needs.
- f. On January 24, 2024, Lincoln Plumbing and Heating came out to Alamo Courthouse and worked on the HVAC system. He was able to clean the units and documented what needs to be replaced or fixed.



- g. On January 24, 2024, Acting Court Administrator Miranda Apachito attended a meeting with Cheron Watchman. She gave us information on how we are to do the step increase for the staff. She explained the forms to us and how we are to prepare the step increase for each staff member that qualifies.
- h. On January 29, 2024, Acting Court Administrator Miranda Apachito attended the VOIP presentation.
- i. On January 30, 2024, The Alamo Court staff traveled to To'Hajiilee Court and attended the Customer Service Training with Lahomah Bahe. She highlighted some of the Judicial Branch Employee Policies and Procedures to refresh our minds.
- j. On February 06, 2024, Acting Court Administrator Miranda Apachito sent the application and contract to the Socorro Electric Co-Op for the streetlights to be placed at the Courthouse and at the Hogan.
- k. On February 08, 2024, Acting Court Administrator Miranda Apachito attended a Court Administrator meeting.
- l. On February 12, 2024, Acting Court Administrator Miranda Apachito and Bailiff Kendall Apachito attended the Navajo Nation Procurement Training in Tse Bonito, NM.
- m. On February 13, 2024, Acting Court Administrator Miranda Apachito, Office Technician Racquel Hurley, and Senior Budget Analyst Gwendolyn Keedo had a meeting on the ARPA Funding and quotes that were submitted.
- n. On February 14, 2024, Acting Court Administrator Miranda Apachito had a staff meeting with Judge Platero, Bailiff Kendall Apachito, Custodian Jake Apachito, Court Clerk Marlene Whitefeather, Probation/Parole Officer Lauren Billy, and Traditional Peacemaking Specialist Annabell Pino. Each staff member gave updates on projects that they are working on.
- o. On February 15, 2024, Acting Court Administrator Miranda Apachito attended a Public Safety meeting in Magdalena at the Marshal's office. Rebecca Touchin, Norman Begay, Inez Apachito, Michael Zamora, and Officer Bitselley were all in attendance.
- p. On February 20, 2024, Acting Court Administrator Miranda Apachito attended the Tribal Court Systems webinar 2023 Tribal Consultation/Listening Session.
- q. On February 28, 2024, Acting Court Administrator Miranda Apachito attended the FY'25 Budget meeting in Tse Bonito, NM. The staff from the Administrative Office of the Courts were present as well as the Court Administrators.
- r. On March 01, 2024, Acting Court Administrator Miranda Apachito and Court Clerk Marlene Whitefeather attended an online JustWare Financial/Statistics training with

- Melanie Price. She covered many topics within JustWare: Fines & Fees, Depository, Cash Bonds, how a receipt should look for non-case payments, and reports.
- s. On March 04, 2024, Acting Court Administrator Miranda Apachito had a meeting with Judge Platero, Court Administrator Regina Roanhorse, Inez Apachito from the Alamo Chapter, Delegate Norman Begay, and Chapter Officials. The meeting participants went over the grant information that was sent by Rebecca Touchin, State Representative for District 2.
  - t. On March 06, 2024, Navajo OSHA came to the Courthouse to prepare a report on the building.
  - u. On March 08, 2024, Acting Court Administrator Mirand Apachito had a one-on-one meeting with Sandra Dalgai to go over the budget for FY'25.
  - w. On March 21, 2024, Acting Court Administrator Miranda Apachito attended the Court Administrator and Manager's meeting. There was a discussion on the Kiosks that are in each district, and they are wanting to set them up for the public to use. There is a meeting scheduled for April 30, 2024, for further discussion.
  - x. On March 28 and 29, 2024, Court Clerk Marlene Whitefeather and Bailiff Kendall Apachito attended the JustWare training in Window Rock, AZ. Melanie Price was their instructor. They learned how to process cases and to assign a docket numbers, they learned how to process the payments for the filing fees. They also learned how to process the receipts for each case and for non-case payments. They both learned a lot from this training, and they hope to use it in their current positions at the Alamo District Court.

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

- a. Send staff on training courses pertaining to their job titles.
- b. Get the Stucco repaired and painted; still working on getting quotes. Replace the front doors; still working on getting quotes. Get a streetlight put up in the parking lot; working with Socorro Electric Co-Op to get this done. The security light at the Hogan was put in place and waiting on the other one for the Court parking lot due to it being on back order. Get the carpet replaced in the Courthouse; submitted a quote for this, and waiting for the approval. Get the security lights on the outside of the building replaced; submitted a work order to Facility Maintenance and waiting for them to come to the Courthouse to fix the lights. Get the landscaping for the front of the Court Building; still working on the quotes. Get the storage container ordered and in place at the Alamo District Court to store supplies and case files that have been archived; waiting on the final approval on this. The fence needs to be extended to the North of the Courthouse and get the front gate replaced.

# XI. Judicial Branch Statistical Caseload Reports

## FY2024 SECOND QUARTER OVERALL STATISTICS BY LOCATION

LOCATION	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Supreme Court	132	0.6%	13	0.3%	145	0.6%	0	0.0%	145	0.7%
Alamo	27	0.1%	11	0.3%	38	0.1%	19	0.4%	19	0.1%
Aneth	571	2.6%	75	2.0%	646	2.5%	106	2.0%	540	2.6%
Chinle	1,210	5.5%	338	8.9%	1,548	6.0%	481	9.1%	1,067	5.2%
Crownpoint	1,907	8.7%	399	10.5%	2,306	9.0%	511	9.7%	1,795	8.8%
Dilkon	3,959	18.1%	219	5.8%	4,178	16.3%	579	11.0%	3,599	17.6%
Dzit Yijiin	183	0.8%	87	2.3%	270	1.1%	104	2.0%	166	0.8%
Kayenta	1,572	7.2%	382	10.1%	1,954	7.6%	403	7.6%	1,551	7.6%
Pueblo Pintado	209	1.0%	35	0.9%	244	1.0%	31	0.6%	213	1.0%
Ramah	1,951	8.9%	30	0.8%	1,981	7.7%	149	2.8%	1,832	9.0%
Shiprock	2,215	10.1%	430	11.4%	2,645	10.3%	774	14.7%	1,871	9.2%
To'hajilee	140	0.6%	15	0.4%	155	0.6%	18	0.3%	137	0.7%
Tuba City	2,176	9.9%	475	12.5%	2,651	10.3%	449	8.5%	2,202	10.8%
Window Rock	4,732	21.6%	427	11.3%	5,159	20.1%	1,236	23.5%	3,923	19.2%
Probation Services	706	3.2%	610	16.1%	1,316	5.1%	340	6.5%	976	4.8%
Peacemaking	186	0.9%	240	6.3%	426	1.7%	68	1.3%	358	1.8%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,876</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,786</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>25,662</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>5,268</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>20,394</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## FY2024 SECOND QUARTER OVERALL STATISTICS BY CASE TYPE

