



Indiana Supreme Court

FY20 and FY21 Budget

Presentation to Senate Appropriations Committee
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Outline of Hearing Presentation and Budget Requests

Introduction and Reorganization

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The former offices of State Court Administration and the Indiana Judicial Center have been reorganized to prevent any duplication of effort, streamline processes and be more responsive and efficient to clerks, judges, the legislature, other elected officials, agencies of the Executive Branch, vendors, and citizens.

FY 2018 Indiana Court Funding

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General Fund	\$34.1M	Supreme Court returned \$1.8 million to the General Fund in FY18 based on savings from moving administrative offices
Other Revenue Sources	\$33.9M	Includes grants and fees

Single new request*

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	FY 2020	FY 2021	
Civil Legal Aid	\$500,000	\$500,000	Prevents Hoosiers in need from becoming desperate Hoosiers

*Submitted budget includes cost of living adjustment, similar to other branch requests

Resources to navigate the civil justice system for those of limited means

- We provide lawyers in criminal cases, as required by the Constitution; but there is no guaranteed legal help in civil matters.
- That leaves a justice gap for those of limited means, which we must work to close.
- Civil legal aid helps people with housing, healthcare, consumer, education, employment and family matters.

Who Benefits?

- Families with healthcare issues (including opioid problems)
- Veterans struggling with housing needs, accessing benefits, and more
- Grandparents raising their grandkids
- Victims of domestic violence
- Jobseekers looking for a second chance
- Homeowners navigating foreclosure

Return on Investment

Results from an Indiana 2018 economic impact study showed that \$1 invested in civil legal aid delivers \$6.70 in immediate and long-term financial benefits. This is a great investment of taxpayer dollars to help people become economically self-sufficient.

Lawyer Volunteerism

- 8,445 attorneys contributed time and/or money to civil legal aid in 2017
- Indiana lawyers already donate time and money to provide *pro bono* legal services, which helps close the gap, but more is needed.

Court Technology

Needed to efficiently manage the 1.3 million cases filed in Indiana courts last year, share data, promote public safety and provide public access.

Indiana's Statewide Case Management System

Indiana's integrated case management system now handles 80% of all of Indiana's caseload. Odyssey operates from a secure, central database that gives the General Assembly the management information it needs to make data-driven policy decisions.

- At the end of 2019, Odyssey will be used in 305 trial courts in 78 counties, handling 85% of Indiana's cases in 85% of Indiana's counties.

Electronic Filing

Statewide Implementation

- Commenced in 2015
- March 2019: 86 counties are e-filing

Increased FREE access to Court Records (mycase.in.gov)

mycase.in.gov – 2018 statistics

- 6.2 million users visited mycase.in.gov about 20 million times in 2018
 - More than 60,000 visits per day on laptops and phones

Data Sharing through INCite Applications and Services

- INCite applications promote public safety, save money, and save lives every day
- The financial savings alone are in the tens of millions of dollars each year
- Applications like the protective order registry and the mental health adjudication registry save lives, but cost money to develop and deploy

You asked, we delivered...

Applications that provide public policy information and promote public safety, including:

- Protection Order Registry (POR)
- Mental Health Report to FBI
- Offender Risk Assessment Application
- Presentence Investigation Report (PSI)
- Criminal Abstract of Judgment
- Case Management Search (CMS)
- Convictions to BMV
- E-Tickets for Traffic Citations
- Guardianship Registry
- Interfaces to Federal, State, & Local Government
- NPLeX (National Precursor Log Exchange)
- Child Abuse Registry
- Supervised Release System
- Public Defender System

By the numbers

- Protection Order Registry
 - 833,000+ Protection Orders created
- National Precursor Log Exchange (NPLeX):
 - 52,916 unique individuals are on the block list
 - 2,410 of those people attempted to make a purchase and were blocked 3,680 times
 - 7,258 grams of pseudoephedrine/ephedrine blocked from those attempted transactions
- E-Tickets for Traffic Citations
 - 227,000+ people paid a traffic ticket online
- Adult Guardianship Registry:
 - 63 counties participate in the registry, and more than \$41M in assets are managed
- Child Abuse Registry:
 - 12,392 individuals are logged in the registry

Court Access Programs:

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Problem Solving Courts

Tailored dockets and programs to meet the challenges of Hoosiers in crisis. Currently there are 94 certified Problem-Solving Courts in 43 counties. In 2019, there will be 114 certified problem-solving courts in 55 counties.

Veterans Courts

Currently there are 26 Veterans Courts, with another two courts coming on over the next two years. Since 2016, there has been a 47% increase in Veterans Courts.

Family Recovery Courts

Currently there are 7 certified Family Recovery Courts active in 7 counties, with another 11 courts set to be certified and active by December 2019.

Commercial Courts

- More than 400 cases filed since June 2016
- Faster and less expensive resolution of complex business cases
 - Average Motion to Dismiss: **26 days**
 - Average temporary restraining order/Preliminary Injunction: **15 days**
 - Average Summary Judgment: **24 days**

Children served by GAL/CASA

2017 data shows a five-year high number of children served: 30,168.

Volunteer Advocates for Senior or Incapacitated Adults (VASIA)

Currently 18 VASIA programs serve 42 counties with an additional 7-10 counties in the pipeline for 2019.

Court Initiatives

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- Opioid Summit
- Pretrial Release
- SRS Text Messaging
- Commission on Improving the Status of Children
- Judicial Branch Education
- Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative
- Evidence-Based Decision Making
- Conference for Legal Education Opportunity
- Court Interpreter Program
- Child Welfare
- And more...

Conclusion

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The third branch of government in Indiana operates on **less than 1%** of the entire state budget.

Thank you for your attention and consideration of our budget proposals. We look forward to our continued work together through these important matters to the courts and to the State.

