



# NAVAJO NATION JUDICIAL BRANCH

FISCAL YEAR 2021

## FOURTH QUARTER REPORT

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# I. MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF JUSTICE

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## Fiscal Year 2021 FOURTH Quarterly Message

### Chief Justice JoAnn Jayne (Aláájí Hashkééjí Nahat'á)

Yá'át'ééh, Shí Diné Doo Shíghéí, Ado Nihíí Nahatajíí Nataani Honorable Navajo Nation 24<sup>th</sup> Council Delegates, Doo Speaker Seth Damon, Doo Aláájí Hózhóójí Nahat'á Jonathan Nez, Doo Myron Lizer Akádó Dájizdahyígí, Doo distinguished guests. I respectfully present you the Hashkééjí Nahat'á (Judicial Branch) Fourth Quarterly Report for Fiscal Year 2021: Ya'iishjaashtsoh (July), Planting of Late Crops; Bini'anit'aatsozi (August), Ripening of Early Crops; Bini'anit'aatsoh (September), Ripening of Late Crops.

The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of each fiscal year marks the end of 12 months of work and dedication by Judicial Branch staff from October through September, 2021. This ending begins a new 2022 fiscal year from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. During this quarter, the Hashkééjí Nahat'á Branch staff met our goals and objectives as outlined in its vision and mission. Staff followed *Diné* Traditional Law which teaches that: "the leaders of the Judicial Branch (Aláájí Hashkééjí Nahat'á) shall uphold the values and principles of the Diné Bi Beenahaz'áanii in the practice of peace making, obedience, discipline, punishment, interpreting laws and rendering decisions and judgments."

### Sustainable Budget

The Judicial Branch has a budget policy which serves the foundation for budget preparation for the operation of the courts and programs. Staff prepared the fiscal year 2022 based on *Nitsahakees* (prudent judgment for expenditure of funds); *Nahat a'* (planning for needs, wellness, harmony); *Iina'* (expend for its purpose); and *Sihasin* (review policies/plan for hope). With respect and thoughtfulness, our staff presented a sustainable, fiscally responsible, and principled 2022 budget.

Sustainable funding is the cornerstone for the Judicial Branch. The 2022 general funds, alone, fell short of the total amount required for sustained operations of the Judicial Branch. For fiscal year 2021 we received \$ 1,700,000 through the Unreserved Undesignated Fund Balance, but the Judicial Branch has yet to receive an equivalent amount or more to meet the total required funding. Legislation is pending to meet these needs.

The beginning of a new fiscal year also brings the submission of the 2023 budget. Early in the beginning of a new fiscal year, staff have already started planning next year's budget for District Courts, Peacemaking, Office of Chief Justice, Probation and Parole Services, and the Supreme Court budgets. In the spirit of *k'é*, our staff guide each other to determine the values that best reflect our *Diné* communities. It is with great hope and expectation that the Legislative and the Executive Branches will continue to work with the Hashkééjį Nahat'á Branch for additional funding for fiscal year 2022, 2023 and beyond.

During the last couple of quarters staff prepared proposed funding from the federal ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) for recovery expenses due to the public health emergency of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) which will be presented through protocol and processes. Although the district courts, Supreme Court, Peacemaking Program and Probation and Parole Services were opened on an essential services basis only, the resulting impact on the communities requires recovery services. Thank you our *Diné* for your patience during this time that the Hashkééjį Nahat'á Branch is providing remote essential court and program services. We monitor the impacts of the Covid-19 on a daily basis with recommendations of our Judicial Branch Health Advisor and Navajo Nation health experts and partners. Effective March, 2020 the Judicial Branch activated and implemented a Continuity of Operations Plan which provides guidance and plans for gradual re-entry to normal operations to resume. At this time, the doors of the courts and programs remain closed to the public for their safety, but essential services continue within the buildings by staff with strict safety protocols in place.

#### Special Duty Pay

The court buildings and facilities capacity and size fluctuate across the Navajo Nation based on dates of their acquisitions or creation, modifications, or the onset of newer facilities. The onset of Covid-19 pandemic, the movement to remote services, and making sure essential services to the public required some staff to report to their work stations within office buildings or facilities on a limited basis based on consensus within the district. Based on this process, the Judicial Branch created a Special Duty Pay process for staff. This process resulted in special duty pay realized in this quarter.

The process began with the recognition that the Judicial Branch had to address the ability for staff to telework during emergencies and to compensate employees for their extraordinary efforts in providing essential government services to the public. This need lead to amending its Employee Policies and Procedures, an allowable intra-branch function. On April 30, 2021, the Judicial Conference (consisting of 11 district court judges, 2 associate justices, and chief justice) voted to recommend to the Chief Justice amendments to the Judicial Branch Employee Policies and Procedures to implement the Special Duty Pay and teleworking agreement and procedures for Judicial Branch employees. On August 25, 2021, as Chief Justice I approved the 2021 special duty pay implementation which allows special duty pay for eligible staff defined under the rules.

The Hashkééjį Nahat'á Branch highlights its accomplishments in the attached 4<sup>th</sup> Quarterly report to the Legislative and Executive branches and to the *Diné*.” *Ahee'hee*.

Respectfully,

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## III. VISION, MISSION AND STRATEGIC GOALS

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### 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 will incorporate Navajo values and processes.
- Five:* We will address facilities needs.

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## V. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

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During the fourth quarter (July – September 2021) in FY 2021, the Administrative Office of the Courts (“AOC”) completed the following:

### A. ADMINISTRATION

#### Emergency Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

The Administrative Director of the Courts is the designated Continuity of Operation Plan (“COOP”) Coordinator, and works with a designated team of executive and essential staff to implement the COOP for Judicial Branch operations during the public health emergency. The goal is to maintain essential services to uphold the courts’ statutory responsibilities, to address emergency matters that come before the courts, and to conduct essential court-related functions, all while providing for safe working conditions. In order to keep personnel safe, the branch is now operating with a reduced, essential workforce that is teleworking. The branch has established teleworking policies, procedures and tools. The actions taken since March 2020 are to restrict all non-essential travel, and to support the essential workforce so they can do their jobs from their home locations, and to minimize the presence in the Judicial Branch facilities. Procurement of information technology and communication devices and internet-based services is on-going in order for court management and essential court-related functions to continue.

#### Facilities and Closure/Devolution/Alternate Facility

\*On July 14, 2021, the Supreme Court building was closed due to a potential COVID-19 exposure. The court did not have to devolve, however it relied on Alternative Facility (teleworking) for the continuation of essential services and functions. The court building was cleaned/disinfected on July 15, 2021; then it re-opened that same day.

\*On July 27, 2021, the Chinle Judicial District court building was closed due to a COVID-19 exposure. The court did not have to devolve, however it relied on Alternative Facility (teleworking) and assistance from the Dził Yijiin Judicial District for the continuation of essential services and functions. The court building was cleaned/disinfected on August 2, 2021; and then on August 4, 2021 the court building was re-opened.

\*On August 17, 2021, the Alamo Judicial District court building was closed due to a potential COVID-19 exposure. The court did not have to devolve, however it relied on Alternative Facility (teleworking) for the continuation of essential services and functions. The court building was cleaned/disinfected on August 17, 2021; and then on August 18, 2021 the court building was re-opened.

\*On August 30, 2021, the Shiprock Judicial District court building was closed due to a potential COVID-19 exposure. The court decided to devolve, and to rely on Alternative Facility (teleworking and Probation & Parole Services office space) and assistance from the Aneth Judicial District for the continuation of essential services and functions. The court building was cleaned/disinfected on September 2, 2021, and September 9, 2021 re-entry into



the building was approved; and then on September 14 2021 the court was reconstituted by Administrative Order 25-2021.

\*On September 13, 2021, the Aneth Judicial District court building was closed due to a potential COVID-19 exposure. The court did not have to devolve, however it relied on Alternative Facility (teleworking) and assistance from the Shiprock Judicial District for the continuation of essential services and functions. The court building was cleaned/disinfected on September 16, 2021; and then on September 17, 2021 the court building was re-opened.

\*On September 29, 2021, the Aneth Judicial District court building was closed due to a potential COVID-19 exposure. The court did not have to devolve, however it relied on Alternative Facility (teleworking) and assistance from the Shiprock Judicial District for the continuation of essential services and functions. The court building was cleaned/disinfected on October 4, 2021; then it was re-opened the same day.

\*On September 29, 2021, the Crownpoint Judicial District court building was closed due to a potential COVID-19 exposure. The court did not have to devolve, however it relied on Alternative Facility (teleworking) and assistance from Ramah Judicial District for the continuation of essential services and functions. The court building was cleaned/disinfected on October 1, 2021; and then on October 4, 2021 the court building was re-opened.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, it is imperative to understand the changing guidance for Fully-Vaccinated persons, for the Coronavirus variants, for vaccine booster shots, and for cleaning, disinfecting COVID-19 contaminated facilities provided by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the Navajo Nation Health Command Operations Center (HCOC). The new guidance allows for quick responses to emergency exposures inside Navajo Nation facilities from the COVID-19 virus, coupled with new self-monitoring guidance for Fully-Vaccinated persons. The cleaning and disinfecting of a building or the affected work spaces can be accomplished by staff, and re-entry into a clean and safe building can occur much faster at this time. This allows for a quicker resumption of essential services by the courts and programs.

When a Judicial Branch facility closes due to a potential or confirmed exposure, it is out of an abundance of caution to protect our personnel, and to do our best to mitigate the spread of the Coronavirus and its variants in our communities where we live and work.

Administrative Director facilitates weekly Branch Teleconferences to update all Business Unit managers and judges regarding COOP issues, health and safety information, and priority administrative issues e.g. procurement and deployment of IT equipment for telecommuting, FY 2022 Budget Development, the planning for several different aspects of the American Rescue Plan - Fiscal Recovery Funds, the development of the Hashkeji Nahata Beso ba Hohan Expenditure Plan, the implementation of the new Special Duty Pay policy, and to continue preparations and trainings for the return to Full Capacity.

## **B. HUMAN RESOURCES (“HR”)**

### **Recruitment**

1. To fill vacant judge and staff positions, HR advertises on the Judicial Branch website, social media sites, local newspapers and radio stations, local/state organizations, national tribal organizations, and law school websites.
2. Judicial Branch staff also make one-on-one contacts regarding vacancies.

### **Judge Applicant**

HR received one judge applicant this quarter. The HR Office assisted the Judicial Conduct Commission with the judge applicant interview on July 30, 2021. However, because the applicant did not meet the Navajo language requirement, as set forth at 7 N.N.C, Sec 354(A)(5), the Commission did not recommend the applicant for a probationary judge. The Commission is requesting discussion among Navajo Nation leadership on the language requirement for judges. (Also see the Judicial Conduct Commission 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report.)

### **Selection during Third Quarter**

1. HR Office filled seven (7) positions, including one (1) promotion.
2. Two (2) individuals transitioned from 90-day introductory to regular status employees.
3. Twelve (12) employees retired, eleven (11) of which participated in the Navajo Nation’s Enhanced Retirement Program.
4. Four (4) employees resigned.
5. One (1) employee was terminated.
6. One (1) employee ended temporary employment with the branch.

Though the Judicial Branch’s offices are closed to the public, and there are no face-to-face meetings, during this quarter the HR office successfully recruited and filled seven (7) vacancies. The Judicial Branch programs, judicial districts, and Supreme Court have engaged in tele- or video-conference interviews. Onboarding and training for new hires is conducted through virtual methods.

### **Training**

During this quarter, in coordination with the Navajo Nation Division of Behavioral and Mental Health, Judicial Branch employees received health and wellness training. The Judicial Branch Training Manager also conducted annual mandatory trainings (Sexual Harassment Awareness and Judicial Branch Employee Policies and Procedures).

The Judicial Branch recently filled the Health & Safety Advisor (HSA) position. The Grants Administrator and HR Director provided training to the HAS on the Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) and the Roadmap to Full Capacity plan. The HSS plays a critical role in assisting the districts and programs with navigating operations and re-opening plans during the health pandemic.

## **Policy Development**

HR is developing amendments to the Judicial Branch employee policies and procedures to comply with the required COVID-19 vaccine law passed by the Navajo Nation Council in August 2021.

## **Other**

1. The HR Office continues to work with staff regarding possible or actual COVID-19 exposures. To date no exposures have occurred onsite at any of our facilities. However, out of an abundance of caution, even if there is a possible exposure to our staff and facilities, the HR Office works with the district/program leadership, HAS and the COOP Coordinator on timeframes for closing court facilities if necessary, arranging for sister courts to continue operating for a temporarily closed court and rearranging staff as necessary. If there is a possible exposure to staff, HR also conducts contact tracing. HR also seeks technical assistance from Navajo Nation Health Command Operations Center (HCOC) and medical centers if needed.
2. The HR Office provides customer service to applicants during the application, and recruitment and selection processes; and to staff, regarding employee policies and procedures. HR also assists supervisors with employee relations matters; completes bi-weekly timesheets on behalf of the branch; and, assists management in other areas as assigned, i.e., American Rescue Plan development activities.
3. The Chief Justice has assigned the task of investigating complaints about judicial districts to the HR Director. These investigations are ongoing and in progress.
4. The HR Office assists the Office of the Chief Justice with probationary judge/justice evaluations.
5. Because the Judicial Conduct Commission (JCC) does not have its own staff, some Judicial Branch staff assist JCC in fulfilling its duties and responsibilities, including the HR Director.

## **C. NAVAJO NATION INTEGRATED JUSTICE INFORMATION SHARING PROJECT (NNIJISP)**

### **Accomplishments**

1. Monitoring the approved Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 NNIJISP Fixed Costs Budget of \$375,000 by processing procurement of computer equipment for NNIJISP partners.
2. Prepared the FY 2022 budget for Fixed Costs amount of \$375,000. Administrative Director presented the new proposed budget to Budget and Finance Committee (BFC); coordinated a response to the BFC revisit and recommended changes which included removal of line items 4200-Office Supplies and 3000-Travel Expense. A revised budget was submitted along with more background on the NNIJISP goals objectives and partners who are all key components of the Navajo Nation justice community. On August 17, 2021, BFC approved of the revised budget in the amount of \$375,000.

3. Completed budget transfer for Professional Service Contract to cover server hardware and software upgrades, and JustWare database upgrade.
4. Attended Skype meetings for Weekly branch updates, Budget preparation, Fiscal Office financial meetings, website design meetings and other IT related webinars.

#### **Activities by NNIJISP System and Programming Manager**

1. Provided quotes to purchase: computer equipment, printers, external drives, desktops, and laptops for Administrative Offices of the Courts Supreme Court, and Judicial Districts.
2. Completed IT service requests for software support, software upgrades for desktop computers, installation of printers, hardware and software trouble shooting.

#### **Objectives for the Next Quarter**

1. Complete receiving report, process procurement of billing statements for internet connections, MiFi devices, and wireless services.
2. Coordinate NNIJISP meeting dates, agendas and scheduling.
3. Provide continued information technology support of JustWare, hardware and software for Judicial Branch.
4. Complete NNIJISP Quarterly and Performance Criteria reports.

### **D. GRANTS ADMINISTRATION**

#### **Grants Management and Coordination:**

1. Grants Administrator participated in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) budget planning and development for the Judicial Branch, Hashkeeki Fund budget planning and development for the Judicial Branch.
2. Assisted with finalization of legislative passage of the Dine' Action Plan.
3. Completed Desk Audits with the U.S Department of Justice for the Justice Assistance Grants (JAG).
4. Ordered and deployed Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Judicial Branch staff.
5. Provided technical assistance to Private Process Servers to execute Professional Service Contracts.
6. Provided technical assistance and support to Missing and Murdered Dine' Relatives collective.

#### **Training:**

1. Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) PMT and JustGrants Training and "Open Door" for questions sessions
2. "Navigating ARPA" Webinar series

## Coordination:

1. Assisted in the development of the Trauma Informed court services concept document and proposal development.
2. Coordinated the development of a proposal to BIA – Tribal Justice Support for additional resources to support the Tribal Courts 638 contract in the amount of \$1,065,448. The budget would include: four (4) Judicial Hearing Officers; one (1) Health and Safety Advisor; one (1) Training Manager, two (2) Judicial Clerks; and four (4) Document Technicians.

## E. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

### Accomplishments of Objectives set the Previous Quarter

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

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

Provided System Administration support for the Journal Technologies JustWare computer software application for **Navajo Nation 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; **Dzil 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 Court's network infrastructure.

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

Continued deployment of mobile Digital Recording systems to the district courts to give the courts the capabilities of recording court activities outside of court facilities.

Completed update of the JustWare and JusticeWeb servers to current versions of the operating systems. Judicial Branch IT and Department of Information Technology checked and verified the functionality and configurations of JustWare, JusticeWeb and the operating systems.

### Other Significant Accomplishments

Continued installing printers and scanners for Judicial Branch personnel for processing of court documents at the districts and for telecommuters.

Provided communications support between courts, prosecution, law enforcement and public defender for court services.

Provided support for CourtCall.com, an on-line service that provides court services via the internet.

Provided technical support for MiFi equipment for teleworking Judicial Branch and Prosecutor's Office personnel.

Began <https://courts.navajo-nsn.gov> re-design project and met with each Judicial Branch business unit for input and comments. The information collected will be used to develop a new website.

Attended mandatory meetings with Judicial Branch Employee Policies and Procedures training provided by Human Resources Office; and the meetings with Judicial Branch ARPA work group to develop budget for ARPA funding requests.

Attended the weekly Judicial Branch teleconference meetings.

Attended teleconference meetings with the Budget and Finance Committee for FY 2022 NNIJISP budget and the Judicial Branch budgets.

Researched pandemic self-check software applications for possible use by Judicial Branch personnel.

Researched video conference applications as a backup application for Judicial Branch staff. IT staff attended demonstration meetings with Vidy, Zoom and Adobe Connect.

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

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 limited support for the digital recorders, document archival computer systems and Skype For Business recordings.

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

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

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

To continue to maintain JusticeWeb client access requests.

To provide support for webpage modifications for [www.courts.navajo-nsn.gov](http://www.courts.navajo-nsn.gov) website and to continue developing the website.