CASE TYPE	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	541	2.5%	95	2.5%	636	2.5%	108	2.1%	528	2.6%
Criminal	7,827	35.8%	678	17.9%	8,505	33.1%	1,425	27.1%	7,080	34.7%
Civil Traffic	8,046	36.8%	1,106	29.2%	9,152	35.7%	2,100	39.9%	7,052	34.6%
Criminal Traffic	1,368	6.3%	171	4.5%	1,539	6.0%	210	4.0%	1,329	6.5%
Family Civil	2,039	9.3%	291	7.7%	2,330	9.1%	389	7.4%	1,941	9.5%
Domestic Violence	665	3.0%	509	13.4%	1,174	4.6%	558	10.6%	616	3.0%
Dependency	256	1.2%	44	1.2%	300	1.2%	40	0.8%	260	1.3%
Delinquency	89	0.4%	25	0.7%	114	0.4%	23	0.4%	91	0.4%
CHINS	21	0.1%	4	0.1%	25	0.1%	7	0.1%	18	0.1%
Supreme Court	132	0.6%	13	0.3%	145	0.6%	0	0.0%	145	0.7%
Probation/Parole	706	3.2%	610	16.1%	1,316	5.1%	340	6.5%	976	4.8%
Peacemaking	186	0.9%	240	6.3%	426	1.7%	68	1.3%	358	1.8%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,876</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,786</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>25,662</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>5,268</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>20,394</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### SUPREME COURT OF THE NAVAJO NATION

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Reconsiderations		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	122	92%	11	100%	2	100%	135	93%	0	0%	135	93%
Criminal	4	3%	0	0%	0	0%	4	3%	0	0%	4	3%
NNBA	6	5%	0	0%	0	0%	6	4%	0	0%	6	4%
Special Proceedings	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>100%</b>

### ALAMO COURT

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	1	3.7%	0	0.0%	1	2.6%	0	0.0%	1	5.3%
Criminal	20	74.1%	0	0.0%	20	52.6%	13	68.4%	7	36.8%
Civil Traffic	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Criminal Traffic	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>21</b>		<b>0</b>		<b>21</b>		<b>13</b>		<b>8</b>	
Family Civil	4	14.8%	8	72.7%	12	31.6%	5	26.3%	7	36.8%
Domestic Violence	1	3.7%	3	27.3%	4	10.5%	1	5.3%	3	15.8%
Dependency	1	3.7%	0	0.0%	1	2.6%	0	0.0%	1	5.3%
Delinquency	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
CHINS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>11</b>		<b>17</b>		<b>6</b>		<b>11</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**ANETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	27	4.7%	4	5.3%	31	4.8%	3	2.8%	28	5.2%
Criminal	295	51.7%	8	10.7%	303	46.9%	45	42.5%	258	47.8%
Civil Traffic	20	3.5%	7	9.3%	27	4.2%	9	8.5%	18	3.3%
Criminal Traffic	43	7.5%	3	4.0%	46	7.1%	4	3.8%	42	7.8%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>385</b>		<b>22</b>		<b>407</b>		<b>61</b>		<b>346</b>	
Family Civil	145	25.4%	18	24.0%	163	25.2%	17	16.0%	146	27.0%
Domestic Violence	30	5.3%	34	45.3%	64	9.9%	27	25.5%	37	6.9%
Dependency	8	1.4%	0	0.0%	8	1.2%	0	0.0%	8	1.5%
Delinquency	2	0.4%	0	0.0%	2	0.3%	0	0.0%	2	0.4%
CHINS	1	0.2%	1	1.3%	2	0.3%	1	0.9%	1	0.2%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>186</b>		<b>53</b>		<b>239</b>		<b>45</b>		<b>194</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**CHINLE JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	83	6.9%	16	4.7%	99	6.4%	7	1.5%	92	8.6%
Criminal	532	44.0%	118	34.9%	650	42.0%	242	50.3%	408	38.2%
Civil Traffic	152	12.6%	90	26.6%	242	15.6%	105	21.8%	137	12.8%
Criminal Traffic	76	6.3%	9	2.7%	85	5.5%	18	3.7%	67	6.3%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>843</b>		<b>233</b>		<b>1,076</b>		<b>372</b>		<b>704</b>	
Family Civil	149	12.3%	37	10.9%	186	12.0%	53	11.0%	133	12.5%
Domestic Violence	165	13.6%	54	16.0%	219	14.1%	38	7.9%	181	17.0%
Dependency	30	2.5%	11	3.3%	41	2.6%	14	2.9%	27	2.5%
Delinquency	17	1.4%	0	0.0%	17	1.1%	1	0.2%	16	1.5%
CHINS	6	0.5%	3	0.9%	9	0.6%	3	0.6%	6	0.6%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>367</b>		<b>105</b>		<b>472</b>		<b>109</b>		<b>363</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>1,210</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,548</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,067</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**CROWNPOINT JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	64	3.4%	15	3.8%	79	3.4%	19	3.7%	60	3.3%
Criminal	1,147	60.1%	55	13.8%	1,202	52.1%	129	25.2%	1,073	59.8%
Civil Traffic	175	9.2%	212	53.1%	387	16.8%	215	42.1%	172	9.6%
Criminal Traffic	144	7.6%	6	1.5%	150	6.5%	20	3.9%	130	7.2%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>1,530</b>		<b>288</b>		<b>1,818</b>		<b>383</b>		<b>1,435</b>	
Family Civil	227	11.9%	28	7.0%	255	11.1%	41	8.0%	214	11.9%
Domestic Violence	89	4.7%	76	19.0%	165	7.2%	73	14.3%	92	5.1%
Dependency	42	2.2%	3	0.8%	45	2.0%	3	0.6%	42	2.3%
Delinquency	19	1.0%	4	1.0%	23	1.0%	11	2.2%	12	0.7%
CHINS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>377</b>		<b>111</b>		<b>488</b>		<b>128</b>		<b>360</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>1,907</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,306</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,795</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**DILKON JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	34	0.9%	3	1.4%	37	0.9%	4	0.7%	33	0.9%
Criminal	1,299	32.8%	66	30.1%	1,365	32.7%	58	10.0%	1,307	36.3%
Civil Traffic	2,163	54.6%	90	41.1%	2,253	53.9%	459	79.3%	1,794	49.8%
Criminal Traffic	155	3.9%	7	3.2%	162	3.9%	4	0.7%	158	4.4%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>3,651</b>		<b>166</b>		<b>3,817</b>		<b>525</b>		<b>3,292</b>	
Family Civil	230	5.8%	16	7.3%	246	5.9%	16	2.8%	230	6.4%
Domestic Violence	59	1.5%	35	16.0%	94	2.2%	32	5.5%	62	1.7%
Dependency	14	0.4%	2	0.9%	16	0.4%	4	0.7%	12	0.3%
Delinquency	4	0.1%	0	0.0%	4	0.1%	2	0.3%	2	0.1%
CHINS	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>308</b>		<b>53</b>		<b>361</b>		<b>54</b>		<b>307</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>3,959</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>4,178</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,599</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**DZİŁ YIJIIN JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	10	5.5%	1	1.1%	11	4.1%	2	1.9%	9	5.4%
Criminal	71	38.8%	40	46.0%	111	41.1%	57	54.8%	54	32.5%
Civil Traffic	9	4.9%	1	1.1%	10	3.7%	8	7.7%	2	1.2%
Criminal Traffic	15	8.2%	7	8.0%	22	8.1%	4	3.8%	18	10.8%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>105</b>		<b>49</b>		<b>154</b>		<b>71</b>		<b>83</b>	
Family Civil	45	24.6%	16	18.4%	61	22.6%	9	8.7%	52	31.3%
Domestic Violence	5	2.7%	20	23.0%	25	9.3%	18	17.3%	7	4.2%
Dependency	18	9.8%	1	1.1%	19	7.0%	4	3.8%	15	9.0%
Delinquency	5	2.7%	1	1.1%	6	2.2%	2	1.9%	4	2.4%
CHINS	5	2.7%	0	0.0%	5	1.9%	0	0.0%	5	3.0%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>78</b>		<b>38</b>		<b>116</b>		<b>33</b>		<b>83</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**KAYENTA JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	29	1.8%	5	1.3%	34	1.7%	8	2.0%	26	1.7%
Criminal	1,052	66.9%	140	36.6%	1,192	61.0%	127	31.5%	1,065	68.7%
Civil Traffic	58	3.7%	132	34.6%	190	9.7%	145	36.0%	45	2.9%
Criminal Traffic	301	19.1%	36	9.4%	337	17.2%	27	6.7%	310	20.0%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>1,440</b>		<b>313</b>		<b>1,753</b>		<b>307</b>		<b>1,446</b>	
Family Civil	66	4.2%	19	5.0%	85	4.4%	27	6.7%	58	3.7%
Domestic Violence	34	2.2%	42	11.0%	76	3.9%	66	16.4%	10	0.6%
Dependency	31	2.0%	5	1.3%	36	1.8%	3	0.7%	33	2.1%
Delinquency	1	0.1%	3	0.8%	4	0.2%	0	0.0%	4	0.3%
CHINS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>132</b>		<b>69</b>		<b>201</b>		<b>96</b>		<b>105</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>1,572</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,954</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,551</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**PUEBLO PINTADO COURT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	3	1.4%	1	2.9%	4	1.6%	1	3.2%	3	1.4%
Criminal	162	77.5%	12	34.3%	174	71.3%	9	29.0%	165	77.5%
Civil Traffic	7	3.3%	4	11.4%	11	4.5%	4	12.9%	7	3.3%
Criminal Traffic	6	2.9%	0	0.0%	6	2.5%	0	0.0%	6	2.8%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>178</b>		<b>17</b>		<b>195</b>		<b>14</b>		<b>181</b>	
Family Civil	14	6.7%	2	5.7%	16	6.6%	3	9.7%	13	6.1%
Domestic Violence	7	3.3%	15	42.9%	22	9.0%	12	38.7%	10	4.7%
Dependency	7	3.3%	1	2.9%	8	3.3%	0	0.0%	8	3.8%
Delinquency	2	1.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.8%	1	3.2%	1	0.5%
CHINS	1	0.5%	0	0.0%	1	0.4%	1	3.2%	0	0.0%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>31</b>		<b>18</b>		<b>49</b>		<b>17</b>		<b>32</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**RAMAH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	2	0.1%	0	0.0%	2	0.1%	1	0.7%	1	0.1%
Criminal	286	14.7%	0	0.0%	286	14.4%	52	34.9%	234	12.8%
Civil Traffic	1,444	74.0%	16	53.3%	1,460	73.7%	8	5.4%	1,452	79.3%
Criminal Traffic	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>1,733</b>		<b>16</b>		<b>1,749</b>		<b>61</b>		<b>1,688</b>	
Family Civil	109	5.6%	7	23.3%	116	5.9%	3	2.0%	113	6.2%
Domestic Violence	84	4.3%	6	20.0%	90	4.5%	85	57.0%	5	0.3%
Dependency	8	0.4%	1	3.3%	9	0.5%	0	0.0%	9	0.5%
Delinquency	17	0.9%	0	0.0%	17	0.9%	0	0.0%	17	0.9%
CHINS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>218</b>		<b>14</b>		<b>232</b>		<b>88</b>		<b>144</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>1,951</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,981</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,832</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**SHIPROCK JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	98	4.4%	12	2.8%	110	4.2%	24	3.1%	86	4.6%
Criminal	1,092	49.3%	87	20.2%	1,179	44.6%	399	51.6%	780	41.7%
Civil Traffic	345	15.6%	178	41.4%	523	19.8%	140	18.1%	383	20.5%
Criminal Traffic	191	8.6%	33	7.7%	224	8.5%	59	7.6%	165	8.8%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>1,726</b>		<b>310</b>		<b>2,036</b>		<b>622</b>		<b>1,414</b>	
Family Civil	413	18.6%	42	9.8%	455	17.2%	67	8.7%	388	20.7%
Domestic Violence	52	2.3%	71	16.5%	123	4.7%	82	10.6%	41	2.2%
Dependency	7	0.3%	3	0.7%	10	0.4%	1	0.1%	9	0.5%
Delinquency	10	0.5%	4	0.9%	14	0.5%	0	0.0%	14	0.7%
CHINS	7	0.3%	0	0.0%	7	0.3%	2	0.3%	5	0.3%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>489</b>		<b>120</b>		<b>609</b>		<b>152</b>		<b>457</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>2,215</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,645</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>774</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,871</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**TOHAJILEE COURT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	0	0.0%	1	6.7%	1	0.6%	0	0.0%	1	0.7%
Criminal	108	77.1%	1	6.7%	109	70.3%	5	27.8%	104	75.9%
Civil Traffic	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Criminal Traffic	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>108</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>110</b>		<b>5</b>		<b>105</b>	
Family Civil	20	14.3%	7	46.7%	27	17.4%	7	38.9%	20	14.6%
Domestic Violence	9	6.4%	4	26.7%	13	8.4%	6	33.3%	7	5.1%
Dependency	3	2.1%	2	13.3%	5	3.2%	0	0.0%	5	3.6%
Delinquency	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
CHINS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>32</b>		<b>13</b>		<b>45</b>		<b>13</b>		<b>32</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**TUBA CITY JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	31	1.4%	11	2.3%	42	1.6%	11	2.4%	31	1.4%
Criminal	1,501	69.0%	121	25.5%	1,622	61.2%	206	45.9%	1,416	64.3%
Civil Traffic	45	2.1%	186	39.2%	231	8.7%	107	23.8%	124	5.6%
Criminal Traffic	352	16.2%	69	14.5%	421	15.9%	56	12.5%	365	16.6%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>1,929</b>		<b>387</b>		<b>2,316</b>		<b>380</b>		<b>1,936</b>	
Family Civil	183	8.4%	22	4.6%	205	7.7%	32	7.1%	173	7.9%
Domestic Violence	42	1.9%	53	11.2%	95	3.6%	30	6.7%	65	3.0%
Dependency	15	0.7%	4	0.8%	19	0.7%	1	0.2%	18	0.8%
Delinquency	7	0.3%	9	1.9%	16	0.6%	6	1.3%	10	0.5%
CHINS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>247</b>		<b>88</b>		<b>335</b>		<b>69</b>		<b>266</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>2,176</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,651</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,202</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**WINDOW ROCK JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	159	3.4%	26	6.1%	185	3.6%	28	2.3%	157	4.0%
Criminal	262	5.5%	30	7.0%	292	5.7%	83	6.7%	209	5.3%
Civil Traffic	3,628	76.7%	190	44.5%	3,818	74.0%	900	72.8%	2,918	74.4%
Criminal Traffic	84	1.8%	1	0.2%	85	1.6%	18	1.5%	67	1.7%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>4,133</b>		<b>247</b>		<b>4,380</b>		<b>1,029</b>		<b>3,351</b>	
Family Civil	434	9.2%	69	16.2%	503	9.7%	109	8.8%	394	10.0%
Domestic Violence	88	1.9%	96	22.5%	184	3.6%	88	7.1%	96	2.4%
Dependency	72	1.5%	11	2.6%	83	1.6%	10	0.8%	73	1.9%
Delinquency	5	0.1%	4	0.9%	9	0.2%	0	0.0%	9	0.2%
CHINS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>599</b>		<b>180</b>		<b>779</b>		<b>207</b>		<b>572</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>4,732</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>5,159</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,236</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,923</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**NAVAJO NATION PROBATION SERVICES**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Adult Probation	242	34.3%	177	29.0%	419	31.8%	81	23.8%	338	34.6%
Adult Parole	4	0.6%	2	0.3%	6	0.5%	0	0.0%	6	0.6%
Adult Short-Term Probation	383	54.2%	382	62.6%	765	58.1%	223	65.6%	542	55.5%
<b>Adult Probation Total</b>	<b>629</b>		<b>561</b>		<b>1,190</b>		<b>304</b>		<b>886</b>	
Juvenile Probation	15	2.1%	8	1.3%	23	1.7%	2	0.6%	21	2.2%
Juvenile Short-Term Probation	62	8.8%	41	6.7%	103	7.8%	34	10.0%	69	7.1%
<b>Juvenile Probation Total</b>	<b>77</b>		<b>49</b>		<b>126</b>		<b>36</b>		<b>90</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,316</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>976</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**NAVAJO NATION PEACEMAKING PROGRAM**