To continue deployment and support of telecommuting equipment for Judicial Branch personnel. Printers, portable digital recorders, laptops, dock systems, backup batteries, Skype for Business application, MS Office Pro 2019, GlobalProtect and computer system drivers for Judicial Branch staff.

## **F. PROBATION & PAROLE SERVICES (“PPS”)**

### **Accomplishment of Objectives**

PPS management team completed the FY2022 Budget for Probation Services. In addition to the general funds budget, we also compiled a comprehensive Unmet Needs Budget that was also submitted. Then there is the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Budget that has been compiled and submitted to AOC for review. We have met with Sr. Budget Analyst in the last quarter to give an update on the submission of our ARPA budget. We were advised that we submitted a solid budget for PPS.

We started the downhill of revisions of the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) Manual. Probation management team including Tohajiilee District Staff Attorney met a couple of times and now we recap and review the document to finalize. We anticipate to have the revised working open document supported and validated in the first quarter of FY 2022. Once it is confirmed we, will schedule meetings with PPS staff to go through the manual as orientation/training.

Probation management team worked on revising the statistical form to coincide with various reports submitted quarterly and annually. Revisions included reviews to edit, delete, incorporate actual numbers and collect data that will support the program’s needs in terms of growth and funding sources. The revisions of the forms are near completed and anticipate to introduce and train staff at the next PPS Staff Meeting scheduled for October 15, 2021.

In this last quarter of FY2021, the Chief Probation Officer (CPO) instructed all probation staff to continue telecommuting from home. Again, PPS staff are fully equipped with equipment necessary to ensure they have the tools to work from home. All staff have adjusted working from home and are accountable for their time. They work closely with their assigned supervisor and communicate on a consistent basis. The senior supervisors, office technicians and CPO meet on a weekly basis to continue operations of PPS and provide technical support to staff when needed. CPO is available daily to ensure PPS is operating on a consistent basis with all court referrals, changes or revisions of process to where it is acceptable by rules and procedures during this pandemic time.

### **Other Significant Accomplishments**

The fourth quarter was directly focused on preparing and compiling three funding budgets. Probation Service’s management team worked together to compile 3 funding sources. Because PPS is a large department in staff size and 13 districts branched out adjacent to the existing Judicial Districts it takes longer in preparation to generate an adequate and conclusive budget. Preparation considers the staff size and needs per District. We hope that the proposed budgets are supported

to suit PPS's needs. Sporadic meetings were announced to attend budget work sessions during the 4th quarter.

In the 4th quarter of this fiscal year Probation Services continues to telework from home. All duties and responsibilities of Probation Services continues and present time is status quo, meaning hearings and all communication are conducted virtually. PPS staff have acclimated to the telework conditions.

Teleworking from home since March 2020 to present day has caused fatigue in staff, frustration with the process which has led to some stressors. Staff have experienced and feeling symptoms of COVID-19 fatigue. We've had to support one another in terms of debriefing, talking and listening to one another. We've shared coping skills and how to remedy fatigue. Probation staff have been honest to share their mental and emotional fatigue which helps them by venting and sharing with colleagues, which seems to help. Debriefing helps.

In this quarter, CPO facilitated the Court Administrators/Business Unit Managers meeting. The CA/BU Managers meeting was rescheduled a couple of times because of the budget preparations and hearings. On September 16, 2021 the meeting finally took place with several updated information, sharing of information and identifying tasks/policy work sessions for various revisions and developments of branch processes. Facilitating is an opportunity to grasp full understanding of the subject matter to topics at hand. It allows professional growth to lead a discussion.

The PPS management team was invited by the Department of Corrections, Dr. Delores Greyeyes, spear heading the development of Re-entry. Judicial Branch Grants Administrator was at this meeting where Navajo Nation Department of Corrections (NNDOC) shared their policy and procedures for the upcoming development of Re-entry. Information was shared by Dr. Greyeyes that Re-entry needed to be integrated soon and brought forth their expectations without allowing our thoughts to the policy they addressed. The meeting was rushed, PPS had very little opportunity to respond and provide our thoughts and input. Nothing was accomplished during this meeting and we have not been informed of another meeting. Information we shared was that because of the pandemic and grant awards that were put on hold had delayed our work. We reminded everyone that just before the pandemic started, a partial payment of the grant award was allowed, so we could hire a Coordinator to begin the work to compliment Re-entry at its initial stage, within the Department of Corrections.

CPO was invited to attend the Opioid Crisis Response Team organized by the Navajo Nation President's office. CPO attended a couple of meetings to listen to implementations of developing a crisis team and policy to combat the opioid crisis on the Navajo Nation. There are ongoing discussions of policy and procedures to date. PPS will continue to attend the meetings.

The Annual Judicial Branch Employee Policy and Procedures (JBEPP) refresher course was attended by all Probation staff and managers. Updated policy changes were included and where it is applied. Updated information of the policy is a useful tool for all staff and management.



In this quarter the issue and meetings for Window Rock Judicial District modular building project was quiet. PPS was not informed of any scheduled meetings for updates. CPO will continue to make inquiries to schedule a meeting for updates and how far the building development is at. The Senior Probation Officers have been working with all their assigned districts in this quarter to implement the Roadmap to Full Capacity for Probation staff. Because we have different buildings to consider, it takes time and scheduling to meet with all respective districts. I believe the majority of the districts have completed the phases to move towards Phase I. At some point soon, Senior Probation Officers will be submitting their proposals to the COOP Coordinator for consideration to Phase 1.

CPO attended two NNIJISP meetings this quarter. As a NNIJISP stakeholder I was able to verbally support the proposed budget for FY 2022.

Probation Services scheduled two PPS staff meetings this quarter where we updated the Probation staff of all that is happening with PPS. We provide them with updated administrative information. We also include training into the scheduled meeting.

There were a few Probation staff and managers that attended the two-day Four Corners Indian Conference. All the sessions and trainings were provided virtually. Information shared at this particular conference is always helpful for probation staff because cases used are actual cases that occurred on Indian Country. Always good information.

In this quarter, CPO conducted interviews for the vacant Office Technician position for PPS Administration as well as Window Rock District PPS. We selected an individual, Ms. Jammie Etsitty, and she started her work with PPS on Monday September 27, 2021. We are pleased to have the extra hand and help to have her maintain the administrative duties and responsibilities. The 90-day probation period is underway, which includes orientation, observation and training to ensure she acquires the information and duty responsibilities.

A request was made for CPO to assist the new Probation Officer, Vinton Yazzie from Tuba City. Normally support staff by the assigned Senior Probation Officer is available but because of conflict of interest between the SRPO and clients, she recused herself to participate in the session. The matter at hand was a case where a client was having an issue understanding her probation case status. Since the Probation Officer was new and is still in training CPO was happy to assist and provide clarifications to the client.

CPO scheduled 2 meetings in this quarter to initiate a working document for PPS training curriculum. The Navajo Police Academy with the Navajo Nation Office of the Prosecutor requested the assistance of Chinle District Probation Services to join the training sessions to explain and present the duties and responsibilities of Probation Services to new cadets. Probation Services is a crucial part of the criminal justice system so we scheduled a work session to put together a curriculum for assigned Probation Officers to join with the Office of the Prosecutor training new cadets as well as training for all Navajo Nation Police Officers.

Probation Services has a couple of training documents for new Probation Officers, overall public information and now a newly developed curriculum for Police Cadet Training information sharing material. We should be able to finalize the training material and available for next trainer assigned.

## **District Narratives**

All (13) districts, staff of thirty, continue to telework from home. Probation Staff are equipped with their laptops, scanners, supplies and new printers. Cases are managed through the Just Ware system. Travel is still restricted and have managed and maintained contact with services and their clients contact from home.

All districts quarterly reports continue to reflect similar information in terms of overall telecommuting from home and working with their clients through telephonic means. This also includes working with local resources that are open during this pandemic. All correspondence is channeled and communicated by phone or email. There are not in person contact or field visits.

Presentence reports and investigation have increased in some districts and other districts are limited in the last quarter into this quarter, therefore; majority of the probation officer's focus is on report writing and less time on other client services being that the Nation resources are still restricted from in person contacts.

Despite the lingering virus, Courts continue to refer court orders cases to Probation. Most cases referred are probation cases, short term cases and presentence report requests.

Again, there are no significant district narrative summary reported this quarter. Cases are managed daily and updated accordingly. Probation Officers have done a great job working daily to ensure adequate case management services and direct phone services for clients for proper supervision purposes.

Concerns have been continuously made where by district probation staff expressing burn out situations because of increase in presentence report requests from the Court. This is an area of reminder to the Courts to keep in mind the limitation while probation staff telework from home. It was expressed by staff the unnecessary burn out and stress.

We will continue to stay on the set schedule of teleworking from home for time being while staff shelter at home and make telephonic contacts to ensure compliance with court orders.

Despite the challenges and barriers, probation staff have succeeded to adapt and work through with barriers, challenges and limitations to ensure proper statutory process.

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

1. To integrate implement new PPS forms and training material for PPS.
2. To continue and conclude the open working document, Standard Operating Procedures for probation staff.
3. To schedule and coordinate a training session with probation staff for newly implemented statistical form.
4. To orient, train and provide information to the new Office Technician, Ms. Jammie Etsitty, for the next 90-days.
5. To have regional vacant positions interviewed and hired for vacant positions.

## VI. PEACEMAKING PROGRAM

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### Accomplishment of Objectives set the Previous Quarter

Peacemaking delivered on our core programs of providing direct services and meeting or exceeding our performance goals during Fourth Quarter.

Events this quarter have highlighted the critical importance of preserving and utilizing traditional, culturally-relevant methods in conflict resolution, policy formation, and cultural events. Discussions with Branches of government and local communities are focusing Peacemaking as 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'áanii to other agencies and departments.

Living our cultural traditions in our modern lives is one of the highest indicators of Navajo sovereignty, because by doing this we preserve our unique identity as a people. In many instances, parallel systems that allow us to co-exist in an Anglo-American society are necessary, but this quarter has brought many examples of the importance of treating these as parallel systems, not allowing them to attain supremacy over our culture and sovereignty.

#### a. Use community-based Peacemakers

Outreach to Community-based Peacemakers are ongoing to check on their well-being or to engage their assistance to handle Peacemaking sessions and counseling. Recruiting efforts are ongoing as 2 individuals continue to pursuing peacemaking resolutions from their respective chapters.

#### b. Maintain our professionalism

Pandemic restrictions have impacted timeliness and responsiveness to our clients and stakeholders. We are working through issues with program issued cell phones and publishing program staff contact numbers which has resulted in communicating with users of Peacemaking to update information on services and case management records. Cell phones have enhanced staff and management's availabilities.

Traditional Program Specialists do their own mentoring by provide in-house trainings. Mentoring topics include individual or group Life Value Engagement, a focused discussion about how Navajo traditional values can be implemented to reduce conflict and seek Hozhó.

#### c. Advance our mission

Our core work is conducting Peacemaking sessions, Life Value Engagements, and other elements of traditional problem-solving that require some traditional knowledge. Program staff have ongoing training discussions with the Judicial Branch Office of Human Resources on evaluating how to enhance training topics of ethics, leadership and

harmonizing workplace to interface how Diné Fundamental Law intersects with employee development within the Judicial Branch.

Collaborating with Missing and Murdered Dine Relatives (MMDR) initiative with Peacemaking is ongoing with weekly meetings to remain abreast of task force initiatives and information sharing.

Peacemaking Role in Navajo Government. Program staff are taking review of The Navajo Nation Local Governance Act. LGA allows for Peacemaking to be “established to resolve disputes arising from Chapter resolutions, ordinances, or administrative action including matters arising from personal disputes. The Peacemaking system should emphasize Navajo custom for resolving disputes not otherwise contrary to Navajo law and/or custom” the law was codified as Title 26 passed in 1998. Internal review of this law along with ongoing listening sessions hosted by Commission on Navajo Government Development gives perspectives on what it may take to see development of Peacemaking at local community level.

The concepts, goals, and methods of Peacemaking are culturally-based, and better thought of as horizontal justice. Peacemaking uses the Diné tradition of bringing everyone affected by a problem together to determine what would restore the participants to a state of hozhó.

This methodology was recently brought to the forefront through an individual’s report to Law and Order Committee as potential to bring Diné cultural practices to more aspects of Navajo life and issues of land disputes as the report talked about allotted land and the BIA’s policies and procedures. The potential for Peacemaking resolution agreements be recognized as having same force, effect and respect as court orders in state and federal courts and agencies will strengthen our culture and our sovereignty as Peacemaking agreements will delineate western law and Navajo Traditional Law. Clearly BIA defines Land Use Permits and Grazing Permits as “property”, Traditional Law defines them as the people’s livelihoods based on teachings and use of K’é, Keyah and Bé dá’iinanii.

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

#### Alamo Peacemaking Program

In August 2021, a request was made from Navajo Nation Regional Partnership Council for Peacemaking to be part of “Re-Indigenizing Equitable Systems” panel in a two-day Diné Early Childhood Summit 2021, K’é Bee Da’ahííít’ą’, Positive relations Bind Families was the focal point of the summit. Three Traditional Program Specialists participated to provide information on Peacemaking history and how vital our cultural practices and tradition become as the foundations in our Diné Fundamental Law, (1) Natural law, (2) Traditional law, (3) Customary law and (4) Common law all consolidate into our program policies to service our community with key notation of Hózhó Náhasdl’í’i.

#### Kayenta Peacemaking Program

COVID-19 pandemic restrictions are one of the biggest challenges for program staff in providing direct services over cell phone, this becomes difficult when individuals must obtain and complete

Life Value Engagement sessions as condition of court orders. It is unknown if the receiver is listening or just puts the phone aside. Mr. Chester Stanley, Traditional Program Specialist does this well through the use of video conferencing from the court into detention center in Kayenta. Seeing facial expressions is indicator if a recipient is actually gaining the benefit of services. The program continues to advocate for video conferencing resources.

### Chinle Peacemaking Program

Traditional Program Specialist has trained two local peacemakers on Skype for Business application to provide virtual Peacemaking forums for four different referrals and requests. Three sessions were completed successfully, and one was returned as unsuccessful to the court. The benefits of engaging traditional teachings through virtual peacemaking remains to be seen, they appear to be successful due to they were court ordered to complete the sessions. Program staff continue to use innovative ways to communicate with users of Peacemaking services through cell phone use; staff continue to look forward to getting back into an office setting by ongoing discussions to tailor Judicial Branch Roadmap to Full Capacity into 12 different judicial districts.

### Tuba City Peacemaking Program

Providing program services to school students who have been referred for truancy or behavior issues have been challenging throughout the pandemic. It is fortunate for Tuba City to have Peacemakers who remain persistent at delivering intervention services to youth through Peacemakers Educational Curriculum. These Peacemakers do the work because they believe instilling any measure of conveying Diné life way teachings in our youth will have benefits in the long term when students work with peacemaker mentors to develop these skills. One Peacemaker is commended for providing a traditional presentation by Zoom application on Navajo Peacemaking. In his presentation Peacemaker Tohonnie stated Diné medicine people were bestowed upon the honor to provide Peacemaking in the past. Mr. Tohonnie also shared Peacemaking is non-adversarial and listened to all sides of the dispute. There was a total of 100 participants that listened to this presentation.

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

1. Work with Chief Justice and others to enhance Peacemaking.
2. Update the program strategic plan, and complete the detailed work plan to enhance performance measurements.
3. Assist with recruiting efforts at judicial districts and communities to fill vital vacant program positions.
4. Continue to provide education regarding Fundamental Law and traditional education.
5. Continue to coordinate recruiting efforts for new Peacemakers from local communities.
6. Continue services such as Peacemaking Sessions, Individual Life Value Engagement (ILVE), Group Life Value Engagement (GLVE), and Dine Family Group Conferences (DFGC).

## VII. COURTS OF THE NAVAJO NATION

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### A. SUPREME COURT

#### Supreme Court Caseload Statistics

##### a. Civil

(1) Cases Filed	<u>Jul.</u>	<u>Aug.</u>	<u>Sept.</u>	<u>Total</u>
	7	2	2	11
-Certified Question.....0				
-Child Custody.....2				
-Contract.....0				
-Decedent Estate.....0				
-Domestic Relations.....1				
-Elections.....0				
-Employment/Labor.....4				
-Ethics.....0				
-Grazing.....0				
-Land Dispute.....1				
-Probate.....2				
-Torts.....0				
-Writs.....0				
-Reconsiderations.....1				
(2) Cases Completed	5	6	1	12
(3) Hearings Held	0	0	0	0
(4) Total Decisions this Quarter:				
Memorandum Decision	1	1	0	2
Orders	7	6	3	16
Opinions	1	2	0	3

##### b. Criminal

	<u>Jul.</u>	<u>Aug.</u>	<u>Sept.</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>Jul.</u>	<u>Aug.</u>	<u>Sept.</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>Jul.</u>	<u>Aug.</u>	<u>Sept.</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: 74
- (2) Filed: 11
- (3) Reconsiderations: 0
- (4) Closed: 8
- (5) Pending: 77

Pending cases	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	total
Civil	1	0	1	3	13	18	13	6	5	13	73
Criminal	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	3
NNBA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Special proceeding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1	0	1	3	14	18	13	6	7	14	77

2. Motions Reviews and Decided:

Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Total
7	6	3	16

3. Oral Arguments/Hearings Held: 0

#### 4. Pro Bono and Appointments:

	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Total
Tuba City/Kayenta/Dilkon	15	8	16	39
Window Rock/Chinle/Dzil Yijiin	34	1	21	56
Crownpoint/Shiprock/Aneth	4	0	0	4
Ramah/Alamo/To'hajiilee	0	0	0	0
Total	53	9	37	99

#### 5. Navajo Reporter, FY 2021

	1st Qtr. 2021			2nd Qtr. 2021			3rd Qtr. 2021			4th Qtr. 2021			
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	TOTAL
Volume 1&2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	50.00	100.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	350.00
Volume 3	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	135.00	0.00	45.00	90.00	0.00	45.00	0.00	315.00
Volume 4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	135.00	0.00	45.00	90.00	0.00	45.00	0.00	315.00
Volume 6	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	50.00	100.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	350.00
Volume 7	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	50.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	400.00
Volume 8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	50.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	400.00
Volume 9	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	100.00	300.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	900.00
Subtotal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,170.00	0.00	390.00	880.00	0.00	590.00	0.00	3,030.00
Tax @6%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	70.20	0.00	23.40	6.00	0.00	35.40	0.00	135.00
Shipping	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00	0.00	15.00	0.00	90.00
TOTAL	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,240.20	\$0.00	\$413.40	\$961.00	\$0.00	\$640.40	\$0.00	\$3,255.00

There were no sales of the Navajo Reporter in the first quarter. There were \$1,242.20 in sales in the second quarter. There were \$1,374.40 in sales in the third quarter. There were \$640.40 in sales in the fourth quarter. The total amount of sales in FY 2021 was \$3,255.00.