District	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Alamo	9	4.8%	1	0.4%	10	2.3%	0	0.0%	10	2.8%
Aneth	2	1.1%	4	1.7%	6	1.4%	2	2.9%	4	1.1%
Chinle	38	20.4%	40	16.7%	78	18.3%	21	30.9%	57	15.9%
Crownpoint	38	20.4%	10	4.2%	48	11.3%	0	0.0%	48	13.4%
Dilkon	25	13.4%	0	0.0%	25	5.9%	0	0.0%	25	7.0%
Dzit' Yijiin	7	3.8%	27	11.3%	34	8.0%	14	20.6%	20	5.6%
Kayenta	11	5.9%	9	3.8%	20	4.7%	0	0.0%	20	5.6%
Ramah	2	1.1%	4	1.7%	6	1.4%	3	4.4%	3	0.8%
Shiprock	5	2.7%	2	0.8%	7	1.6%	0	0.0%	7	2.0%
To'hajilee	2	1.1%	1	0.4%	3	0.7%	0	0.0%	3	0.8%
Tuba City	8	4.3%	142	59.2%	150	35.2%	28	41.2%	122	34.1%
Window Rock	39	21.0%	0	0.0%	39	9.2%	0	0.0%	39	10.9%
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## XII. Judicial Branch Budgets and Expenditures

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

### A. Navajo Nation General Fund

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

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

No.	Business Unit/Object Code	Program/Description	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Actuals - YTD	Encumbrances	Budget Available	% Expensed of Total
<b>1</b>	<b>102001</b>	<b>Admin Office of the Courts</b>						
	1930	Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	(36,943.50)	0.00	0.00	(36,943.50)	0.00%
	1992	IDC Recovery	(93,182.00)	(93,182.00)	(4,823.15)	0.00	(88,358.85)	5.18%
	1996	Allocation	(1,970,898.00)	(2,054,276.00)	0.00	0.00	(2,054,276.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(2,064,080.00)	(2,184,401.50)	(4,823.15)	0.00	(2,179,578.35)	0.22%
	2000	Personnel Expenses	1,849,152.00	1,877,259.00	766,645.15	0.00	1,110,613.85	40.84%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	214,928.00	307,142.50	87,181.26	27,469.81	192,491.43	37.33%
	2000	Expenses	2,064,080.00	2,184,401.50	853,826.41	27,469.81	1,303,105.28	40.34%
<b>2</b>	<b>102002</b>	<b>Chinle Judicial District</b>						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	1996	Allocation	(1,228,287.00)	(1,287,406.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,287,406.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(1,228,287.00)	(1,287,406.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,287,406.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	1,110,325.00	1,110,325.00	423,907.62	0.00	686,417.38	38.18%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	117,962.00	177,081.00	22,016.98	16,974.10	138,089.92	22.02%
	2000	Expenses	1,228,287.00	1,287,406.00	445,924.60	16,974.10	824,507.30	35.96%
<b>3</b>	<b>102003</b>	<b>Crownpoint Judicial District</b>						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	1996	Allocation	(1,059,662.00)	(1,110,874.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,110,874.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(1,059,662.00)	(1,110,874.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,110,874.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	976,327.00	976,327.00	406,665.79	0.00	569,661.21	41.65%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	83,335.00	123,547.00	23,613.57	1,574.45	98,358.98	20.39%
	9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	11,000.00	0.00	0.00	11,000.00	0.00%
	2000	Expenses	1,059,662.00	1,110,874.00	430,279.36	1,574.45	679,020.19	38.88%



No.	Business Unit/Object Code	Program/Description	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Actuals - YTD	Encumbrances	Budget Available	% Expended of Total
<b>4</b>	<b>102004</b>	<b>Window Rock Judicial District</b>						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	1996	Allocation	(1,322,991.00)	(1,383,484.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,383,484.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(1,322,991.00)	(1,383,484.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,383,484.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	1,203,236.00	1,203,236.00	362,203.84	0.00	841,032.16	30.10%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	119,755.00	170,248.00	34,492.06	19,755.03	116,000.91	31.86%
	9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	9,972.48	27.52	99.72%
	2000	Expenses	1,322,991.00	1,383,484.00	396,695.90	29,727.51	957,060.59	30.82%
<b>5</b>	<b>102005</b>	<b>Shiprock Judicial District</b>						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	1996	Allocation	(1,243,848.00)	(1,300,455.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,300,455.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(1,243,848.00)	(1,300,455.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,300,455.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	1,123,767.00	1,123,767.00	372,652.43	0.00	751,114.57	33.16%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	120,081.00	176,688.00	17,005.41	7,065.69	152,616.90	13.62%
	9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	2000	Expenses	1,243,848.00	1,300,455.00	389,657.84	7,065.69	903,731.47	30.51%
<b>6</b>	<b>102006</b>	<b>Tuba City Judicial District</b>						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	1996	Allocation	(1,135,073.00)	(1,187,777.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,187,777.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(1,135,073.00)	(1,187,777.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,187,777.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	989,899.00	989,899.00	298,920.25	0.00	690,978.75	30.20%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	145,174.00	197,878.00	46,437.92	10,860.22	140,579.86	28.96%
	2000	Expenses	1,135,073.00	1,187,777.00	345,358.17	10,860.22	831,558.61	29.99%
<b>7</b>	<b>102007</b>	<b>Ramah Judicial District</b>						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	1996	Allocation	(726,121.00)	(756,949.00)	0.00	0.00	(756,949.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(726,121.00)	(756,949.00)	0.00	0.00	(756,949.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	645,892.00	645,892.00	184,089.02	0.00	461,802.98	28.50%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	80,229.00	111,057.00	11,297.44	9,490.93	90,268.63	18.72%
	2000	Expenses	726,121.00	756,949.00	195,386.46	9,490.93	552,071.61	27.07%
<b>8</b>	<b>102008</b>	<b>Supreme Court</b>						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	1996	Allocation	(1,366,960.00)	(1,429,351.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,429,351.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(1,366,960.00)	(1,429,351.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,429,351.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	1,205,145.00	1,228,589.00	337,096.77	0.00	891,492.23	27.44%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	161,815.00	200,762.00	35,562.23	22,820.91	142,378.86	29.08%
	9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	2000	Expenses	1,366,960.00	1,429,351.00	372,659.00	22,820.91	1,033,871.09	27.67%
<b>9</b>	<b>102009</b>	<b>Peacemaking Program</b>						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	1996	Allocation	(1,413,054.00)	(1,477,377.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,477,377.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(1,413,054.00)	(1,477,377.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,477,377.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	1,274,195.00	1,274,195.00	504,992.05	0.00	769,202.95	39.63%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	138,859.00	203,182.00	40,727.86	2,153.77	160,300.37	21.11%
	9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	2000	Expenses	1,413,054.00	1,477,377.00	545,719.91	2,153.77	929,503.32	37.08%
<b>10</b>	<b>102010</b>	<b>Kayenta Judicial District</b>						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	1996	Allocation	(956,406.00)	(999,203.00)	0.00	0.00	(999,203.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(956,406.00)	(999,203.00)	0.00	0.00	(999,203.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	846,435.00	846,435.00	324,504.11	0.00	521,930.89	38.34%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	109,971.00	152,768.00	26,449.30	1,418.95	124,899.75	18.24%
	2000	Expenses	956,406.00	999,203.00	350,953.41	1,418.95	646,830.64	35.27%

No.	Business Unit/Object Code	Program/Description	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Actuals - YTD	Encumbrances	Budget Available	% Expended of Total
<b>11</b>	<b>102011</b>	<b>Dilkon Judicial District</b>						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	1996	Allocation	(888,987.00)	(927,052.00)	0.00	0.00	(927,052.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(888,987.00)	(927,052.00)	0.00	0.00	(927,052.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	804,541.00	804,541.00	348,926.21	0.00	455,614.79	43.37%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	84,446.00	122,511.00	22,715.65	1,594.78	98,200.57	19.84%
	2000	Expenses	888,987.00	927,052.00	371,641.86	1,594.78	553,815.36	40.26%
<b>12</b>	<b>102012</b>	<b>Aneth Judicial District</b>						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	(351.07)	0.00	0.00	(351.07)	0.00%
	1996	Allocation	(710,429.00)	(741,449.00)	0.00	0.00	(741,449.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(710,429.00)	(741,800.07)	0.00	0.00	(741,800.07)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	609,792.00	609,792.00	239,747.09	0.00	370,044.91	39.32%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	100,637.00	132,008.07	36,134.76	2,798.50	93,074.81	29.49%
	2000	Expenses	710,429.00	741,800.07	275,881.85	2,798.50	463,119.72	37.57%
<b>13</b>	<b>102013</b>	<b>Tohajiilee Judicial District</b>						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	1996	Allocation	(742,499.00)	(773,710.00)	0.00	0.00	(773,710.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(742,499.00)	(773,710.00)	0.00	0.00	(773,710.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	650,575.00	650,575.00	291,055.00	0.00	359,520.00	44.74%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	91,924.00	123,135.00	21,945.64	1,402.12	99,787.24	18.96%
	2000	Expenses	742,499.00	773,710.00	313,000.64	1,402.12	459,307.24	40.64%
<b>14</b>	<b>102014</b>	<b>Alamo Judicial District</b>						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	1996	Allocation	(373,007.00)	(381,228.00)	0.00	0.00	(381,228.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(373,007.00)	(381,228.00)	0.00	0.00	(381,228.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	300,993.00	300,993.00	89,376.11	0.00	211,616.89	29.69%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	72,014.00	80,235.00	9,206.97	829.97	70,198.06	12.51%
	2000	Expenses	373,007.00	381,228.00	98,583.08	829.97	281,814.95	26.08%
<b>15</b>	<b>102015</b>	<b>Dzil Yijin Judicial District</b>						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	1996	Allocation	(518,902.00)	(540,272.00)	0.00	0.00	(540,272.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(518,902.00)	(540,272.00)	0.00	0.00	(540,272.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	455,919.00	460,966.00	222,700.74	0.00	238,265.26	48.31%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	62,983.00	79,306.00	18,849.95	3,774.36	56,681.69	28.53%
	9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	2000	Expenses	518,902.00	540,272.00	241,550.69	3,774.36	294,946.95	45.41%
<b>16</b>	<b>102017</b>	<b>Pueblo Pintado Circuit Court</b>						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	1996	Allocation	(216,911.00)	(229,991.00)	0.00	0.00	(229,991.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(216,911.00)	(229,991.00)	0.00	0.00	(229,991.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	187,709.00	187,709.00	0.00	0.00	187,709.00	0.00%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	29,202.00	42,282.00	6,701.65	404.69	35,175.66	16.81%
	2000	Expenses	216,911.00	229,991.00	6,701.65	404.69	222,884.66	3.09%
<b>17</b>	<b>102018</b>	<b>Probation Services</b>						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	1996	Allocation	(2,182,032.00)	(2,275,487.00)	0.00	0.00	(2,275,487.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(2,182,032.00)	(2,275,487.00)	0.00	0.00	(2,275,487.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	1,868,735.00	1,868,735.00	662,947.72	0.00	1,205,787.28	35.48%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	313,297.00	406,752.00	70,198.08	8,412.41	328,141.51	19.33%
	9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	2000	Expenses	2,182,032.00	2,275,487.00	733,145.80	8,412.41	1,533,928.79	32.59%