#### OATH OF OFFICE

Oaths of Office were conducted for the Navajo Nation Election Board and Office of the Prosecutor. The oaths were administered by Associate Justice Eleanor Shirley on August 2, 2021 and August 16, 2021.

#### VACANCIES

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

On August 16 the Chief Justice and Associate Justices interviewed for the Peacemaking Programs Coordinator.



## EVALUATIONS

Performance evaluation teams composed of the Chief Justice, a member of the Navajo Nation Bar Association, a Navajo Nation district court judge, and a member of the Law and Order Committee of the Navajo Nation Council continued to meet and complete for four probationary Judges and one Associate Justice. The assigned teams met and discussed with 3 Judges and 1 Associate Justice regarding the results of their evaluations and made recommendations in accordance with the Judge and Justice Personnel Rules. The second 6-month evaluation for the probationary Judges and Associate Justice was started and shall be completed in the 1st quarter of FY22.

## SUPREME COURT AND JUDICIAL BRANCH MEETINGS

Chief Justice Jayne, Associate Justice Shirley, Associate Justice Tina Tsinigine, and legal staff met virtually for Supreme Court Meetings to review and discuss pending cases biweekly during the months of July, August, and September. They met on July 2, July 14, 16,17, August 5,6,12, 27, and September 23. They reviewed the caseload, any pending motions and apprised each other of the status of the cases as to the draft decisions they are working on. The Justices participated in discussing motions, discussion on issues of the appeal, and the researches they completed. Moreover, these discussions include comments and edits made to the draft orders and decision made on the cases with some cases continuing for further meeting dates as decided by the Court.

The Judicial Conference is composed of 11 Judges and 3 Justices who set policy and advise the Chief Justice in matters concerning the administrative functions and policy development of the courts. On July 30, 2021 a Special Judicial Conference was held to get clarification from Associate Attorney regarding verbiage on the telecommuting policy. The Fourth Quarter Judicial Conference was held on September 30, 2021. Reports were held on the Conditions of Appropriations and Legislative Concerns from Administrative Office of Courts Director, Government Relations Officer, and Associate Attorney. A report was also made on Áłchíní Bi Beehaz'áannii Act (ABBA) Rules of Procedure presented by Associate Justice Eleanor Shirley and Staff Attorney Derrick Burbank. Request for comments were asked to be made by Judges and submitted to Associate Justice by October 29, 2021.

Supreme Court and Office of Chief Justice staff attended Judicial Branch Weekly Teleconferences where information is shared regarding COVID-19 safety protocols, court operations, building use, telework operations, and budget overviews.

Supreme Court, Office of Chief Justice, and Pro Bono Services Office held a staff meeting on August 5, 2021 and August 26, 2021 and Supreme Court Budget meetings on August 10 and 18. Discussions were held on updates from the three offices; staff assignments; building modifications, Supreme Court Purchases and Fy2021 General Ledger Budget.

The Supreme Court staff participated in a Website Redesign Meeting with Government Relations Officer on August 26, 2021. This meeting was to provide input from the Supreme Court on the planned redesign of the Navajo Courts website.

Judicial Staff Assistant and Government Relations Officer attended the Court Administrators and Program Managers Meeting on September 16, 2021. The program managers met on several issues including update on ARPA proposal; online payments; applicant testing during the pandemic; step increases; retirement recognition; and employee wellness.

Work group on Hashkééjį Nahat'á Béeso Bá Hooghan met on July 8, 2021; July 15, 2021; and July 22, 2021. Assisting with drafting of criteria and expenditure plan.

Office of Chief Justice Staff and Justices attended Judicial Branch Budget meetings and/or work sessions on July 6, 2021; July 8, 2021; July 16, 2021; and July 19, 2021.

The Supreme Court Staff met with Associate Attorney and Senior Budget Analyst on July 27, 2021 regarding the Supreme Court ARPA budget and the guidelines associated with the budget. Associate Attorney met with every business unit within the Judicial Branch to provide legal advice on the allowable expenses and the eligible uses of the federal funds as well as updated the programs and courts on the processes that were being developed internally within the Navajo Nation.

Associate Attorney provided extensive work in the completion of special duty pay and development of the necessary documents to ensure staffing received special duty pay within the final quarter of this fiscal year. She also legally reviewed multiple federal grants and contracts for the purposes of compliance with Navajo Nation laws and federal requirements for the Judicial Branch.

On July 17, 2021, Office of the Chief Justice Staff met for a discussion on Legal Counsel Structure for Judicial Branch. Associate Attorney addressed how the issues of legal structure for the Judicial Branch continues to be an issue. Discussion on this issue is ongoing.

Government Relations Officer assisted Dilkon Judicial District in planning for a community meeting with chapters to present on services during the pandemic and the initiative to implement a Healing to Wellness Court. The meeting with the chapters in the service area was held August 6, 2021. There was discussion with the chapters on how to best deliver services to the public. Some chapters signified need to have pro se forms available at the chapter houses and training on how to fill them out.

## NAVAJO NATION GOVERNMENT

Judicial Branch and Division of Public Safety developed a proposal to build facilities utilizing the Navajo Nation's allocation of American Rescue Plan Act Funds. The Branch and the Division each contributed projects for the proposal including Shiprock justice facility, Window Rock justice facility, Kayenta Judicial District Court, Peacemaking Program facility, Ramah Judicial District, and Peacemaking Alamo Hogan. Also included were facilities to provide housing for judicial and public safety personnel. The proposed list was provided to Law and Order Committee Chairwoman Eugenia Charles-Newton.

Dine Action Plan. Meetings were conducted between the branches to finalize the Dine Action Plan for introduction as legislation. The Dine Action Plan provides a plan for addressing issues

regarding violence, substance abuse and suicide on the Navajo Nation and will assist the Navajo Nation in applying for grant funding. The legislation is being sponsored by Council Delegate Amber Crotty.

Navajo Nation Opioid Response Task Force introductory meeting was held July 14, 2021 and the task force has been meeting monthly since then. The task force is a part of the implementation of a grant received by the Division of Behavioral and Mental Health Services from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to reduce morbidities and mortality related to opioid use. DBHMS is working to develop a strategic plan and is also working with partners to identify training needs.

Employee Housing Committee meetings were held on August 3, 2021 and September 7, 2021. The Committee makes assignments on Navajo Nation employee housing.

A Leadership Meeting between the Navajo Nation Council and President Jonathan Nez was held on August 4, 2021. This meeting was an update on the Fiscal Recovery Fund Office within the Office of the President and proposed projects utilizing various sources of funding that include the American Rescue Plan Act and the Fiscal Recovery Fund.

Requested personal protection equipment supplies from the Health Command Operations Center for mitigation of COVID-19 for Supreme Court, Administrative Offices of the Courts and Judicial Conduct Commission in September. The HCOC fulfilled the request and the items were distributed to the offices.

Chief Justice Jayne is a member of the Retirement Plan Administration Committee (RPAC) of the Navajo Nation and attended meetings this quarter on July 28, 2021, September 1, 2021, and September 28, 2021.

## LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS

Government Relations Officer, Associate Justices, and Chief Justice attended virtual Law and Order Committee meetings, work sessions and budget hearings on: July 13, 2021; August 5, 2021; August 9, 2021; August 10, 2021; August 23, 2021; August 30, 2021; September 13, 2021; September 20, 2021; and September 27, 2021. They also attended virtual meetings, work sessions and budget hearings/sessions of the Legislative Branch on the following dates: Budget and Finance Committee on July 6, 2021; Naabik'iyati' Committee on July 9, 2021; State Task Force on July 9, 2021; Budget and Finance Committee on July 14, 2021; Naabik'iyati' Committee on July 14; Naabik'iyati' Committee on July 15, 2021; Sexual Assault Prevention Subcommittee; Navajo Nation Council Summer Session on July 19, 20, 21, 22, 2021; Budget and Finance Committee on August 3, 2021; Naabik'iyati' Committee on August 12, 2021; Budget and Finance Committee on August 20, 2021; Budget and Finance Committee on August 23, 2021; Budget and Finance Committee on August 25, 2021; Navajo Nation Council on August 26, 2021; Budget and Finance Committee on August 27, 2021; Budget and Finance Committee on September 1, 2021; Budget and Finance Committee on September 3, 2021; Naabik'iyati' Committee on September 7, 2021; Navajo Nation Council on September 8, 2021; Navajo Nation Council on September 9-10, 2021; Budget and Finance Committee on September 14, 2021; Budget and Finance Committee on September 21, 2021; Naabik'iyati' Committee on

September 23, 2021; Resources and development Committee on September 24, 2021; Sexual Assault Prevention Subcommittee on September 24, 2021; and Navajo Nation Council on September 30, 2021.

Government Relations Officer tracked and reported on the following legislation:

- 0110-21 Establishing the Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery Fund and the Expenditure Authorization Process Thereunder; Waiving Certain Provisions of the Navajo Nation Appropriations Act; Amending 12 N.N.C. § 334 to Authorize Emergency Procurements; Authorizing Reimbursement of the Sihasin Fund and Undesignated Unreserved Fund Balance; Authorizing Central Support and Regulatory Cost Funding; Authorizing Funding to Complete Defunded Navajo Nation CARES Fund Expenditure Plans; Authorizing the Establishment of a Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery Fund Office Within the Office of the President and Vice-President
- 0129-21 Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget for the Navajo Nation Judicial Branch
- 0170-21 Approving and Authorizing PL 93-638 contract between Navajo Nation and Department of the Interior
- 0178-21 Enacting COVID-19 Vaccination Requirements for all Navajo Nation Government Employees; Urging all Navajo Nation-Owned Enterprises/Authorities/Corporations and Schools, Businesses and other Entities Operating Within the Navajo Nation to Promptly Adopt COVID-19 Vaccination Requirements
- 0184-21 Approving the Navajo Nation Dine Action Plan
- 0190-21 Approving Supplemental Funding from the UUFb in the amount of \$1,244,915 to the Judicial Branch and \$600,000 to the Navajo Election Administration

### TRIBAL CONSULTATIONS

President Joe Biden issued a memorandum on January 26, 2021, reaffirming policies that charge executive departments and agencies with engaging in regular, meaningful and robust tribal consultation in the development of federal policies with tribal implications. Since then, various agencies and departments of the federal government have been holding tribal consultation sessions. The Government Relations Officers attended several of these sessions.

On August 25, 2021, Government Relations Officer attended Bureau of Justice Assistance Pre-Consultation Session: Overview of BJA Tribal Justice Program Funding. BJA delivered a presentation on its services which include providing training opportunities and grants for Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation Purpose Areas 2, 3 and 4. The BJA announced it will prioritize future funding to tribes that complete and submit an approved strategic plan.

Government Relations Officer attend Family Violence Prevention and Services Program government to government consultation on September 8, 2021. Discussion was on current award allocation and proposed minimum awards.

On September 15, 2021, Government Relations Officer attended Bureau of Justice Assistance Tribal Consultation. BJA received input from tribes on the administration of grants that include the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation Purpose Areas 2, 3, and 4 (Strategic Planning,

Tribal Justice Systems and Tribal Justice Systems and Infrastructure Programs) and training and technical assistance.

Government Relations Officer attended Dilkon Judicial District Resource Meetings on August 20, 2021 and September 17, 2021.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS

Chief Justice JoAnn Jayne gave a message at the Navajo Code Talker Day alongside the Navajo Nation President and Speaker. Navajo Code Talker Day was recognized with an online event on August 14, 2021. Government Relations Officer assisted with the planning for Navajo Code Talker Day and recorded the message from Chief Justice JoAnn Jayne.

Government Relations Officer attended the opening of “Navajo Code Talkers Through the Lens of Kenji Kawano” photograph exhibit at the Navajo Nation Museum on August 12, 2021.

Chief Justice gave a message for to celebrate the accomplishments of Navajo graduates and submitted to the Office of the President and Vice President. The messages from leadership were broadcast on Saturday, July 10, 2021, on the OPVP social media channels. Government Relations Officer recorded the message.

On July 21, 2021, Chief Justice Jayne and Government Relations Officer met with Cherokee Nation Speaker Joe Byrd during his visit to the Navajo Nation.

Chief Justice, Associate Justices, Supreme Court staff and Judges Neomi Gilmore and Malcolm Begay met with American Bar Association President Patricia Lee Refo and Patty Ferguson Bohnie, director of the Indian Legal Clinic at Arizona State University Sandra Day. Discussions were on areas of concern for both the ABA and the Navajo Nation Courts.

Government Relations Officer and Chief Justice participated in welcoming Bearsun to the Navajo Nation during a public event on August 6, 2021. Government Relations Officer assisted in planning the event. Bearsun is walking from Los Angeles to New York City to bring awareness to and raise funds for five issues: disabled community, cancer, mental health, autism and environmental.

Chief Justice and Government Relations officer attended the Miss Navajo Nation pageant on September 8, 2021. Chief Justice Jayne assisted with organizing the events on that day. Chief Justice and Government Relations Officer attended the Miss Navajo Nation coronation ceremony on September 11, 2021, where Niagara Rockbridge was crowned Miss Navajo Nation. Chief Justice Jayne presented Shaandiin Parrish with a Pendleton shawl on behalf of the Judicial Branch in appreciation of her service.

## WEBINARS

Government Relations attended the following webinars’:

Response to the Delta Variant in Tribal Communities hosted by the National Indian Health Board on August 16, 2021. There were updates on vaccination rates and the variants in tribal communities.

Johns Hopkins University Emerging Topics in COVID-19: the latest in science and community - based practices in Indian Country on September 8, 2021.

Violence Against Women Act Consultation Preparation webinar conducted by the National Women's Resource Center on July 21, 2021. The tribal consultation is for federally recognized tribes on the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act funding to support shelter needs.

National Tribal Broadband Summit on September 17, 2021 and September 24, 2021. Updates were provided on federal funding available for Indian Country broadband initiatives and the need to close the digital divide. Presentations were done by some tribes on how they responded to COVID-19 with the use of technology and how it can benefit tribes in the future.

American Constitution Society Founding Failures webinar on September 17, 2021. History on federal and tribal relationships and the effects that are being seen today.

American Constitution Society Supreme Court Preview on September 21, 2021. Panel went over Supreme Court cases that will be heard this upcoming term. There is one case centered on Indian Child Welfare Act that is going to be heard.

Tribal/Interior Budget Council Meeting on September 22, 2021. There were updates on the federal budget process.

National Congress of American Indian Census on September 22, 2021. How to access NCAI's data on Indian Country from the Census 2020. This data will have significant impacts on policy decisions in the future.

Courts, COVID and Permanency webinar by National Center for State Courts on September 24, 2021. Findings on surveys regarding court services during the pandemic were shared. Many people had no difficulties with attending remote hearings; however, the longer a person was involved in a drug court, the more likely they were to say in-person services were better. The findings generate questions of what types of hearings should be virtual and what information needs to be shared ahead of time to ensure smooth communication.

State of New Mexico Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Relatives Task Force Meeting on September 27, 2021. Minnesota State Senator Mary Kunesch shared a presentation on how her state is responding to the MMIWR issue. Detective Somershoe shared how Arizona has successfully implemented a Missing Persons Day where cases are reported and families are invited to share their stories with media.

A Cultural Perspective on Pandemic and Resilience on September 29, 2021. Olivia Trujillo and Richard Two Dogs gave perspectives from Native Americans on COVID-19.

Second Annual Virtual Peacemaking Colloquium on September 30, 2021. The theme was, “Weaving Intergenerational Wisdom and Healing into the Future.” There were discussions on how and why different groups are using Peacemaking and future plans

## **TRAININGS**

Supreme Court and Office of Chief Justice Staff attended mandatory Judicial Branch Employee Policies and Procedures training conducted by training manager Francine Bradley-Arthur on July 1, 2021.

Government Relations Officer attended training on Infection Prevention by the Navajo Nation Department of Health on July 14, 2021.

Chief Justice attended a virtual Judicial Writing Class from September 27 to 30, 2021.

Associate Justice attended Healthy Relationship for Harmony in the Workplace through Skype on July 6, 2021.

## **B. ANETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

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

A. Aneth Judicial District has completed its re-entry plans for Phase One that was inclusive of the Aneth community, the chapter it serves in its district and the Aneth District Court staff. The ‘re-opening’ plan incorporated and considered local health data, and for that specific reason chose not to move forward into Phase One. The local health data exhibited increase trends of infection rates of COVID-19. Aneth District Court management will monitor the local health data on COVID-19, its variants and closely monitor the health and safety of the Aneth District court staff.

B. Aneth Judicial District has maintained an on-call schedule to continuously offer essential court services to maintain the upmost safety of its staff and court users. The on-call schedule mitigates exposure of COVID-19 and its variant by only allowing a limited number of staff in the building at any given time. Aneth Court staff continuously self-monitor for symptoms for COVID-19 and for the common cold before reporting to work.

C. To address its backlogged cases, Aneth District Court has a new Staff Attorney. The Staff Attorney has been concentrating on backlogged cases created during the public health emergency. To further address the issue of case backlog, Aneth District Court will seek funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) monies to hire a Document Technician to log, catalog and archive closed cases.

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

A. During the pandemic, Judge Irene S. Black continues to be temporarily assigned to Shiprock Judicial District and to the Judicial Branch Grievance Board. The first assignment for the temporary assignment started on December 01, 2014 by then Chief Justice Herb Yazzie who assigned by Administrative Order 68-2014. With the current public health emergency and

administrative order, Judge Black conducts essential hearings by telecommuting from home for Aneth and Shiprock Judicial Districts.

B. Aneth District Court received all of its building modification supplies and completed installation of its plexi-glass barriers and clear plastic barriers. A drop box was installed, which is checked daily, an intercom system for customers to utilize while limiting outside exposure of Aneth District staff, and a weatherproof brochure holder that has Domestic Abuse Protection Order petitions. Aneth District Court users can download the petition on the Navajo Nation Judicial Branch website or can obtain a copy from the Utah Navajo Health System, Inc. victim advocates.

C. The Aneth District Court staff are encouraged to continuously participate in virtual trainings if they are not on the on-call duty schedule. Aneth District Court staff have completed the “Road Map to Full Capacity” training and will continue to participate in other Health Safety trainings and attend job specific training to enhance their skills to their job duties. All the District Court staff have completed their mandatory sexual harassment training and all the staff are NNHOSA certified.

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

A. Aneth District will monitor the local health data in the next quarter and if the trends favor a re-submittal of its re-entry plan, then it will re-submit its plan to the COOP Coordinator. Aneth District court will have a safe working environment for the staff and to conduct more essential case hearings during Phase One of the re-entry plan.

B. Aneth District will explore new opportunities of tele-conferencing and tele-hearings for its staff and its customers to address its case backlog. The greater part of the back log was created during the public health emergency of 2020 and 2021.

C. Aneth District court management will look at funding sources through the American Rescue Plan Act to assist with funding shortages at the districts. The funds will mainly deal with staffing shortages to concentrate on the backlog of cases. Additional staffing will assist the clerks in moving the cases to disposition and eventually archiving all the records.

D. Aneth District will complete an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant parking lot and replace its aging HVAC units. ADA parking lot requests for bids was completed and only one contractor submitted a bid. Contractor has been selected and the building will have four new wall-mounted HVAC units installed by end of next quarter.

## **C. CHINLE JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

### **1. Accomplishment of Objectives set the Previous Quarter**

A. COVID-19 Court Response: Chinle Judicial District continues to operate on essential services to the public. Judges continue to hear emergency cases. Court documents are received by drop box, postal mail, electronic mail and fax. Staff members are on a rotating schedule to come into the court to answer telephone calls, process fines and fee payments, process postal



mail, process filings and clerk hearings. They are doing a phenomenal job in continuing to provide services to the public with the bare essentials.

B. We have a maximum of five staff in the building on a daily basis to provide services to the public and to process court cases.

C. Weekly Teleconference Meetings: Court Administrator and Judges participated in the weekly teleconference meetings. Weekly updates are provided by the Chief Justice's support staff. Information on virtual trainings for staff updates on pandemic activities, and upcoming events are shared among staff.

D. Navajo Nation Budget and ARPA: Court Administrator participated in the FY 2022 budget meetings and ARPA discussions. The discussions included the needs of the district and the services provided by the district. The ARPA discussion surrounded how the district was affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic caused our court cases to be backlogged. Currently, through the Chief Justice's Administrative Order, the district provides essential services to the public.

E. Quarterly Judicial Conference: The judges attended the quarterly Judicial Conference via teleconference. The court administrators and program managers were not included in the Judicial Conference.

F. District Court Clerk: Ms. Cara Manybeads is the newest member to our district. She was hired as a District Court Clerk. She comes from Pinon, Arizona.

## **2. Other Significant Accomplishments**

A. Staff Retirement: Two court clerks retired from their position effective August 13, 2021. Ms. Rosita Bahe and Mrs. Clarina Simeona each had twenty plus years of service with the Navajo Nation. We wish them well with their retirement.

B. Judicial Hearing Officer: Mr. Tyson Yazzie resigned his position as the judicial hearing officer effective August 13, 2021. In the amount of time with our district, Mr. Yazzie provided exemplary services in hearing domestic violence cases and shelter care hearings. We wish him well in his future endeavors.

C. Judicial Branch Employee Policies and Procedures Training (JBEPP): The Judicial Branch Human Resources Department provided training on the JBEPP. Judicial Branch Training Manager highlighted key areas of the JBEPP.

D. Legal Advice vs. Legal Information Training: Staff participated in the legal advice vs. legal information training. The training was presented by Crownpoint District Staff Attorney. Staff, had positive feedback from the presentation. Their questions were answered on how to better answer the public's questions when they ask what they should do about their case and other questions regarding their court cases.

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

- 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 goals.
- C. The court administrator will continue to provide technical assistance to the court clerks, bailiffs, office technicians and custodian.
- D. The Chinle Judicial District will continue to work with Judicial Branch Human Resources Office in filling the vacant positions.

### **D. CROWNPOINT JUDICIAL DISTRICT & PUEBLO PINTADO COURT**

#### **1. Accomplishment of Objective set the Previous Quarter**

A. Crownpoint (“CP”) Judicial District continues to operate on essential services to the public pursuant to the Continuity of Operations Plan (March 27, 2020) (COOP), as managed by the COOP Coordinator and staff. CP staff continue to be on a rotating schedule for the Court daily operations: to answer telephone calls, process fines and fees, process postal mail, and to hold hearings which are held through Skype by invitation to parties of record. Pueblo Pintado Circuit Court remains in devolution stage since March 15, 2020 with the staff working out of Crownpoint Judicial District facility because of the COVID-19 pandemic. During the current COOP phase, the Court receives documents, pleadings, and petitions by drop box, US postal mail, electronic filing (via email and fax) for both Crownpoint and Pueblo Pintado courts.

B. A majority of Crownpoint Judicial District and Pueblo Pintado Circuit Court staff have received their COVID-19 vaccines.

C. The Crownpoint Judicial District is in the process of moving to Phase One of the “Roadmap to Full Capacity.” The Crownpoint District and Pueblo Pintado Circuit Court staff have participated in, attained and completed the necessary trainings for “Roadmap” presented on March 26, 2021 and April 1, 2021.

On July 27, 2021, Judge Livingston, Staff Attorney, Court Administrator, Peacemaking Program, and Probation/Parole Services had a meeting to discuss the check-off list to move into Phase 1; according to the Roadmap to Full Capacity guidance-checklist and memo template.

Crownpoint Judicial District began modification, installation of plexi-glass, COVID-19 barriers in the court clerk’s office and bailiff work station, and court rooms; Maintenance personnel conducted a walk-through assessment of the court building for safety & health measures for the staff and as well the general public for health & safety barriers for Court Room 2 for next scheduled bench/jury trials as prescribed by the rules, law and for other urgent hearings to be

conducted. The safety & health inspection is important step for Phase One, Two, Three and Four of the Roadmap to Full Capacity.

D. The Crownpoint Judicial District has one (1) vacancy, Deputy Court Clerk Position that has been advertised. Only two applicants were received. The Pueblo Pintado Circuit Court has one vacancy, Deputy Court Clerk; only two applicants were received. The job vacancy announcements will be extended to allow for more applicants to apply. The court would like to have at least 4 or more applicants before interviewing for this position.

E. As the Crownpoint Judicial District continues to address the backlog of workload during the essential service period. The Court staff have been working diligently and safely during the COVID-19 Pandemic while handling essential court cases; unfortunately on two occasions, the Crownpoint Court had two (2) potential COVID-19 exposures during the quarter, but both were negative on their COVID-19 test results. The District court followed the COOP Criteria's and guidelines in handling all matters. Both potential exposures were immediately reported to the COOP team and District Court supervisors and handled effectively with little to no issues. Our staff continue to work diligently and safely during the COVID-19 pandemic while assigned at work and handling essential court cases.

F. District Judge, Staff Attorney and Court Administrator continue to attend weekly COOP management updates by Business Skype or call-in procedures. These weekly teleconferences keep the organization informed, updated with information, which gets disseminated back to the business units.

G. Crownpoint Judicial District-Court Clerks managed pretrial conference hearings; processed pleadings, updated proceedings; reconciled cash ledger, outstanding checks and bank statements; prepared weekly deposits report for Crownpoint Judicial District and Pueblo Pintado Court; rescheduled cases that were continued; prepared weekly schedules for cases; set up Skype in court room; sent letters to defendant to call in on Skype phone number, and assisted with phone coverage; continue to adjust to the changes due to COVID-19 such as telephonic and Skype hearings; working with clients, other entities, and attorneys through internet communications and telephone; working with staff helping one another processing case files.

H. Crownpoint Judicial District-Document Technician: The preparation and scanning the Family Court case files for 2006-2011 are in progress. A total of 6,444 cases were scanned, and a total of 203,918 pages were scanned. The scanned documents are compiled into folders and saved onto a CD; and the completed scanned documents are filed in storage boxes. The total number of Document Requests processed this quarter is 11.

I. Crownpoint Judicial District-Office Technician teleworked and came to workplace twice a week; processed outgoing and incoming mail, faxed documents; and submitted Xerox meter reading, tribal vehicle mileage readings, and timesheets to AOC.

## 2. Other Significant Accomplishments

A. Judge Livingston and Staff Attorney teleworked from home and conducted hearings, administrative matters and judicial related functions while using Business Skype, teleconferences, hear essential court cases for the district. The staff deputy court clerks, bailiffs, office technicians are on a rotating schedule during the week. Some are at the office following social distancing/hand washing/sanitization; some staff telecommute with a rotating schedule as per the Chief Justice's administrative orders.

B. Judicial Hearing Officer (JHO) for the Crownpoint Judicial District; Pueblo Pintado Circuit Court continue to provide essential services; conducting Domestic Violence hearing case every Tuesday and Friday thru virtual Skype for business; obtaining case load information and court scheduling under the supervision of Judge Livingston.

C. Attendance of Staff Trainings/In-Services:

- July 1, 2021 Annual presentation of the Judicial Branch Employee Policies and Procedures – Mandatory, submitted the signed JBEPP Annual Training Acknowledgement via email to Judicial Branch Training Manager, Navajo Nation Judicial Branch on July 12, 2021. Staff also attended the following trainings: Healthy Relationship for Harmony in Workplace and Sexual Harassment and Awareness Training (mandatory training); and new employees orientation.

- On July 06, 2021: Court Administrator and Court Clerk attended the FY 2022 General Budget Formulation Work Session to complete budgets for Crownpoint and Pueblo Pintado Court's. The budgetary training sessions are necessary to prepare the upcoming budgetary year, another session schedule before finalization of the General Fund Budget.

- On July 12, 2021 and August 03, 2021 Court Administrator met with AOC Senior Budget Analysis thru Skype invitation for information on updated ARPA-FRF budget forms. Court Administrator and Judge Livingston will be requesting ARPA funding to include several recovery projects for Crownpoint Judicial District.

- On September 08, 2021 Court Administrator attended the Budget & Finance Committee special meeting thru Skype invitation for information and updated purposes.

- Court Administrator met with the staff during the staff meeting held September 08, 2021 and September 16, 2021. Weekly cash report deposits are completed by the bailiff on a rotating schedule every Wednesday; including picking up mail/supplies from AOC Window Rock.

D. On September 23, 2021, Judge Livingston, Court Administrator, Staff Attorney attended a Skype invitation meeting with Window Rock court staff; AOC; and COOP team regarding Window Rock court utilization of Crownpoint court facilities on October 01, 15, 2021 and for a Jury Trial to be held in November, 2021.

E. Crownpoint Judicial District/Pueblo Pintado Circuit Court continue to initiate a Criminal Justice Summit Initiative Meeting every quarter; recorded by Skype for Business by the Court;

involving: NN prosecutors office; Dept of Family Service Crownpoint and Gallup Offices; Department of Corrections; Police Department; Public Defenders; Probation/Parole Services; IHS-Crownpoint; Department of Behavioral Health Services; Veterans Organization; Chapter Officials. Welcome address conducted by Court; Introduction of Participants and visitors: announcements; training information; distribution of minutes of January 10, 2020 (when last meeting was held); and Updates. Next meeting will be scheduled for October 28, 2021.

F. Staff Attorney helped the Navajo Nation Bar Association (NNBA) with the development of the Fundamental Law of Dine' Four Directions Approach. He worked with former Chief Justice Robert Yazzie to develop the technique for conducting Navajo legal analysis using Dine' Bibeehaz'aanii principles. Based on this work, they are conducting several presentations for Navajo legal practitioners. In August 2021, they presented "Four Directions Approach" for the 2021 NNBA Bar Review, which included a presentation on Dine' clans. Mr. Yazzie and Staff Attorney will also present Four Directions panel discussion at the 2021 NNBA Annual Conference. Further, Mr. Yazzie and Staff Attorney will present "Four Directions Approach Update 2021" at the 2021 Arizona State University Navajo Nation Law CLE Conference.

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

A. Continue essential court operations under the existing Judicial Branch Administrative Orders as directed by the Chief Justice, comply with the health & safety guidelines under the federal CDC and Navajo Nation Division of Health Public Health Emergency Orders; and to maintain the safety, welfare and morale of the judicial district personnel, litigants and general public and promote safety in the workplace, homes and communities and continue court operations under the COVID-19 pandemic.

B. To continue with the building safety modifications and Roadmap to Full Capacity planning, to resume normal court operations in a healthy, safe manner according to the federal, state and tribal guidelines; to move forward to Phase One and Two under the guidance of the COOP Coordinator and his staff, and with the acknowledgement from Probation and Parole Services/Peacemaking Program; and to make sure the on-line training for "Roadmap to Re-Opening to Full Capacity" was completed by all staff members.

C. To maintain archiving scanned cases pursuant to the performance criteria.

D. To maintain, report, update and generate status report on non-essential cases coming before Crownpoint/Pueblo Pintado courts.

E. To achieve the best practices of the budget implementation by utilizing "performance-based objectives."

F. Court Administrator goal to complete 6B FMIS training this quarter to receive signature authorization for financial documentations; to conduct Case Management review on cases this quarter to get a better idea of the backlogged of cases; to fill the position of the Deputy Court Clerk positions in Pueblo Pintado Circuit Court, and in Crownpoint Judicial District; and to identify staff who need to renew their tribal vehicle permit.

## **E. DILKON JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

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

A. Dilkon Judicial District continues to work per the Administrative Orders issued by Chief Justice of the Navajo Nation. The court is not open to the public due to the public health emergency of the Coronavirus Pandemic. The Judicial Branch is gradually working on returning to full capacity by phases. The Dilkon Judicial District continues to effectively provide essential court operation as required pursuant to Administrative Order 14-2020 and 32-2020.

B. To facilitate the Dilkon Judicial District Resource meetings to network and collaboration with local resources to improve services to the public. Staff Attorney has been conducting Resource meetings with local resources; by virtually and has been successful, especially during this difficult time.

C. To plan, prepare and present the FY2022 Budget: Judicial Branch had several budget meetings before the pandemic; submitted district proposed budget; budget hearings are conducted and Judicial Branch was approved.

D. Planning on getting our District to Phase 1: Dilkon Court is working to enter Phase 1 accordingly per Judicial Branch Roadmap to Full Capacity (COVID-19 Guidelines for the Navajo Nation Judicial Branch).

E. Maintain quick and professional service to all customers that call or email the courthouse: A remote court clerk is assigned to this particular task to concentrate specifically on this matter; also to better communicate and address with other staff at the court. This has been very helpful.

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

A. Staff has attended several training (virtually) sponsor by Judicial Branch Administrative of the Courts.

B. Court Administrator returned to work part-time by telework on September 13, 2021. She returned from extended Administrative Leave.

### **3. Objectives to be Accomplished in the Next Quarter: (Dilkon Court will ‘virtually’ continue to accomplish these objectives in the best interest of the court during this pandemic.)**

A. To facilitate the Dilkon Judicial District Resource Meetings ‘virtually’ to network and collaboration with local resources to improve services to the public.

B. To conduct two (in-service) ‘virtually’ training for the district staff for continue learning and awareness.

C. To plan, organize, and prepare to enter Phase 1 of Judicial Branch Roadmap.

D. To advertise and hire for (2) vacant positions (Office Technician and Court Bailiff)

## **F. DZIL YIJIIN JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

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

A. The Dził Yijiin Judicial District continues to deliver essential court services within the Dził Yijiin region. In accordance with Navajo Nation Supreme Court Administrative Orders, the Dził Yijiin Judicial Court is closed to the public, the Court has been conducting essential court operations only. All services are subject to temporary mitigation measures designed to protect our patrons and team members to the greatest extent possible.

B. Physical access to the Dził Yijiin Judicial Court continues to be restricted. However, personnel are readily available to assist the public through contact-free methods by electronic processes: email and facsimile, in addition to, U.S. Postal Service Mail and an outside drop box located next to the main entrance. All court appearances are handled telephonic conferencing and through Skype. Individuals are encouraged to call or email the Court in lieu of making personal appearances to take care of their court business. Payments are made through contact-free payments for civil traffic fines to be paid by credit or debit card online through Justice Web.

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

A. Dził Yijiin District continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation and take measures to help prevent virus spread in our community. Judge Cynthia Thompson held court hearings on essential matters by utilizing alternative means of presiding over cases through teleconferencing or Skype for Business. Judicial Hearing Officer continues to conduct virtual hearings on Petition for Domestic Abuse Protection Orders every Monday.

B. Dził Yijiin District assisted Chinle District during the closure of Chinle court building and implementation of alternative facility by receiving incoming fax, telephone calls, while Chinle court maintained essential services via telecommute.

C. Building modification continued by Tuba City Maintenance Technician, installed Plexiglass partitions as safety barriers for Dził Yijiin District courtroom. The district is moving forward with Phased One of Re-Opening; and is optimistic with established safety protocols.

D. District staff attended the mandatory training: Judicial Branch Employee Policy Procedures on July 1, 2021.

E. During the fourth quarter, Court Administrator attended the following Skype meeting and presentations, representing Dził Yijiin Judicial District:

- Attended Court Administrator and Managers Skype meeting held on September 16, 2021.
- Continuing to participate in the weekly Judicial Branch Skype meetings regarding discussions and updates with Judicial Branch plans and operations, during this pandemic.
- Attended virtual Judicial Branch & Department of Public Safety ARPA Facilities proposals.
- Attend virtual FY2022 Budget Hearings held on August 09, 2021.
- Attended potential devolution meeting on July 27, 2021 regards to Chinle District.
- Participated in virtual FY2022 GF Budget & FY2022 UUFB formulation work sessions on

July 6, 8, 19 & 21 2021.