No.	Business Unit/Object Code	Program/Description	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Actuals - YTD	Encumbrances	Budget Available	% Expended of Total
<b>18</b>	<b>102019</b>	<b>Judicial Conduct Commission</b>						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	1996	Allocation	(38,047.00)	(38,047.00)	0.00	0.00	(38,047.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(38,047.00)	(38,047.00)	0.00	0.00	(38,047.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	18,159.00	18,159.00	2,823.76	0.00	15,335.24	15.55%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	19,888.00	19,888.00	118.00	885.57	18,884.43	5.05%
	2000	Expenses	38,047.00	38,047.00	2,941.76	885.57	34,219.67	10.06%
<b>Judicial Branch General Fund Total:</b>			<b>18,187,296.00</b>	<b>19,024,864.57</b>	<b>6,369,908.39</b>	<b>149,658.74</b>	<b>12,505,297.44</b>	<b>34.27%</b>
<b>Overall Breakdown of General Funds:</b>								
	1930	Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	(37,294.57)	0.00	0.00	(37,294.57)	0.00%
	1992	IDC Recovery	(93,182.00)	(93,182.00)	(4,823.15)	0.00	(88,358.85)	5.18%
	1996	Allocation	(18,094,114.00)	(18,894,388.00)	0.00	0.00	(18,894,388.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(18,187,296.00)	(19,024,864.57)	(4,823.15)	0.00	(19,020,041.42)	0.03%
	2000	Personnel Expenses	16,120,796.00	16,177,394.00	5,839,253.66	0.00	10,338,140.34	36.10%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	2,066,500.00	2,826,470.57	530,654.73	139,686.26	2,156,129.58	23.72%
	9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	21,000.00	0.00	9,972.48	11,027.52	47.49%
	2000	Expenses	18,187,296.00	19,024,864.57	6,369,908.39	149,658.74	12,505,297.44	34.27%
<b>19</b>	<b>118019</b>	<b>NN Integrated Justice (Fixed Costs)</b>						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	(57,735.98)	0.00	0.00	(57,735.98)	0.00%
	1996	Allocation	(350,000.00)	(350,000.00)	0.00	0.00	(350,000.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(350,000.00)	(407,735.98)	0.00	0.00	(407,735.98)	0.00%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	350,000.00	407,735.98	45,337.63	51,985.98	310,412.37	23.87%
	2000	Expenses	350,000.00	407,735.98	45,337.63	51,985.98	310,412.37	23.87%
<b>Overall Breakdown of General Funds Plus NN Integrated Justice Fixed Costs:</b>								
	1930	Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	(95,030.55)	0.00	0.00	(95,030.55)	0.00%
	1992	IDC Recovery	(93,182.00)	(93,182.00)	(4,823.15)	0.00	(88,358.85)	5.18%
	1996	Allocation	(18,444,114.00)	(19,244,388.00)	0.00	0.00	(19,244,388.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(18,537,296.00)	(19,432,600.55)	(4,823.15)	0.00	(19,427,777.40)	0.02%
	2000	Personnel Expenses	16,120,796.00	16,177,394.00	5,839,253.66	0.00	10,338,140.34	36.10%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	2,416,500.00	3,234,206.55	575,992.36	191,672.24	2,466,541.95	23.74%
	9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	21,000.00	0.00	9,972.48	11,027.52	47.49%
	2000	Expenses	18,537,296.00	19,432,600.55	6,415,246.02	201,644.72	12,815,709.81	34.05%

## B. External Funds

The Judicial Branch currently has seventeen (17) External Fund Budgets as follows: (1) K170745 CY'17 Tribal Courts, Contract Term 1/1/17 – 12/31/24; (2) K180718 CY'18 Tribal Courts, Contract Term 1/1/18 – 12/31/24; (3) K180772 CY'18 One Time Direct TIWAHE Funding Contract Term 1/1/18 - 12/31/24; (4) K190723 CY'19 Tribal Courts, Contract Term 1/1/19 - 12/31/24; (5) K190778 CY'19 Judicial One Time Funds, Contract Term 1/1/19 - 12/31/24; (6) K200713 CY'20 Tribal Courts, Contract Term 1/1/20 - 12/31/24; (7) K200744 CY'20 One Time Funds VAWA, Contract Term 1/1/20 - 12/31/24; (8) K200791 CY'20 One time Fund DAPA CW, Contract Term 1/1/20 - 12/31/24; (9) K210722 CY'21 Tribal Courts, Contract Term 1/1/21- 12/31/24; (10) K210758 Tribal Courts Program - ARPA, Contract Term 1/1/21 -12/31/24; (11) K220710 CY'22 Tribal Courts Program, Contract Term 1/1/21 - 12/31/24; (12) K220740 CY'22 Domestic Abuse Protection/Child Welfare, Contract Term 01/1/20 - 12/31/24; (13) K230730 CY'23 Tribal Courts Program, Contract Term 1/1/23 - 12/31/24; (14) K230758 CY'23 Domestic Abuse Protection/Child Welfare, Contract Term 01/01/23 - 12/31/24; (15) K230743 CY'23 Tribal Courts O&M, Contract Term 1/1/23 - 12/31/24, (16) K2207101 CY'22 Tribal Courts O&M, Contract Term 1/1/22 - 12/31/24; and (17) K211518 US Treasury (ARPA), Contract Term 1/1/21 to 12/31/26. There are sixteen (16) Public Law 93-638 Indian Self-Determination Act, two (02) multiyear contracts with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to provide court services within the Navajo Nation.