- Prepared proposed FY2022 GF Budget and Unmet Needs supplement funding request for Dził Yijiin District.
- Attended virtual meetings with Judge Thompson, Judge Neomi Gilmore (Dilkon District), Dilkon Acting Court Administrator, Dilkon Staff Attorney and Ms. Precious Benally, Tribal Healing to Wellness Court Specialist, on family wellness Court “Restorative Justice.”

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

A. Dził Yijiin Judicial District will continue court operations on processing essential services during this COVID-19 State of Emergency pursuant to Administrative Orders.

B. Plan and prepare to comply with Roadmap to Full Capacity, and building modification for re-opening in the future.

C. Staff will continue to assist in processing essential court matters.

D. Dził Yijiin Judicial District continues to be deeply engaged with public health agencies, healthcare providers, local entities and partnering agencies to mitigate the impact of the virus. Dził Yijiin Judicial District will persist in encouraging the use of face coverings, physical distancing and disinfection practices, measures our court has followed throughout the pandemic.

## **G. KAYENTA JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

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

A. On July 01, 2021, all Kayenta Judicial District staff participated in a mandatory “Judicial Branch Employee Personnel Policy Training” to receive a uniform interpretation and purpose of the policy.

B. Judge Letitia Stover and Court Administrator participated in two Kayenta District Justice Partner’s teleconference meetings. The meeting of public safety agencies and tribal community programs focused on concerns regarding public safety, impact of crime, and program operations during the pandemic.

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

A. The district participated in weekly updates as part of the Judicial Branch of the Navajo Nation Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) on essential court operations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

B. Court Administrator participated in several telephonic Judicial Branch strategic budget planning meetings to address the proposed FY2022 General Fund budget before the Navajo Nation Council Law & Order and Budget & Finance Committees. The Committees were supportive of the district’s proposed portion of the Judicial Branch’s overall budget despite a shortfall in funding.

C. By invitation, Judge Stover rendered the Oath of Office to the following:



- Helen Webster, ToNanessDizi Local Governance Secretary/Treasurer on July 29, 2021.
- Jean Holiday, Oljato Chapter Vice President and Dellard Curley, TsahBiiKin Chapter Secretary/Treasurer on August 17, 2021.
- Nation Department of Law Enforcement Officer's Oath of Office for 29 officers and deputies representing the New Mexico State Police, McKinley County Sheriff's Office, Sandoval County Sheriff's Office, Socorro County Sheriff's Office, and Apache County Sheriff's Office after completing the Navajo Nation cross-commission training.

D. After 43 years of loyal and dedicated service, court clerk Mary A. Belone retired from the Navajo Nation on September 30, 2021. Of the 43 years, she was employed by the Navajo Nation Judicial Branch-Kayenta Judicial District for 21 years.

E. Court Administrator participated in two Court Administrator and Manager's teleconference meetings. Participants received Judicial Branch updates and ascertain branch developments.

F. Judge Stover participated in a Quarterly Judicial Conference teleconference on September 30, 2021. Conference participants received Judicial Branch updates and new developments.

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

- A. To complete an annual district and family court caseload accounting.
- B. To implement the district bi-annual cross training rotation of the court clerks.
- C. To provide for three in-service trainings for the district staff.
- D. To promote positive and more effective working relationships with the community, local law enforcement and other public service organizations through monthly meetings.

## **H. RAMAH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

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

A. Court Administrator participated through teleconference/Skype in several budget session with Financial Manager, and key staff from the Administrative Office of the Courts, and three (3) Judicial Branch budget session for FY2022 budget. On July 13, 2021, the Judicial Branch presented District's FY2022 general fund budget before the Law & Order Committee of the Navajo Nation Council through virtual teleconference. The committee was in support of the district's proposed portion of the Judicial Branch's overall budget despite a shortfall in funding.

On August 23, 2021, Court Administrator observed the Comprehensive Budget & Finance Committee Hearing-NN Judicial, for FY2022 Budget for each of the Judicial Business Unit. The main key staff from the Administrative Office of the Courts, and Office of the Financial Managers address internal & governmental budget matters during the FY2022 Budget hearings for each BU's. The Committee has been supportive of the Judicial Branch's overall Budgets.

B. Court Administrator completed scanning of closed out court cases; prepared and scanned a total of 168 closed out case files, in which most cases contained numerous documents with multiple pages.

C. Ramah Court continuous to provide essential services. The general public is still not allowed to enter the court building and there are restricted signs up on the outside entrance of the court building. The general public are able to access court hearings by teleconference with a toll-free number provided to the public. We are keeping all staff safe, with daily reminders about workplace cleanliness to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

D. The Ramah Court hosted a Skype meeting/4th Quarter Resource Meeting. On September 23, 2021, Court Administrator facilitated the quarterly resource meeting. Judge Laughing, reported on the court operation and answered questions on the court operation and essential services, and Staff Attorney reported to the participants regrading legal issues. Resource meetings benefit and help the Courts and local service providers address issues of mutual concern. Through teleconference the departments/programs participate and present their needs and issues, and if necessary, recommend ways to resolve the issues if it involves another department/program. Lately it has been difficult to get key people involved with the meetings due to COVID-19. Meeting attendees: Pinehill Health Clinic, Pinehill Behavioral Health, Pinehill High School & Counselor, principal of the school, and other participants.

E. Judge Laughing continued to temporarily assist Window Rock Judicial District Court, due to the shortage of District Court Judges. He assisted with hearings, handling Family Court Cases on Wednesdays via teleconference hearings each week. The Window Rock court administrator worked together to coordinate Judge Laughing's schedule.

F. Ramah Chapter Coordination: On July 22, 2021, Court Administrator call in through teleconference to attend the Ramah Regular Chapter meeting. Update the status of the Ramah New Court Complex, give brief update report on the Housing Complex for Judicial Branch & Dept. of Public Safety. On July 26, 2021, Chapter Administration Coordinator, Brenda Yazzie, called Court Administrator requesting a copy or a map for 20-acre land assignment for the new Ramah Judicial Court Complex, so that it can be attached to the archaeological clearance documents. On August 19, 2021, Chapter Administration Coordinator contacted Court Administrator reporting that a payment was processed for the archaeological clearance that was done by Dinetahdo Survey from Farmington, NM.

## **2. Other Significant Accomplishments**

A. During our daily operations. Due to COVID-19, the Ramah Court Staff are on an on-call scheduling system where only two or three staff are in the court building to mitigate exposure to COVID 19. Ramah Court staff are self-monitoring before symptoms of the virus or the common cold before they report for work. When staff are in the building, staff de-sanitize their hands and they take their temperature before going to their work station. Through maintaining a daily check out log for Police Officers, Social Services and Prosecutor for any incoming/outgoing mail for the inter-department. Court staffs maintain a mail log for all incoming/outgoing mail with Court Bailiff holding responsibility of carrying, delivering incoming and outgoing mail due to COVID-19.

B. Approximately: \_00\_ people signed in for services, \_559\_ telephone calls logged in/out were received, and there were \_12\_ incoming/outgoing fax services. Court Bailiff security reported for this quarter, \_00\_ people served, \_00\_ pocket knives, \_00\_ other deadly weapon; Bench Warrant & Public Intoxication: \_00\_ bench warrant \_00\_ public intoxication. Due to COVID-19, the court building is closed to the general public.

C. The Court Clerks maintained and updated the bench warrant list with Ramah Navajo Law & Enforcement on a monthly basis, by scanning the information to Ramah Navajo Detention Department. The Court Bailiff made bank deposits (fines & fees & cash bond) in Gallup, NM at the Wells Fargo Bank.

D. Court Administrator, aside from the regular duties, continued to attend the Weekly Branch Update Meetings every Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m., with the rest of the Districts; and the Court Administrator's (Managers)- meetings through teleconference this quarter, and provided comments during the meetings.

E. Oath of Office: On July 15, 2021, Judge Laughing administered Oath of Office for Ramah Navajo Law Enforcement- for Police Officer Teshiina Henry. On August 5, 2021, Judge Malcolm Laughing administered Oath of Office for 13 Ramah Navajo Law Enforcement Correction Officers. Ramah Navajo Law & Enforcement Correction Services are required to renew for their oath for public safety every year for their work.

F. Battered Program Office: On July 19, 2021, Mr. Merle Bates, Director of Battered Program contact the Court, requested to be put on Ramah Monthly Staff Meeting to present his program to the staff during the meeting. It's a free program that Probation Officer can place clients with the program, mainly for Domestic Violence for Woman can be place with the program, which is located in Gallup, NM.

G. Judicial Branch/Dept. Public Safety Meeting: On July 23, 2021, Court Administrator joined the Judicial Branch/Division of Public Safety ARPA planning meeting regarding proposed Housing Needs with various participants. A presentation was made by Administrative Director of AOC; and Tom Bielecki, Parsons Group, drafted a letter to Law & Order Committee Chairperson.

H. Maintenance from AOC: On August 24, 2021, AOC Maintenance Technicians came to Ramah District Court and finished hanging up the plexiglass in the Court building, and in the offices.

I. Peacemaking Training: On September 29-30, 2021, Office Technician, Court Administrator, and Judge Laughing joined the conference focused on learning new & important skills that can be applied to different tribe's peacemaking. It also provided an opportunity to network with colleagues to share best practices and address issues of convert in different Tribes & Various Indian Country/States. This training was beneficial in learning efficient ways to using peacemaking to handle crisis and end with a positive outcome. The training emphasized the importance of recognizing vicarious trauma with young children and victims of child abuse, and using the forensic experiential trauma.

J. Tribal Permit License: On August 4, 2021, Office Technician submitted an updated listing of the employees Tribal Permit License to AOC. On September 29, 2021, Family Court Clerk traveled to Tse Bonito, NM to get her Tribal Diver's permit renewed.

K. Judicial Branch Employee Policies & Procedures: all Ramah Court staff participated in the Annual Class on Judicial Branch of the Navajo Nation Employee Policies & Procedures,

presented by Training Manager and Human Resources Director. There were 65 sections covered during this training out of EPP.

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

- A. To complete an Annual District/Family Court caseload accounting.
- B. To plan and meet with Resource Providers informing them of Judicial essential services to the communities under Ramah Judicial District.
- C. The Ramah Judicial District will work toward meeting its performance criteria goals.

## **I. SHIPROCK JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

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

A. Shiprock Project Tse'bit ah Criminal Justice Facility: On August 30, 2021 – Project Team Meeting. Received an update report by Law & Order Committee Chair Eugenia Charles-Newton. The design plan is about 70% completed, seeking \$83 million in construction funds, move to accelerate the design schedule and BIA review in six weeks.

On September 1, 2021 – Court AV Coordination meeting has to be cancelled due to closure the court facility for cleaning and temporarily relocate to alternate site.

B. Continuity of Operations Plan: The Shiprock Judicial District continues to operate in accordance with the Continuity of Operations Plan into the new fiscal year 2022. The Shiprock Judicial District continues to perform essential services including beyond essential services. A total of 371 new filing has been docketed during this quarter; and 309 cases have been closed.

C. Roadmap to Full Capacity Plan: The Shiprock Judicial District management continues to manage the district court services with guidance of the Roadmap to Full Capacity Plan. Building modification is pending for both courtrooms. The district is not ready to move to Phase I of the Roadmap to Full Capacity Plan.

D. FY 2022 General Funds Budget: Development and approval of the FY 2022 General Funds Budget. Tremendous support and effort contributed by the branch personnel toward this accomplishment. In addition, the Shiprock Judicial District has submitted a proposal for Unmet Needs supplemental funding.

E. The Shiprock Judicial District has submitted a budget for the American Rescue Plan Act funding.

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

A. FY 2021 Budget has been successfully closed out. So much effort put in to it by the judicial personnel.

B. During this quarter, the Court Bailiffs started assisting with filing of returned summons (no services) and closed cases. Court Bailiffs are to continue with this project in to the next quarter.

C. Weekly Judicial Branch Meeting via Skype for Business: Continuation of the weekly Judicial Branch meetings continued to be held by the executive judicial staff and Chief Justice. Group is updated on programmatic information; district services, discussion and planning for the changes and needs, current budgetary updates, procurement, human resource updates, trainings, and message of encouragements.

D. During this quarter, the Shiprock Judicial District provided coverage for Aneth Judicial District while their facility was closed for COVID-19 exposures. The Shiprock court personnel provided essential tasks of taking phone call and phone messages, and received emergency petitions and scanned/mailed to Aneth Court via Aneth's email address. In return, Aneth personnel has provided coverage for Shiprock during our closure of the court facility for cleaning. This involves coordination of essential tasks and court schedule to allow for a smooth operation for both courts, as provided in the Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP).

E. District's Essential Services Provided

Services	Received	Sent Out
Telephone Calls	2,185	
Fax Transmittals	0	0
New Established Court's E-mail	826	
On-Line Payment	0	
Call-In Payment	18	
Postal Mail & Drop Box	275	618
Documents Filed w/ District	112	
Documents Filed w/ Family	404	
GRAND TOTAL	3,820	618

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

- A. Continue to provide essential services including minimal non-essential services.
- B. Complete the Building Modification for safe work environment.
- C. Hiring of two district court clerks.
- D. Continue Training on the Continuity of Operation Plan.
- E. Continue Training on the Road Map to Full Capacity.
- F. Continuation – Reschedule Tse Bit'ai Justice Center coordination meeting.
- G. Continuation – Conduct district caseload inventory for calendar year 2019.

## **J. TO'HAIILEE - ALAMO JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

### **1. Accomplishment of Objectives set the Previous Quarter**

#### **A. Provide DAPA training to community and/or staff**

Staff Attorney provided the Victim Witness Advocates in the Navajo Nation Prosecutor's office with training on the Domestic Abuse Protection Act on July 16, 2021. Staff Attorney and Court Administrator also met with the victim advocate for this area on July 9, 2021 along with the prosecutor to organize referral processes for our Domestic Violence pro se litigants.

#### **B. Update Preparedness Plan for COVID 19 Pandemic Recovery- Alamo Judicial District and To'Hajiilee Judicial District**

Court Administrator edited some of the forms for the Preparedness Plan in anticipation of re-opening.

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

#### **A. Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women & Relatives**

Court Administrator is a member of the New Mexico Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women & Relatives task force, established by House Bill 278 in 2019 by the New Mexico Governor. On May 5, 2021, Governor Grisham signed Executive Order 2021-013 which established the next phase of the task force. The task force is represented by tribal nations, state legislators and community partners to address the overwhelming death rates of American Indian and Alaska Native women from tribal community that is 10 times more likely on a national average to occur than any other race or ethnicity of people. Court administrator applied for an advisory membership during this quarter with a submission of a resume and credentials. She was selected to be part of this nationwide initiative to improve reporting and investigation of these cases while supporting families and communities with resources. (Retrieved from: <https://www.iad.state.nm.us/policy-and-legislation/missing-murdered-indigenous-women-relatives/>) Court administrator met with the task force on September 27, 2021.

#### **B. Dikos Ntsaaígíí-Náhást'éits'áadah, COVID- 19**

Court Administrator monitored the data and trends in the COVID 19 Pandemic as it relates to reopening for in person hearings at the court. During this quarter she coordinated with the newly hired Health & Safety Advisor for Judicial Branch.

#### **C. American Rescue Plan**

Court administrator, Office Technician and Staff Attorney initiated strategic planning with court staff from To'Hajiilee Judicial District and Alamo Judicial District to develop a budget for the expenditure of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The court staff worked with the Judicial Branch Administrative Office of the Courts on the goals/objectives and funding those goals to achieve the results of recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic. Meetings were held on July 22, 2021, and July 28, 2021. A proposed budget was submitted to the Judicial Branch from the two judicial districts.

#### **D. Community Readiness Assessment – Intimate Partner Violence CDC initiative**

Tohajiilee Judicial District Court staff are assisting the Canoncito Band of Navajo Health Center, Inc. (CBNHC) to conduct a "community readiness assessment" to address intimate partner violence. While the CBNHC is conducting suicide prevention activities, the court staff will be

working on trainings to teach health professionals to assist domestic violence victims with pro se filings of petitions for Temporary and Permanent protection orders. Peacemaking Program for both Judicial Districts of Alamo and To'Hajiilee will also assist with training on resiliency and identity which also addresses adverse childhood trauma, that later manifests to unhealthy relationships and behavior, including violence and suicide. During this quarter we had training with the Albuquerque Area Southwest Tribal Epidemiology Center (AASTEC) provides technical assistance and training in identifying health needs, pinpointing key areas for intervention and advocacy for additional funding. (Retrieved from: <https://www.aastec.net/services-programs/technical-assistance-training-program-evaluation/> ).

The outcome of this collaboration with the Judicial Branch is to strengthen our response in the COVID-19 pandemic to provide access to justice for victims of intimate partner violence. Our other partners include the Department of Family Services and the Navajo Prosecutor's office, Cathy J. Begay, Prosecutor. We worked on a strategic plan with our partners during this quarter. On July 15, 2021, we received training on Best Practices to Address Adverse Childhood Experiences. We also met on September 14, 2021 to give updates to AASTEC on our strategic plan document. Court administrator shared the previous plan from Alamo with the CBNHC.

#### E. To'hajiilee Chapter

Court administrator and Office Technician continue to attend online chapter meetings at To'hajiilee to give reports and monitor the American Rescue Plan Act activities. They attended the chapter meeting on September 22, 2021.

#### F. National American Indian Court Judges Association – NAICJA

Court administrator was contacted by Judge Andrea Seielstad of the National American Indian Court Judges Association to assist with increasing access to justice for service connected veterans in the off-reservation and on-reservation courts across Indian Country. Judge Seielstad wanted to know how to assist at the federal bar level to increase representation for administrative denials for veterans at the Veterans Affairs when they are applying for their benefits. We had a meeting via WebEx on July 29, 2021 to discuss the logistics. Court administrator and Judge Seielstad attended the Eastern Navajo Veterans Association meeting on August 5, 2021. Efforts are increasing to help build a system of doing referrals to the federal bar for these types of cases involving veterans.

#### G. 988 National Mental Health Crisis Hotline

Court Administrator was nominated to participate in the New Mexico 988 work group to develop a crisis hotline for New Mexico. She attended her first meeting on August 12, 2021.

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

A. Update Sharepoint with Task list using the application for case management.

## **K. TUBA CITY JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

### **1. Accomplishment of Objectives set the Previous Quarter:**

A. General Staff Meeting. Court Administrator provided up-dates on court operations and shared information on Judicial Branch plans for telecommuting and equipment purchases. Also,

shared with staff are administrative orders from the Office of Chief Justice with special emphasis on preventing the spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus, keeping office area cleaned for staff.

B. Court Clerks' Meeting. Court Administrator held telephonic court clerks' meetings to address case processing and case management issues. With all staff on rotating work schedules, it is imperative to coordinate and communicate with all staff. The court continues to receive a lot of incoming court documents from the post office, fax and the court's email. As directed by Chief Justice, the court continues to provide essential services and conduct telephonic court hearings.

C. Weekly Judicial Branch COOP Meetings. Judge Victor Clyde, Staff Attorney and Court Administrator attended the weekly Judicial Branch telephonic meetings. The Judicial Branch, on a weekly basis, meet with Judicial Districts, program managers and key administrative staff. COOP Coordinator provides information on the status of the COVID-19 pandemic and the latest up dates from the CDC guidelines. For the safety of the staff, the Judicial Branch in its facilities requires mandates on wearing masks, sanitizing work spaces and thorough cleaning of facilities. The Roadmap to re-opening are still in discussions stages.

D. Pro Se Training. Based on requests from the public and approval by Judge Clyde, the Tuba City Judicial District began its virtual pro se training in March 2021 for the public. Staff Attorney, with the assistance of Office Technician, provided five virtual (5) pro se trainings for the public. The pro se training included a probate, guardianship of a minor, name changes and family cases. The training is for individuals that wish to file pro se packets with the court. The individuals who want to represent themselves are required to attend pro se training so they are aware of what the law requires and their duties and responsibilities in court. A total of 58 participants attendance for the Pro Se training during this reporting period.

E. Judicial Branch Employee Policies and Procedures (JBEPP). On September 14, 2021, Court Bailiff attended the JBEPP virtual training. Judicial Branch Training Manager provided the training to the staff. All Judicial Branch employees are required to attend the annual training. The rest of the court staff already attended this training.

F. Skype for Business Training. On September 23, 2021, Programmer Support Specialist provided training for the Court Clerks, Office Technician and Court Administrator. She gave an overview of Skype for Business, such as; how to sign in, how to schedule meetings, adding and deleting people, sharing documents and instant messages. The group enjoyed the PowerPoint presentation.



G. Daily Visitor Sign-in and Metal Detector Count for Jul., Aug. and Sept. 2021.

FY2021 - Fourth Quarter Daily Visitor Sign-in Report															
MONTH	Court Hearing	Protection Order	Pay Fine/Cash Bond	Filing Documents	Obtain Information	Check Mail	Attend Training	Background Check	Oath of Office	Maintenance of Building	Attend Meeting	Other Hearings	Other	Total Clients Served	Metal Detector Reading
Jul - 2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aug - 2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sept - 2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

H. Request for court documents and audio for Jul., Aug., and Sept. 2021.

Month:	Jul - 2021	Aug - 2021	Sept - 2021	Total:
<b>Total Court Document Request</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>35</b>
Completed documents Request	1	7	9	17
Pending Document Request	3	7	8	18
<b>Total Audio Request</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>
Completed Audio Request	0	2	3	5
Pending Audio Request	0	0	1	1

## 2. Other Significant Accomplishments

A. Navajo Nation Judicial Branch Conference. Office of the Chief Justice held the fourth Quarter Judicial Conference which was held virtually on September 30, 2021. Presentations were provided on Conditions of Appropriations and Legislative Concerns and Alchini' Bi

Beehaz'aannii Act Rules of Procedures. Judge Clyde attended the Judicial Branch conference. Chief Justice and the Associate Justices facilitated the meeting.

B. CourtCall.com. On July 20, 2021, the Tuba City Judicial District used CourtCall.com services and schedule four criminal court proceedings. Court Administrator made the initial scheduling of the cases with CourtCall.com. CourtCall was established in 1995, with the desire to make remote court appearances simple, accessible and affordable for all parties. CourtCall's remote appearance is designed to serve the specific needs of the Court with the latest communication technologies. The participating courts are provided with the necessary equipment to access CourtCall's remote appearance. The parties contact CourtCall or visit the website to schedule their court appearance. On the day of the court hearing, with the assistance of the moderator, the parties connect as instructed and wait for their cases to be called. When the Judge takes the bench, it's business as usual and those making a court call appearance are brought into the courtroom.

C. Wise Choice Alternative – Virtual Meeting. On July 30, 2020, President Bill Sutton of Wise Choice Alternatives shared information on the referral and registration process. The goal is to assist the criminal justice system by providing effective cognitive restructuring Life skills workbooks that can successfully challenge self-defeating thoughts and behaviors. The American Community Correction Institute, Inc. (ACCI) President Trevor Lloyd also shared his program information with court staff. The goal of the program is to change the mindset of the clients through life skills classes. The Tuba City Court began working with Wise Choice Alternative in April 2021.

### **3. Objectives to be Accomplished 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 close adjudicated cases.

C. To arrange for telephonic court hearings for essential cases.

## **L. WINDOW ROCK JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

### **1. Accomplishment of Objectives set in the Previous Quarter:**

A. COVID-19 Court Response: Window Rock Judicial District is taking preventative measures but still address: 1) all Children's cases: shelter care hearings, preliminary hearings, adjudicatory hearings, dispositional hearings, and review hearings (if they are within six months); 2) Criminal cases: bench warrant hearings, bail denial hearings, habeas corpus relief, motions for release, criminal trials, and sentencing hearings (all arraignments and pretrial conferences were conducted as regular hearings); 3) Civil cases: Involuntary commitments; repossession hearings if statutory timelines demand it; and 4) Domestic violence cases: Statutory timelines require the first hearing to be heard within 15 days or less.

Civil and Family civil cases involving pretrial matters are also being heard to close out 2018 and 2019 cases that were delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Most of the Court's time is spent on criminal and domestic violence proceedings due to daily filings and bench warrants outstanding. One-fourth of the domestic violence proceedings have merit, and the remaining three-fourths are devoted to widely abused proceedings, such as using protection orders to evict people, child custody, child support, or civil temporary restraining orders. All of these filings and hearings require court orders and minute entry orders that are time-consuming on court staff.

Court documents are received by dropbox, postal mail, electronic mail, and fax. Staff members are on a rotating schedule to come into the office to answer telephone calls, process fines and fee payments, process postal mail, process filings, and to clerk hearings. They are doing an extraordinary job in continuing to provide services to the public with the bare essentials. Currently, we have limited staff working due to vacancies, and it is increasing stress and burnout.

#### B. Administrative Responses:

1. Honorable Malcolm Begay is the only Judge who presides and hears all Window Rock Judicial Family and District Court cases, including the Navajo Nation complex and district civil cases. Judge Begay continues to participate in discussions and assist on matters that are assigned by the Chief Justice and the Supreme Court.
2. Judge Begay participated in the Quarterly Judicial Conference via Skype and continues to assist and presided on court cases for the Dilkon and Kayenta Courts. Judge Begay administered Oaths to various personnel such as the Process Servers, Navajo Nation Police Officers, and Navajo Nation Correction Officers via Skype.
3. Staff Attorney assists in closing out WRJD's backlog cases and drafts orders for Judge Cynthia Thompson, Chinle District. He also helps Judge Begay with legal questions or research. Staff Attorney also helps the Court Administrator with legal questions concerning employment on JBEPP matters. He assists the WRJD with legal research and question on civil cases matters.
4. On March 15, 2021, the Law & Order Committee passed Resolution LOCMA-01-21 to fund a new modular building for the Window Rock Judicial District and Probation & Parole Services; NEZ/FCI is the selected contractor. The contracting is currently in the review process with the Navajo Nation Department of Justice. The Court Administrator attended the WRJD Modular Building procurement meetings via Skype with the Division of Community Development, NEZ/FCI (vendor), Construction Project Manager, Administrative Director, and Staff Attorney.
5. Peacemaking Program's Traditional Program Specialist did not provide the Life Value Workshop for the Defendants with preventative measures for the safety of staff & litigants due to the COVID 19 pandemic.
6. Through the Window Rock Court's email, a total of 1,582 people registered and utilized this service. This number represents inquiries about Court hearings and services. Additional services were provided to individuals calling the Court; however, no-log was kept regarding this public service.
7. There were 399 Family Court hearings and a total of 418 District Court hearings for this quarter.
8. For the fourth quarter, there were 30 document requests made, and 20 requests were completed. It should be noted that while the completed requests were limited, it can be

attributed to the fact that most records are archived and need to be researched. This process is time-consuming and challenging due to the limited number of court staff.

C. Court Preparation for Re-opening: The Window Rock Judicial District is preparing to re-open the courts for public services. For the staff's safety, minimal renovations at the Old Supreme Courtroom and AOC Conference Rooms 1 and 2 were constructed to include plexiglass barriers for staff workstations implemented for social distancing and a safe work environment. Workplace grievances and the adverse health of staff continue to plague WRJD's operations every week. We are currently meeting and discussing the re-opening for the WRJD and AOC with Administrative Director. Ongoing efforts continue with Crownpoint District Court, to address WRJD's requirements for in-person criminal jury trials.

D. Court Scheduling: The court schedules were assessed to establish a workable court schedules to ensure staff and public safety. Due to the large caseload volume, the WRJD is planning and scheduling into calendar year 2022. The WRJD is drafting a plan for conducting outdoor hearings when weather permits. The WRJD is working with Crownpoint Judicial District to allow the Window Rock Judicial District to utilize the office space/court rooms to conduct an upcoming Jury Trial. To date, the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) has not authorized any re-openings for the Crownpoint Court to address WRJD's jury trial requirements.

## **2. Other Significant Accomplishments**

A. Weekly Teleconference Meetings: The Court Administrator and Judge Begay participated in the weekly teleconference meetings. The Chief Justice's support staff provides weekly updates. Also, there are discussions on opening the courts to the public for court services with the Administrative Director of Judicial Branch.

B. Road Map to Full Capacity: Decision Making Training. The Peacemaking Program staff provided training to judges, court administrators, support staff, and court staff. The training provided information on Navajo concepts with COVID-19 and preparations for reopening the courts to the public. The Chief Justice issued an administrative order (AO-32-2020) directing the COOP Director to implement the Road Map to Full Capacity to the Judicial Branch staff.

C. Quarterly Judicial Conference: The judges attended the quarterly judicial conference via teleconference. The court administrators and program managers were not included in the discussion at the judicial conference meeting. Judge Begay continues to advocate for more Judges to be assigned to WRJD and support staff to serve the public better. He also voices concerns for the safety of court staff, workplace grievances, as well as the deplorable conditions in operating out of a conference room with no permanent court building for WRJD.

D. Vacant and Filled Positions: The Window Rock Judicial District has eight vacant positions: two district Judges, One Judicial Hearing Officer, three Court Clerks, one Office Technician, and one Bailiff. The Human Resource Office within Judicial Branch continues to advertise the positions. The WRJD hired two temporary employees; Ms. Doris Tsosie and Ms. Andrea Jackson.

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

A. Staff training with the limited funds available is always a challenge; however, identifying training resources to benefit the staff remains a goal for the WRJD staff. The essential training required and needed is the active shooter, First responders, CPR, Incident Command, and Suicide Prevention for all the staff. The Court Administrator will continue to provide technical assistance to the court clerks, bailiffs, and office technicians.

B. The Window Rock Judicial District seeks qualified applicants for the vacant Judges and Judicial Hearing Officer positions. The WRJD needs additional judges to handle the District's caseload. One full-time Judge is not enough to take on the District's caseload. The presiding Judge is overburdened by the large caseloads. The District needs an additional two (2) full-time Judges and twice the size of support staff positions to help with hearings and addressing the enormous caseloads. The Court Administrator supported and assisted with the duties and responsibilities within the vacant Court Clerk, Office Technician, and Bailiff position. It caused stress and burnout; we appreciate having an emergency hire of a court clerk and office technician.

C. In the event carryover is approved, the Window Rock Judicial District will be requesting funds to hire a temporary or permanent Court Clerk, Archiving Clerk, Law Clerk, Attorney Candidate, and Staff Attorney to assist with the immense caseload.

D. The Window Rock District's current facility housing is temporary at the Administrative Office of the Courts. The Court Administrator and Construction Project Manager continue to meet with NEZ/FCI Company (vendor). The WRJD/PPS and NEZ/FCI will continue to meet via zoom to discuss the contract, project summary, and starting with construction by phases using the Judicial/Public Safety Facilities Funds. The contract is pending approval and signature with the Office of the Chief Justice and Department of Justice.

## **VIII. JUDICIAL CONDUCT COMMISSION**

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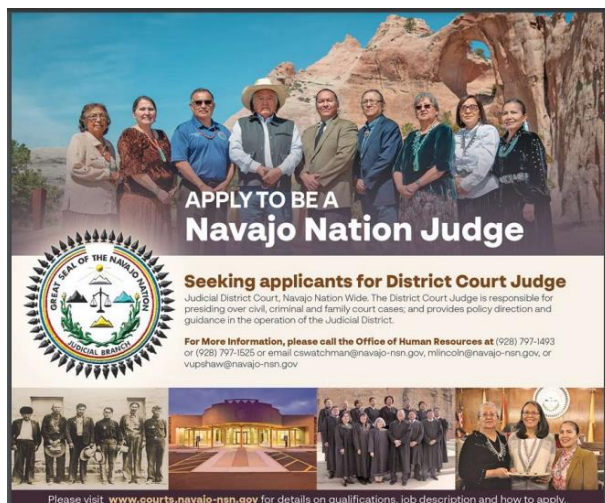
In the fourth quarter of FY 2021, regular activities of the Judicial Conduct Commission ("JCC") were affected by the public health emergency. Trainings, work sessions and meetings were not regularly held due to the pandemic. Judicial Conduct Commission members are Chairman Robert Yazzie, Vice Chairman Manley Begay Jr., Judy R. Apachee, Raymond Austin, and Rhonda Tuni. Judicial Branch staff who assist the Commission are Government Relations Officer and Human Resources Director.

The following are some of the activities of the Judicial Conduct Commission during the FY 2021 Fourth Quarter:

A. On July 16, 2021, the Judicial Conduct Commission Chairman received a referral of a complaint from the Office of the Chief Justice. The Judicial Conduct Commission met on August 21, 2021, and on September 4, 2021, to discuss the complaint. The complaint is pending with the Commission.

B. Pursuant to Resolution No. LOCS-19-18, the Judicial Conduct Commission screens judge and justice applicants and makes recommendations on probationary appointment. The Judicial Branch received one completed application from an applicant. On July 30, 2021, the Judicial Conduct Commission interviewed the applicant for Navajo Nation Judge. The Commission met on July 31, 2021 and voted on a resolution that did not recommend the applicant a position as probationary judge. The Commission found that the applicant did not meet the Navajo language requirement that is set forth at 7 N.N.C. sec. 354(A)(5). The Commission suggests that there be discussion among leadership on the Navajo language requirement for judge positions. The Commission has reviewed applicants who are otherwise qualified to serve as judges except they cannot converse in the Navajo language.

C. The Judicial Conduct Commission sponsored advertisements in the Navajo Times newspaper to recruit for judge applicants (August 12, September 2, and September 9, 2021). According to the Commission's Plan of Operation, the Commission has a duty to provide public education on the role of ánihwí'ahii (judges) as naat'áanii and their significance in Navajo society. Accordingly, the advertisements contained information that judges preside over civil, criminal, and family court cases and provide policy direction and guidance on the operation of the judicial district.



D. On August 24, 2021, judicial administrative staff met to discuss how to provide live transcription services for the Judicial Conduct Commission. Zoom is the only video/teleconferencing application that has the capability but requires a contract. The Judicial Branch Information Technology office is looking into this option as the Skype for Business application has reached end of life as of July 31, 2021. The second option is to utilize a contractor to provide transcribing services during Commission meetings. This would require going through the Navajo Nation's procurement process. Both options are being explored by judicial staff.