No.	Unit/Object	Program/Description	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Actuals - YTD	Encumbrances	Budget Available	Expensed
<b>1</b>	<b>K170745</b>	<b>CY 17 Tribal Courts</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	770,471.00	1,358,721.44	1,357,608.08	0.00	1,113.36	99.92%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	53,563.00	232,055.56	232,055.56	0.00	0.00	100.00%
	2000	Expenses	824,034.00	1,590,777.00	1,589,663.64	0.00	1,113.36	99.93%
<b>2</b>	<b>K170748</b>	<b>CY 17 One Time Funds VAWA</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	10,272.00	25,798.30	25,798.30	0.00	0.00	100.00%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	79,728.00	64,201.70	64,201.70	0.00	0.00	100.00%
	2000	Expenses	90,000.00	90,000.00	90,000.00	0.00	0.00	100.00%
<b>3</b>	<b>K180718</b>	<b>CY 18 Tribal Courts</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	258,684.00	1,559,353.06	1,559,111.78	0.00	241.28	99.98%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	10,933.00	111,361.94	111,361.94	0.00	0.00	100.00%
	2000	Expenses	269,617.00	1,670,715.00	1,670,473.72	0.00	241.28	99.99%
<b>4</b>	<b>K180772</b>	<b>CY 18 One Time Direct TIWAHE</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	272,340.00	275,815.10	271,595.74	0.00	4,219.36	98.47%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	23,488.00	20,012.90	19,496.13	0.00	516.77	97.42%
	2000	Expenses	295,828.00	295,828.00	291,091.87	0.00	4,736.13	98.40%
<b>5</b>	<b>K190723</b>	<b>CY 19 Tribal Courts</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	262,524.00	1,436,572.56	1,436,000.07	0.00	572.49	99.96%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	8,119.00	249,247.44	240,353.57	0.00	8,893.87	96.43%
	2000	Expenses	270,643.00	1,685,820.00	1,676,353.64	0.00	9,466.36	99.44%
<b>6</b>	<b>K190778</b>	<b>CY 19 Judicial One Time Funds</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	277,245.00	278,655.00	255,404.94	0.00	23,250.06	91.66%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	48,061.00	46,651.00	13,077.12	411.88	33,162.00	28.91%
	2000	Expenses	325,306.00	325,306.00	268,482.06	411.88	56,412.06	82.66%
<b>7</b>	<b>K200713</b>	<b>CY 20 Tribal Courts</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	272,055.00	1,688,151.59	1,680,812.05	0.00	7,339.54	99.57%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	51,130.00	214,889.41	103,960.77	0.00	110,928.64	48.38%
	2000	Expenses	323,185.00	1,903,041.00	1,784,772.82	0.00	118,268.18	93.79%
<b>8</b>	<b>K200744</b>	<b>CY 20 Judicial One Time Funds VAWA</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	80,927.00	103,196.00	102,463.96	0.00	732.04	99.29%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	104,265.00	81,996.00	55,441.41	0.00	26,554.59	67.61%
	2000	Expenses	185,192.00	185,192.00	157,905.37	0.00	27,286.63	85.27%

No.	Unit/Object	Program/Description	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Actuals - YTD	Encumbrances	Budget Available	Expensed
<b>9</b>	<b>K200791</b>	<b>CY 20 Judicial One Time Fund DAPA CW</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	478,643.00	516,574.66	481,048.06	0.00	35,526.60	93.12%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	47,200.00	9,268.34	4,076.38	0.00	5,191.96	43.98%
	2000	Expenses	525,843.00	525,843.00	485,124.44	0.00	40,718.56	92.26%
<b>10</b>	<b>K210722</b>	<b>CY 21 Tribal Courts</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	273,047.00	1,621,107.87	1,560,849.42	0.00	60,258.45	96.28%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	16,878.00	250,314.13	90,338.41	0.00	159,975.72	36.09%
	9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	102,000.00	0.00	0.00	102,000.00	0.00%
	2000	Expenses	289,925.00	1,973,422.00	1,651,187.83	0.00	322,234.17	83.67%
<b>11</b>	<b>K210758</b>	<b>CY 21 Tribal Courts Program - ARPA</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	709,000.00	709,000.00	150,386.57	53,194.82	505,418.61	28.71%
	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	372,466.36	53,194.82	574,338.82	42.57%
<b>12</b>	<b>K220710</b>	<b>CY '22 Tribal Courts Program</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	253,732.00	1,865,142.38	1,721,150.39	0.00	143,991.99	92.28%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	8,575.00	402,737.62	198,906.31	0.00	203,831.31	49.39%
	2000	Expenses	262,307.00	2,267,880.00	1,920,056.70	0.00	347,823.30	84.66%
<b>13</b>	<b>K220740</b>	<b>CY'22 DOM ABUSE PRTCN/CHLD WELF</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	582,319.00	741,074.00	693,539.98	0.00	47,534.02	93.59%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	71,095.00	24,877.00	4,652.10	0.00	20,224.90	18.70%
	2000	Expenses	653,414.00	765,951.00	698,192.08	0.00	67,758.92	91.15%
<b>14</b>	<b>K230730</b>	<b>CY '23 Tribal Courts Program</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	312,981.00	1,705,989.00	1,640,443.47	0.00	65,545.53	96.16%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	56,170.00	665,585.00	191,672.34	26,319.73	447,592.93	32.75%
	2000	Expenses	369,151.00	2,371,574.00	1,832,115.81	26,319.73	513,138.46	78.36%
<b>15</b>	<b>K230758</b>	<b>CY'23 DOM ABUSE PRTCN/CHLD WELF</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	512,192.00	670,557.00	255,682.26	0.00	414,874.74	38.13%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	35,556.00	66,166.00	1,556.36	0.00	64,609.64	2.35%
	2000	Expenses	547,748.00	736,723.00	257,238.62	0.00	479,484.38	34.92%
<b>16</b>	<b>K230743</b>	<b>CY '23 Tribal Courts O&amp;M</b>						
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	9,174.31	9,174.31	0.00	0.00	9,174.31	0.00%
	2000	Expenses	9,174.31	9,174.31	0.00	0.00	9,174.31	0.00%
<b>17</b>	<b>K2207101</b>	<b>CY'22 Tribal Courts O&amp;M</b>						
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	4,739.00	4,739.00	0.00	0.00	4,739.00	0.00%
	2000	Expenses	4,739.00	4,739.00	0.00	0.00	4,739.00	0.00%
		Total P.L. 93-638 Funds:	\$6,246,106.31	\$17,401,985.31	\$14,745,124.96	\$79,926.43	\$2,576,933.92	\$12.67
		Judicial Branch P.L. 93-638 Grand Total:	\$6,246,106.31	\$17,401,985.31	\$14,745,124.96	\$79,926.43	\$2,576,933.92	\$12.67
<b>18</b>	<b>K211518</b>	<b>US TREASURY - Judicial Branch (APRA)</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	272,786.00	272,786.00	0.00	0.00	272,786.00	0.00%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	5,603,899.00	5,527,543.00	551,066.12	594,712.49	4,381,764.39	20.73%
	9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	76,356.00	63,745.79	0.00	12,610.21	83.48%
	2000	Expenses	5,876,685.00	5,876,685.00	614,811.91	594,712.49	4,667,160.60	20.58%
		<b>Overall Breakdown of General Funds, NNIJ, P.L. 93-638 Funds and US Treasury</b>						
	2000	Personnel Expenses	21,011,014.00	30,296,887.96	18,880,762.16	0.00	11,416,125.80	62.32%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	9,358,073.31	11,924,026.90	2,608,595.15	866,311.16	8,449,120.59	29.14%
	9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	97,356.00	63,745.79	9,972.48	23,637.73	75.72%
	9500	Matching & Indirect Cost	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	2000	Expenses	\$30,369,087.31	\$42,318,270.86	\$21,553,103.10	\$876,283.64	\$19,888,884.12	53.00%