## IX. CASELOAD AND STATISTICAL DATA

### FY2021 FOURTH QUARTER OVERALL STATISTICS BY LOCATION

LOCATION	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Supreme Court	74	0.3%	11	0.2%	85	0.3%	8	0.2%	77	0.3%
Alamo	99	0.4%	21	0.4%	120	0.4%	22	0.4%	98	0.4%
Aneth	554	2.1%	75	1.6%	629	2.0%	599	11.9%	30	0.1%
Chinle	1,638	6.2%	404	8.5%	2,042	6.6%	240	4.8%	1,802	6.9%
Crownpoint	2,793	10.6%	611	12.9%	3,404	10.9%	384	7.7%	3,020	11.6%
Dilkon	3,203	12.2%	231	4.9%	3,434	11.0%	69	1.4%	3,365	12.9%
Dził Yijiin	651	2.5%	147	3.1%	798	2.6%	100	2.0%	698	2.7%
Kayenta	2,470	9.4%	727	15.3%	3,197	10.3%	1,169	23.3%	2,028	7.8%
Pueblo Pintado	240	0.9%	16	0.3%	256	0.8%	19	0.4%	237	0.9%
Ramah	1,993	7.6%	257	5.4%	2,250	7.2%	80	1.6%	2,170	8.3%
Shiprock	3,117	11.8%	371	7.8%	3,488	11.2%	309	6.2%	3,179	12.2%
To'hajiilee	413	1.6%	32	0.7%	445	1.4%	21	0.4%	424	1.6%
Tuba City	2,677	10.2%	625	13.1%	3,302	10.6%	866	17.3%	2,436	9.3%
Window Rock	3,609	13.7%	335	7.0%	3,944	12.7%	402	8.0%	3,542	13.6%
Probation Services	2,631	10.0%	624	13.1%	3,255	10.5%	602	12.0%	2,653	10.2%
Peacemaking	183	0.7%	267	5.6%	450	1.4%	123	2.5%	327	1.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26,345</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>4,754</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>31,099</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>5,013</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>26,086</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### FY2021 FOURTH QUARTER OVERALL STATISTICS BY CASE TYPE

CASE TYPE	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	1,270	4.8%	129	2.7%	1,399	4.5%	110	2.2%	1,289	4.9%
Criminal	8,825	33.5%	942	19.8%	9,767	31.4%	1,450	28.9%	8,317	31.9%
Civil Traffic	7,225	27.4%	1,534	32.3%	8,759	28.2%	1,522	30.4%	7,237	27.7%
Criminal Traffic	1,675	6.4%	198	4.2%	1,873	6.0%	204	4.1%	1,669	6.4%
Family Civil	2,614	9.9%	359	7.6%	2,973	9.6%	290	5.8%	2,683	10.3%
Domestic Violence	1,238	4.7%	636	13.4%	1,874	6.0%	623	12.4%	1,251	4.8%
Dependency	419	1.6%	40	0.8%	459	1.5%	65	1.3%	394	1.5%
Delinquency	149	0.6%	11	0.2%	160	0.5%	13	0.3%	147	0.6%
CHINS	42	0.2%	3	0.1%	45	0.1%	3	0.1%	42	0.2%
Supreme Court	74	0.3%	11	0.2%	85	0.3%	8	0.2%	77	0.3%
Probation/Parole	2,631	10.0%	624	13.1%	3,255	10.5%	602	12.0%	2,653	10.2%
Peacemaking	183	0.7%	267	5.6%	450	1.4%	123	2.5%	327	1.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26,345</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>4,754</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>31,099</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>5,013</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>26,086</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### SUPREME COURT OF THE NAVAJO NATION

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Reconsiderations		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	68	92%	11	100%	0	0%	79	93%	8	100%	71	92%
Criminal	2	3%	0	0%	0	0%	2	2%	0	0%	2	3%
NNBA	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	1	1%
Special Proceedings	3	4%	0	0%	0	0%	3	4%	0	0%	3	4%
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>100%</b>

### ALAMO COURT

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	22	22.2%	1	4.8%	23	19.2%	0	0.0%	23	23.5%
Criminal	44	44.4%	1	4.8%	45	37.5%	0	0.0%	45	45.9%
Civil Traffic	3	3.0%	0	0.0%	3	2.5%	0	0.0%	3	3.1%
Criminal Traffic	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>69</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>71</b>		<b>0</b>		<b>71</b>	
Family Civil	21	21.2%	4	19.0%	25	20.8%	6	27.3%	19	19.4%
Domestic Violence	1	1.0%	15	71.4%	16	13.3%	15	68.2%	1	1.0%
Dependency	1	1.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.8%	1	4.5%	0	0.0%
Delinquency	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
CHINS	7	7.1%	0	0.0%	7	5.8%	0	0.0%	7	7.1%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>30</b>		<b>19</b>		<b>49</b>		<b>22</b>		<b>27</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**ANETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	26	4.7%	4	5.3%	30	4.8%	30	5.0%	0	0.0%
Criminal	245	44.2%	10	13.3%	255	40.5%	255	42.6%	0	0.0%
Civil Traffic	59	10.6%	8	10.7%	67	10.7%	66	11.0%	1	3.3%
Criminal Traffic	52	9.4%	1	1.3%	53	8.4%	53	8.8%	0	0.0%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>382</b>		<b>23</b>		<b>405</b>		<b>404</b>		<b>1</b>	
Family Civil	118	21.3%	8	10.7%	126	20.0%	120	20.0%	6	20.0%
Domestic Violence	46	8.3%	41	54.7%	87	13.8%	67	11.2%	20	66.7%
Dependency	7	1.3%	2	2.7%	9	1.4%	7	1.2%	2	6.7%
Delinquency	1	0.2%	1	1.3%	2	0.3%	1	0.2%	1	3.3%
CHINS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>172</b>		<b>52</b>		<b>224</b>		<b>195</b>		<b>29</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**CHINLE JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	106	6.5%	9	2.2%	115	5.6%	5	2.1%	110	6.1%
Criminal	472	28.8%	94	23.3%	566	27.7%	56	23.3%	510	28.3%
Civil Traffic	530	32.4%	144	35.6%	674	33.0%	103	42.9%	571	31.7%
Criminal Traffic	130	7.9%	17	4.2%	147	7.2%	6	2.5%	141	7.8%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>1,238</b>		<b>264</b>		<b>1,502</b>		<b>170</b>		<b>1,332</b>	
Family Civil	163	10.0%	49	12.1%	212	10.4%	10	4.2%	202	11.2%
Domestic Violence	146	8.9%	78	19.3%	224	11.0%	54	22.5%	170	9.4%
Dependency	49	3.0%	6	1.5%	55	2.7%	5	2.1%	50	2.8%
Delinquency	38	2.3%	5	1.2%	43	2.1%	1	0.4%	42	2.3%
CHINS	4	0.2%	2	0.5%	6	0.3%	0	0.0%	6	0.3%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>400</b>		<b>140</b>		<b>540</b>		<b>70</b>		<b>470</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>1,638</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,042</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,802</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**CROWNPOINT JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	55	2.0%	36	5.9%	91	2.7%	11	2.9%	80	2.6%
Criminal	1,435	51.4%	126	20.6%	1,561	45.9%	38	9.9%	1,523	50.4%
Civil Traffic	422	15.1%	309	50.6%	731	21.5%	160	41.7%	571	18.9%
Criminal Traffic	218	7.8%	13	2.1%	231	6.8%	6	1.6%	225	7.5%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>2,130</b>		<b>484</b>		<b>2,614</b>		<b>215</b>		<b>2,399</b>	
Family Civil	287	10.3%	34	5.6%	321	9.4%	18	4.7%	303	10.0%
Domestic Violence	258	9.2%	88	14.4%	346	10.2%	141	36.7%	205	6.8%
Dependency	88	3.2%	5	0.8%	93	2.7%	10	2.6%	83	2.7%
Delinquency	28	1.0%	0	0.0%	28	0.8%	0	0.0%	28	0.9%
CHINS	2	0.1%	0	0.0%	2	0.1%	0	0.0%	2	0.1%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>663</b>		<b>127</b>		<b>790</b>		<b>169</b>		<b>621</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>2,793</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,404</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,020</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**DILKON JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	81	2.5%	0	0.0%	81	2.4%	0	0.0%	81	2.4%
Criminal	825	25.8%	79	34.2%	904	26.3%	19	27.5%	885	26.3%
Civil Traffic	1,517	47.4%	93	40.3%	1,610	46.9%	4	5.8%	1,606	47.7%
Criminal Traffic	76	2.4%	11	4.8%	87	2.5%	2	2.9%	85	2.5%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>2,499</b>		<b>183</b>		<b>2,682</b>		<b>25</b>		<b>2,657</b>	
Family Civil	350	10.9%	17	7.4%	367	10.7%	4	5.8%	363	10.8%
Domestic Violence	293	9.1%	29	12.6%	322	9.4%	33	47.8%	289	8.6%
Dependency	47	1.5%	2	0.9%	49	1.4%	4	5.8%	45	1.3%
Delinquency	14	0.4%	0	0.0%	14	0.4%	3	4.3%	11	0.3%
CHINS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>704</b>		<b>48</b>		<b>752</b>		<b>44</b>		<b>708</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>3,203</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,434</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,365</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



**DZIK YIJIIN JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	8	1.2%	6	4.1%	14	1.8%	3	3.0%	11	1.6%
Criminal	290	44.5%	64	43.5%	354	44.4%	32	32.0%	322	46.1%
Civil Traffic	223	34.3%	5	3.4%	228	28.6%	0	0.0%	228	32.7%
Criminal Traffic	30	4.6%	2	1.4%	32	4.0%	2	2.0%	30	4.3%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>551</b>		<b>77</b>		<b>628</b>		<b>37</b>		<b>591</b>	
Family Civil	32	4.9%	14	9.5%	46	5.8%	16	16.0%	30	4.3%
Domestic Violence	8	1.2%	48	32.7%	56	7.0%	35	35.0%	21	3.0%
Dependency	54	8.3%	5	3.4%	59	7.4%	10	10.0%	49	7.0%
Delinquency	1	0.2%	2	1.4%	3	0.4%	0	0.0%	3	0.4%
CHINS	5	0.8%	1	0.7%	6	0.8%	2	2.0%	4	0.6%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>100</b>		<b>70</b>		<b>170</b>		<b>63</b>		<b>107</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**KAYENTA JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	42	1.7%	12	1.7%	54	1.7%	15	1.3%	39	1.9%
Criminal	1,564	63.3%	194	26.7%	1,758	55.0%	419	35.8%	1,339	66.0%
Civil Traffic	363	14.7%	376	51.7%	739	23.1%	579	49.5%	160	7.9%
Criminal Traffic	321	13.0%	37	5.1%	358	11.2%	70	6.0%	288	14.2%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>2,290</b>		<b>619</b>		<b>2,909</b>		<b>1,083</b>		<b>1,826</b>	
Family Civil	104	4.2%	27	3.7%	131	4.1%	20	1.7%	111	5.5%
Domestic Violence	19	0.8%	73	10.0%	92	2.9%	56	4.8%	36	1.8%
Dependency	47	1.9%	8	1.1%	55	1.7%	9	0.8%	46	2.3%
Delinquency	7	0.3%	0	0.0%	7	0.2%	1	0.1%	6	0.3%
CHINS	3	0.1%	0	0.0%	3	0.1%	0	0.0%	3	0.1%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>180</b>		<b>108</b>		<b>288</b>		<b>86</b>		<b>202</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>2,470</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,197</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,169</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,028</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**PUEBLO PINTADO COURT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	6	2.5%	0	0.0%	6	2.3%	0	0.0%	6	2.5%
Criminal	172	71.7%	9	56.3%	181	70.7%	1	5.3%	180	75.9%
Civil Traffic	10	4.2%	0	0.0%	10	3.9%	6	31.6%	4	1.7%
Criminal Traffic	8	3.3%	0	0.0%	8	3.1%	0	0.0%	8	3.4%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>196</b>		<b>9</b>		<b>205</b>		<b>7</b>		<b>198</b>	
Family Civil	20	8.3%	2	12.5%	22	8.6%	2	10.5%	20	8.4%
Domestic Violence	18	7.5%	4	25.0%	22	8.6%	10	52.6%	12	5.1%
Dependency	6	2.5%	1	6.3%	7	2.7%	0	0.0%	7	3.0%
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>44</b>		<b>7</b>		<b>51</b>		<b>12</b>		<b>39</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**RAMAH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	5	0.3%	0	0.0%	5	0.2%	0	0.0%	5	0.2%
Criminal	528	26.5%	99	38.5%	627	27.9%	19	23.8%	608	28.0%
Civil Traffic	1,184	59.4%	102	39.7%	1,286	57.2%	48	60.0%	1,238	57.1%
Criminal Traffic	78	3.9%	43	16.7%	121	5.4%	4	5.0%	117	5.4%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>1,795</b>		<b>244</b>		<b>2,039</b>		<b>71</b>		<b>1,968</b>	
Family Civil	110	5.5%	4	1.6%	114	5.1%	3	3.8%	111	5.1%
Domestic Violence	65	3.3%	9	3.5%	74	3.3%	6	7.5%	68	3.1%
Dependency	6	0.3%	0	0.0%	6	0.3%	0	0.0%	6	0.3%
Delinquency	17	0.9%	0	0.0%	17	0.8%	0	0.0%	17	0.8%
CHINS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>198</b>		<b>13</b>		<b>211</b>		<b>9</b>		<b>202</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>1,993</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,250</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,170</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**SHIPROCK JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	134	4.3%	20	5.4%	154	4.4%	11	3.6%	143	4.5%
Criminal	953	30.6%	38	10.2%	991	28.4%	70	22.7%	921	29.0%
Civil Traffic	816	26.2%	184	49.6%	1,000	28.7%	144	46.6%	856	26.9%
Criminal Traffic	542	17.4%	13	3.5%	555	15.9%	44	14.2%	511	16.1%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>2,445</b>		<b>255</b>		<b>2,700</b>		<b>269</b>		<b>2,431</b>	
Family Civil	409	13.1%	58	15.6%	467	13.4%	7	2.3%	460	14.5%
Domestic Violence	207	6.6%	53	14.3%	260	7.5%	25	8.1%	235	7.4%
Dependency	14	0.4%	4	1.1%	18	0.5%	2	0.6%	16	0.5%
Delinquency	32	1.0%	1	0.3%	33	0.9%	6	1.9%	27	0.8%
CHINS	10	0.3%	0	0.0%	10	0.3%	0	0.0%	10	0.3%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>672</b>		<b>116</b>		<b>788</b>		<b>40</b>		<b>748</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>3,117</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,488</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,179</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**TO'HAIJILEE COURT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	1	0.2%	0	0.0%	1	0.2%	1	4.8%	0	0.0%
Criminal	252	61.0%	9	28.1%	261	58.7%	3	14.3%	258	60.8%
Civil Traffic	76	18.4%	1	3.1%	77	17.3%	0	0.0%	77	18.2%
Criminal Traffic	18	4.4%	0	0.0%	18	4.0%	0	0.0%	18	4.2%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>347</b>		<b>10</b>		<b>357</b>		<b>4</b>		<b>353</b>	
Family Civil	32	7.7%	12	37.5%	44	9.9%	8	38.1%	36	8.5%
Domestic Violence	15	3.6%	9	28.1%	24	5.4%	7	33.3%	17	4.0%
Dependency	4	1.0%	1	3.1%	5	1.1%	1	4.8%	4	0.9%
Delinquency	7	1.7%	0	0.0%	7	1.6%	1	4.8%	6	1.4%
CHINS	8	1.9%	0	0.0%	8	1.8%	0	0.0%	8	1.9%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>66</b>		<b>22</b>		<b>88</b>		<b>17</b>		<b>71</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**TUBA CITY JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	37	1.4%	19	3.0%	56	1.7%	12	1.4%	44	1.8%
Criminal	1,713	64.0%	160	25.6%	1,873	56.7%	349	40.3%	1,524	62.6%
Civil Traffic	530	19.8%	301	48.2%	831	25.2%	412	47.6%	419	17.2%
Criminal Traffic	170	6.4%	24	3.8%	194	5.9%	17	2.0%	177	7.3%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>2,450</b>		<b>504</b>		<b>2,954</b>		<b>790</b>		<b>2,164</b>	
Family Civil	179	6.7%	39	6.2%	218	6.6%	21	2.4%	197	8.1%
Domestic Violence	24	0.9%	78	12.5%	102	3.1%	53	6.1%	49	2.0%
Dependency	23	0.9%	3	0.5%	26	0.8%	2	0.2%	24	1.0%
Delinquency	1	0.0%	1	0.2%	2	0.1%	0	0.0%	2	0.1%
CHINS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>227</b>		<b>121</b>		<b>348</b>		<b>76</b>		<b>272</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>2,677</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,302</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>866</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,436</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**WINDOW ROCK JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	747	20.7%	22	6.6%	769	19.5%	22	5.5%	747	21.1%
Criminal	332	9.2%	59	17.6%	391	9.9%	189	47.0%	202	5.7%
Civil Traffic	1,492	41.3%	11	3.3%	1,503	38.1%	0	0.0%	1,503	42.4%
Criminal Traffic	32	0.9%	37	11.0%	69	1.7%	0	0.0%	69	1.9%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>2,603</b>		<b>129</b>		<b>2,732</b>		<b>211</b>		<b>2,521</b>	
Family Civil	789	21.9%	91	27.2%	880	22.3%	55	13.7%	825	23.3%
Domestic Violence	138	3.8%	111	33.1%	249	6.3%	121	30.1%	128	3.6%
Dependency	73	2.0%	3	0.9%	76	1.9%	14	3.5%	62	1.8%
Delinquency	3	0.1%	1	0.3%	4	0.1%	0	0.0%	4	0.1%
CHINS	3	0.1%	0	0.0%	3	0.1%	1	0.2%	2	0.1%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>1,006</b>		<b>206</b>		<b>1,212</b>		<b>191</b>		<b>1,021</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>3,609</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,944</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,542</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**NAVAJO NATION PROBATION SERVICES**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Adult Probation	686	26.1%	152	24.4%	838	25.7%	129	21.4%	709	26.7%
Adult Parole	5	0.2%	5	0.8%	10	0.3%	2	0.3%	8	0.3%
Adult Short-Term Probation	1,811	68.8%	452	72.4%	2,263	69.5%	456	75.7%	1,807	68.1%
<b>Adult Probation Total</b>	<b>2,502</b>		<b>609</b>		<b>3,111</b>		<b>587</b>		<b>2,524</b>	
Juvenile Probation	42	1.6%	1	0.2%	43	1.3%	3	0.5%	40	1.5%
Juvenile Short-Term Probation	87	3.3%	14	2.2%	101	3.1%	12	2.0%	89	3.4%
<b>Juvenile Probation Total</b>	<b>129</b>		<b>15</b>		<b>144</b>		<b>15</b>		<b>129</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>2,631</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,255</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,653</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**NAVAJO NATION PEACEMAKING PROGRAM**

District	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Alamo	9	4.9%	9	3.4%	18	4.0%	9	7.3%	9	2.8%
Aneth	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Chinle	9	4.9%	15	5.6%	24	5.3%	10	8.1%	14	4.3%
Crownpoint	22	12.0%	22	8.2%	44	9.8%	0	0.0%	44	13.5%
Dilkon	26	14.2%	52	19.5%	78	17.3%	21	17.1%	57	17.4%
Dził Yijiin	8	4.4%	8	3.0%	16	3.6%	0	0.0%	16	4.9%
Kayenta	18	9.8%	29	10.9%	47	10.4%	20	16.3%	27	8.3%
Ramah	16	8.7%	24	9.0%	40	8.9%	5	4.1%	35	10.7%
Shiprock	7	3.8%	13	4.9%	20	4.4%	2	1.6%	18	5.5%
To'hajiilee	1	0.5%	3	1.1%	4	0.9%	0	0.0%	4	1.2%
Tuba City	30	16.4%	45	16.9%	75	16.7%	22	17.9%	53	16.2%
Window Rock	37	20.2%	47	17.6%	84	18.7%	34	27.6%	50	15.3%
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## X. JUDICIAL BRANCH BUDGETS AND EXPENDITURES