### XIII. Judicial Branch Fines and Fees Collection

Account Number	Account Description	FY 2024 1st Qtr	FY 2024 2nd Qtr
<b>107008.1600 FINES &amp; COURT FEES</b>			
107008.1611	Dist Court-Chinle	\$ 1,550.40	\$ 2,863.35
107008.1612	Dist Court-Crownpoint	\$ 2,180.10	\$ 5,126.60
107008.1613	Dist Court-Kayenta	\$ 2,361.35	\$ 1,628.95
107008.1614	Dist Court-Ramah	\$ 323.50	\$ 463.05
107008.1615	Dist Court-Shiprock	\$ 1,273.85	\$ 1,231.95
107008.1616	Dist Court-Tuba City	\$ 2,028.50	\$ 4,271.35
107008.1617	Dist Court-Window Rock	\$ 4,062.10	\$ 7,067.00
107008.1618	Dist Court-Dilkon	\$ 145.00	\$ 1408.60
107008.1619	District Court(See Subsidiary)		
107008.1619.02	Dist Court-Aneth	\$ 35.00	\$ 280.00
107008.1619.04	Dist Court-Dzilth Yijiin	\$ 40.00	\$ 244.00
	<b>District Total:</b>	<b>\$ 13,999.80</b>	<b>\$ 24,584.85</b>
<b>107008.1620 FAMILY</b>			
107008.1621	Family Court - Alamo	\$ 35.00	\$ 220.00
107008.1622	Family Court - Chinle	\$ 485.00	\$ 980.00
107008.1623	Family Court - Crownpoint	\$ 625.00	\$ 715.00
107008.1624	Family Court - Kayenta	\$ 568.15	\$ 1701.25
107008.1625	Family Court - Ramah	\$ 45.00	\$ 145.00
107008.1626	Family Court - Shiprock	\$ 916.80	\$ 1661.25
107008.1627	Family Court - Tohajilee	\$ 10.00	\$ 106.00
107008.1628	Family Court - Tuba City	\$ 536.75	\$ 634.75
107008.1629	Family Court - Window Rock	\$ 2,544.00	\$ 780.00
107008.1630	Family Court - Dilkon	\$ 195.00	\$ 660.00
107008.1631	Family Court (see subsidiary)		
107008.1631.02	Family Court - Aneth	\$ 315.00	\$ 320.00
107008.1631.04	Family Court - Dzilth Yijiin	\$ 95.00	\$ 340.00
	<b>Family Court Total:</b>	<b>\$ 6,370.70</b>	<b>\$ 8,263.25</b>
<b>107008.1640 CIRCUIT</b>			
10708.1642	Circuit Court- Alamo	\$ 23.15	425.7
107008.1644	Circuit Court - Tohajilee	\$ 91.55	264.95
	<b>Circuit Total:</b>	<b>\$ 114.70</b>	<b>690.65</b>
<b>107008.1650 SUPREME</b>			
107008.1652	Supreme Court - Window Rock	\$ 540.00	\$ 242.10
	<b>Supreme Court Total:</b>	<b>\$ 540.00</b>	<b>\$ 242.10</b>

Account Number	Account Description	FY 2024 1st Qtr	FY 2024 2nd Qtr
<b>107008.1601</b>	<b>COURT TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 21,025.20</b>	<b>\$ 33,780.85</b>
<b>107008.1660</b>	<b>PUBLIC SAFETY FINES</b>		
107008.1663	Traffic Fines-Chinle	\$ 8,650.91	\$ 7,380.00
107008.1664	Traffic Fines-Crownpoint	\$ 5,897.50	\$ 6,076.50
107008.1665	Traffic Fines-Kayenta	\$ 11,195.00	\$ 13,897.50
107008.1666	Traffic Fines-Ramah	\$ 1,180.00	\$ 900.00
107008.1667	Traffic Fines-Shiprock	\$ 6,105.00	\$ 4,102.50
107008.1668	Traffic Fines - Tohajiilee	\$ 0.00	\$ 315.00
107008.1669	Traffic Fines-Tuba City	\$ 15,490.00	\$ 7,993.69
107008.1670	Traffic Fines-Window Rock	\$ 7,422.50	\$ 9,070.00
107008.1671	Traffic Fines-Dilkon	\$ 2,650.00	\$ 15,543.50
107008.1672	Traffic Fines(See Subsidiary)		
107008.1672.02	Traffic Fines-Aneth	\$ 165.00	\$ 190.00
107008.1672.04	Traffic Fines - Dzilh Yijiin	\$ 0.00	\$ 1400.00
	<b>Traffic Total:</b>	<b>\$ 58,755.91</b>	<b>\$ 66,868.69</b>
107008.1682	Restitution	\$ -	\$ -
<b>107008.1600</b>	<b>Fines &amp; Court Fees Total:</b>	<b>\$ 79,781.11</b>	<b>\$ 100,649.54</b>
<b>Judicial District Court Fines &amp; Fees Summary</b>			
<b>107008.1600</b>	<b>Fines &amp; Court Fees</b>	<b>\$ 13,999.80</b>	<b>\$ 24,584.85</b>
<b>107008.1620</b>	<b>Family</b>	<b>\$ 6,370.70</b>	<b>\$ 8,263.25</b>
<b>107008.1640</b>	<b>Circuit</b>	<b>\$ 114.70</b>	<b>\$ 690.65</b>
<b>107008.1650</b>	<b>Supreme</b>	<b>\$ 540.00</b>	<b>\$ 242.10</b>
<b>107008.1660</b>	<b>Traffic</b>	<b>\$ 58,755.91</b>	<b>\$ 66,868.69</b>
<b>107008.1682</b>	<b>Restitution</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
	<b>GRAND TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$ 79,781.11</b>	<b>\$ 100,649.54</b>