JUDICIAL BRANCH FY 2021 BUDGETS vs EXPENDITURES - Month Ending 9/30/21 as of 10/5/21								
The Judicial Branch receives operating funds from two main sources of continual appropriation to provide court services within the Navajo Nation.								
<b>A. Navajo Nation General Fund.</b> The 24th Navajo Nation Council tabled Legislation 0224-20, the FY 2021 Comprehensive budget on 9/24/20. The Council approved legislation 0232-30 on 9/25/20, adopting a Continuing Resolution (CR); Beginning 10/1/20 and Ending December 31, 2020 and uploaded 1/4 of the NN Fiscal Year 2020 Comprehensive Budget as approved through CS-30-19 on 9/13/19. The Judicial Branch General Fund budget allocation was \$3,731,163.25 plus Indirect Cost Recovery of \$37,526 totaling \$3,768,689.25. On 10/6/20 an additional allocation of \$69,480.18 was uploaded into FMIS to cover the 2% GWA from FY 2020. The budget was revised to \$3,838,169.43 ( <b>Original Budget</b> ). The budget was revised again in October, 2020 to include FY 2020 Prior Year Encumbrance Carryover for BU 102008 @ \$1,500 and BU 102012 @ \$2,701.37 totaling \$4,201.37 for a <b>Revised Budget</b> amount of \$3,842,370.80. On 12/10/20 the NN President approved the FY 2021 Comprehensive budget per legislation CN-88-20. The difference of \$12,916,590.57 for General Funds and \$92,581 for IDC totaling \$16,624,653 and \$130,107 respectively was posted to the FMIS on 12/18/20. Also, FY 2021 IDC Carryover of \$48,206 and \$439,253 in FY 2021 GWA was posted to FMIS for month ending 3/31/21 for a 3rd <b>Revised Budget</b> amount of <b>\$17,246,420.37</b> . As of 9/30/21, the Judicial Branch's FY 2021 General Fund Budgets consists of eighteen (18) Business Units plus one (1) NN Integrated Justice - Fixed Cost Budget which also includes 1/4 funding in the amount of \$87,500, FY 2020 Prior Year Carryover of \$32,807.50, and the FY 2021 Fixed Costs Allocation of \$287,500 for a <b>Revised Budget</b> of \$407,807.50. The Judicial Branch budgets and expenditures are as follows:								
No.	Business Unit/Object Code	Program/Description	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Actuals - YTD	Encumbrances	Budget Available	% Expended of Total
<b>1</b>	<b>102001</b>	<b>Admin Office of the Courts</b>						
	1930	Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	(48,206.00)	0.00	0.00	(48,206.00)	0.00%
	1992	IDC Recovery	(37,526.00)	(130,107.00)	(127,491.77)	0.00	(2,615.23)	97.99%
	1996	Allocation	(358,249.52)	(2,232,822.00)	0.00	0.00	(2,232,822.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(395,775.52)	(2,411,135.00)	(127,491.77)	0.00	(2,283,643.23)	5.29%
	2000	Personnel Expenses	372,569.52	1,886,987.00	1,422,147.25	0.00	464,839.75	75.37%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	23,206.00	524,148.00	464,051.74	23.15	60,073.11	88.54%
	2000	Expenses	395,775.52	2,411,135.00	1,886,198.99	23.15	524,912.86	78.23%
<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	(269,339.37)	(1,166,054.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,166,054.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(269,339.37)	(1,166,054.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,166,054.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	250,032.37	1,080,658.00	763,639.49	0.00	317,018.51	70.66%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	19,307.00	85,396.00	80,845.08	0.00	4,550.92	94.67%
	2000	Expenses	269,339.37	1,166,054.00	844,484.57	0.00	321,569.43	72.42%
<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	(226,498.40)	(982,201.00)	0.00	0.00	(982,201.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(226,498.40)	(982,201.00)	0.00	0.00	(982,201.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	213,607.40	953,125.00	710,608.69	0.00	242,516.31	74.56%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	12,891.00	29,076.00	28,501.52	0.00	574.48	98.02%
	2000	Expenses	226,498.40	982,201.00	739,110.21	0.00	243,090.79	75.25%
<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	(283,237.77)	(1,226,615.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,226,615.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(283,237.77)	(1,226,615.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,226,615.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	266,220.02	1,162,535.95	789,139.23	0.00	373,396.72	67.88%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	17,017.75	64,071.05	48,040.84	0.00	16,030.21	74.98%
	9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	8.00	0.00	0.00	8.00	0.00%
	2000	Expenses	283,237.77	1,226,615.00	837,180.07	0.00	389,434.93	68.25%
<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	(279,287.31)	(1,162,283.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,162,283.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(279,287.31)	(1,162,283.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,162,283.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	263,888.06	1,109,279.00	867,536.00	0.00	241,743.00	78.21%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	15,399.25	53,004.00	45,399.27	0.00	7,604.73	85.65%
	2000	Expenses	279,287.31	1,162,283.00	912,935.27	0.00	249,347.73	78.55%

No.	Business Unit/Object Code	Program/Description	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Actuals - YTD	Encumbrances	Budget Available	% Expended of Total
<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	(249,680.76)	(1,128,696.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,128,696.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(249,680.76)	(1,128,696.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,128,696.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	234,522.01	1,048,475.00	852,562.36	0.00	195,912.64	81.31%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	15,158.75	80,221.00	75,565.65	0.00	4,655.35	94.20%
	2000	Expenses	249,680.76	1,128,696.00	928,128.01	0.00	200,567.99	82.23%
<b>7</b>	<b>102007</b>	<b>Ramah Judicial District</b>						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	1996	Allocation	(125,312.86)	(560,106.00)	0.00	0.00	(560,106.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(125,312.86)	(560,106.00)	0.00	0.00	(560,106.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	115,392.86	529,971.99	460,755.95	0.00	69,216.04	86.94%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	9,920.00	30,134.00	28,267.19	0.00	1,866.81	93.80%
	2000	Expenses	125,312.86	560,105.99	489,023.14	0.00	71,082.85	87.31%
<b>8</b>	<b>102008</b>	<b>Supreme Court</b>						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	(1,500.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,500.00)	0.00%
	1996	Allocation	(322,929.05)	(1,410,332.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,410,332.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(322,929.05)	(1,411,832.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,411,832.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	299,134.80	1,317,691.00	1,155,673.02	0.00	162,017.98	87.70%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	23,794.25	94,141.00	76,930.32	0.00	17,210.68	81.72%
	2000	Expenses	322,929.05	1,411,832.00	1,232,603.34	0.00	179,228.66	87.31%
<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	(312,675.40)	(1,311,736.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,311,736.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(312,675.40)	(1,311,736.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,311,736.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	293,167.90	1,239,106.99	1,043,870.28	0.00	195,236.71	84.24%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	19,507.50	72,629.00	70,699.68	0.00	1,929.32	97.34%
	9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	2000	Expenses	312,675.40	1,311,735.99	1,114,569.96	0.00	197,166.03	84.97%
<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	(217,460.62)	(905,269.00)	0.00	0.00	(905,269.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(217,460.62)	(905,269.00)	0.00	0.00	(905,269.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	199,799.12	847,230.73	660,768.85	0.00	186,461.88	77.99%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	17,661.50	58,038.27	54,904.84	0.00	3,133.43	94.60%
	2000	Expenses	217,460.62	905,269.00	715,673.69	0.00	189,595.31	79.06%
<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	(195,102.35)	(804,855.00)	0.00	0.00	(804,855.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(195,102.35)	(804,855.00)	0.00	0.00	(804,855.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	177,089.10	767,278.00	688,079.89	0.00	79,198.11	89.68%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	18,013.25	37,577.00	35,874.84	0.00	1,702.16	95.47%
	2000	Expenses	195,102.35	804,855.00	723,954.73	0.00	80,900.27	89.95%
<b>12</b>	<b>102012</b>	<b>Aneth Judicial District</b>						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	(2,701.37)	0.00	0.00	(2,701.37)	0.00%
	1996	Allocation	(159,862.50)	(672,677.00)	0.00	0.00	(672,677.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(159,862.50)	(675,378.37)	0.00	0.00	(675,378.37)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	145,158.25	625,400.00	471,613.89	0.00	153,786.11	75.41%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	14,704.25	49,978.37	47,572.79	0.00	2,405.58	95.19%
	2000	Expenses	159,862.50	675,378.37	519,186.68	0.00	156,191.69	76.87%

No.	Business Unit/Object Code	Program/Description	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Actuals - YTD	Encumbrances	Budget Available	% Expended of Total
<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	(160,815.25)	(691,428.00)	0.00	0.00	(691,428.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(160,815.25)	(691,428.00)	0.00	0.00	(691,428.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	145,158.25	638,372.00	559,598.59	0.00	78,773.41	87.66%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	15,657.00	53,056.00	43,179.52	0.00	9,876.48	81.38%
	2000	Expenses	160,815.25	691,428.00	602,778.11	0.00	88,649.89	87.18%
<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	(57,643.22)	(192,129.00)	0.00	0.00	(192,129.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(57,643.22)	(192,129.00)	0.00	0.00	(192,129.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	49,828.22	170,248.00	145,524.27	0.00	24,723.73	85.48%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	7,815.00	21,881.00	13,780.91	0.00	8,100.09	62.98%
	2000	Expenses	57,643.22	192,129.00	159,305.18	0.00	32,823.82	82.92%
<b>15</b>	<b>102015</b>	<b>Dzil Yiijin Judicial District</b>						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	1996	Allocation	(80,773.78)	(478,397.00)	0.00	0.00	(478,397.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(80,773.78)	(478,397.00)	0.00	0.00	(478,397.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	72,229.78	438,963.01	373,313.33	0.00	65,649.68	85.04%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	8,544.00	39,434.00	35,503.09	0.00	3,930.91	90.03%
	9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	2000	Expenses	80,773.78	478,397.01	408,816.42	0.00	69,580.59	85.46%
<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	(42,238.05)	(219,943.00)	0.00	0.00	(219,943.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(42,238.05)	(219,943.00)	0.00	0.00	(219,943.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	36,518.30	196,851.01	54,959.30	0.00	141,891.71	27.92%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	5,719.75	23,092.00	8,806.24	0.00	14,285.76	38.14%
	2000	Expenses	42,238.05	219,943.01	63,765.54	0.00	156,177.47	28.99%
<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	(450,867.72)	(1,877,669.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,877,669.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(450,867.72)	(1,877,669.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,877,669.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	419,576.72	1,749,305.00	1,534,896.17	0.00	214,408.83	87.74%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	31,291.00	128,364.00	122,893.30	0.00	5,470.70	95.74%
	9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	2000	Expenses	450,867.72	1,877,669.00	1,657,789.47	0.00	219,879.53	88.29%
<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	(8,669.50)	(40,694.00)	0.00	0.00	(40,694.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(8,669.50)	(40,694.00)	0.00	0.00	(40,694.00)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	1,096.75	10,725.00	6,494.64	0.00	4,230.36	60.56%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	7,572.75	29,969.00	18,635.86	0.00	11,333.14	62.18%
	2000	Expenses	8,669.50	40,694.00	25,130.50	0.00	15,563.50	61.75%
<b>Judicial Branch General Fund Total:</b>			<b>3,838,169.43</b>	<b>17,246,420.37</b>	<b>13,860,633.88</b>	<b>23.15</b>	<b>3,385,763.34</b>	<b>80.37%</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	(52,407.37)	0.00	0.00	(52,407.37)	0.00%
	1992	IDC Recovery	(37,526.00)	(130,107.00)	(127,491.77)	0.00	(2,615.23)	97.99%
	1996	Allocation	(3,800,643.43)	(17,063,906.00)	0.00	0.00	(17,063,906.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(3,838,169.43)	(17,246,420.37)	(127,491.77)	0.00	(17,118,928.60)	0.74%
	2000	Personnel Expenses	3,554,989.43	15,772,202.68	12,561,181.20	0.00	3,211,021.48	79.64%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	283,180.00	1,474,209.69	1,299,452.68	23.15	174,733.86	88.15%
	9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	8.00	0.00	0.00	8.00	0.00%
	2000	Expenses	<b>3,838,169.43</b>	<b>17,246,420.37</b>	<b>13,860,633.88</b>	<b>23.15</b>	<b>3,385,763.34</b>	<b>80.37%</b>



No.	Unit/Object Code	Program/Description	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Actuals - YTD	Encumbrances	Budget Available	Expensed of Total
19	118019	NN Integrated Justice (Fixed Costs)						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	(32,807.50)	0.00	0.00	(32,807.50)	0.00%
	1996	Allocation	(87,500.00)	(375,000.00)	0.00	0.00	(375,000.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(87,500.00)	(407,807.50)	0.00	0.00	(407,807.50)	0.00%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	87,500.00	407,807.50	221,133.04	0.00	186,674.46	54.22%
	2000	Expenses	87,500.00	407,807.50	221,133.04	0.00	186,674.46	54.22%
<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	(85,214.87)	0.00	0.00	(85,214.87)	0.00%
	1992	IDC Recovery	(37,526.00)	(130,107.00)	(127,491.77)	0.00	(2,615.23)	97.99%
	1996	Allocation	(3,888,143.43)	(17,438,906.00)	0.00	0.00	(17,438,906.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(3,925,669.43)	(17,654,227.87)	(127,491.77)	0.00	(17,526,736.10)	0.72%
	2000	Personnel Expenses	3,554,989.43	15,772,202.68	12,561,181.20	0.00	3,211,021.48	79.64%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	370,680.00	1,882,017.19	1,520,585.72	23.15	361,408.32	80.80%
	9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	8.00	0.00	0.00	8.00	0.00%
	2000	Expenses	3,925,669.43	17,654,227.87	14,081,766.92	23.15	3,572,437.80	79.76%

**B. The Judicial Branch currently has twenty-one (21) Active External Fund Budgets as follows: (1) K170801 Peacemaking Youth Edu. Apprentices Contract Term 10/1/17 – 9/30/21; (2) K180800 Navajo Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court, Contract Term 10/1/17 – 9/30/21; (3) K170802 FY 2017 Edward Byrne JAG, Contract Term 10/1/16 - 9/30/20; (4) K180801 FY '18 New Path Reentry, Contract Term 10/01/18 - 9/30/20; (5) K180802 NN Wellness Courts, Contract Term 10/1/18 - 9/30/21; (6) K160800 FY '16 Edward Byrne JAG, Contract Term 10/1/15 - 9/30/19; (7) K180803 FY '18 Edward Bryne Jag , Contract Term 10/1/17 - 9/30/21; (8) K160736 CY 16 Tribal Courts, Contract Term 1/1/16 - 12/31/19; (9) K160781 CY 16 Judicial One Time Funding, Contract Term 1/1/16 - 12/31/19, (10) K170745 CY 17 Tribal Courts, Contract Term 1/1/17 – 12/31/19; (11) K170748 CY 17 One Time Funding VAVA, Contract Term 1/1/17 - 12/31/18; (12) K180718 CY 18 Tribal Courts, Contract Term 1/1/17 – 12/31/21; (13) K180772 CY 18 One Time Direct TWAHE Funding Contract Term 1/1/18 - 12/31/21; (14) K190723 CY 19 Tribal Courts, Contract Term 1/1/17 - 12/31/21; (15) K190778 CY 19 Judicial One Time Funds, Contract Term 1/1/17 - 12/31/20; (16) K200713 CY 20 Tribal Courts, Contract Term 1/1/20 - 12/31/21; (17) K200744 CY 20 One Time Funds VAWA, Contract Term 1/1/20 - 12/31/21; (18) K200791 CY 20 One time Fund DAPA CW, Contract Term 1/1/17 - 12/31/21; (19) K210722 CY 21 Tribal Courts, Contract Term 1/1/21-12/31/21; (20) K210758 Tribal Courts Program - ARPA, Contract Term 10/1/17 - 12/31/21; and (21) K201506 US Treasury - Judicial Branch, Contract Term 8/26/20 - 12/30/20, extended to 12/30/21. There are thirteen (13) Public Law 93-638 Indian Self-Determination Act, multiyear contracts with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to provide court services within the Navajo Nation.**

No.	Business Unit/Object Code	Program/Description	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Actuals - YTD	Encumbrances	Budget Available	% Expensed of Total
<b>1</b>	<b>K170801</b>	<b>Peacemaking Youth EDU-Apprentices</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	0.00	106,658.00	11,646.50	0.00	95,011.50	10.92%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	302,448.00	195,660.00	65,576.65	0.00	130,083.35	33.52%
	9500	Matching & Indirect Cost	47,182.00	47,312.00	12,085.44	0.00	35,226.56	25.54%
	2000	Expenses	349,630.00	349,630.00	89,308.59	0.00	260,321.41	25.54%
<b>2</b>	<b>K180800</b>	<b>Navajo Juvenile Healing To Wellness Court</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	106,185.00	106,185.00	15,609.35	0.00	90,575.65	14.70%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	196,583.00	196,583.00	10,866.06	0.00	185,716.94	5.53%
	9500	Matching & Indirect Cost	47,232.00	47,232.00	4,192.70	0.00	43,039.30	8.88%
	2000	Expenses	350,000.00	350,000.00	30,668.11	0.00	319,331.89	8.76%
<b>3</b>	<b>K170802</b>	<b>FY 17 Edward Byrne JAG</b>						
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	64,537.00	64,537.00	0.00	0.00	64,537.00	0.00%
	9500	Matching & Indirect Cost	6,453.00	6,453.00	0.00	0.00	6,453.00	0.00%
	2000	Expenses	70,990.00	70,990.00	0.00	0.00	70,990.00	0.00%
<b>4</b>	<b>K180801</b>	<b>FY '18 New Path Reentry</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	59,902.00	208,259.00	0.00	0.00	208,259.00	0.00%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	113,033.00	385,906.00	405.06	0.00	385,500.94	0.10%
	9500	Matching & Indirect Cost	27,065.00	105,835.00	64.20	0.00	105,770.80	0.06%
	2000	Expenses	200,000.00	700,000.00	469.26	0.00	699,530.74	0.07%
<b>5</b>	<b>K180802</b>	<b>NN Wellness Courts</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	365,197.00	365,197.00	5,265.35	0.00	359,931.65	1.44%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	283,311.00	283,311.00	563.67	0.00	282,747.33	0.20%
	9500	Matching & Indirect Cost	101,492.00	101,492.00	923.90	0.00	100,568.10	0.91%
	2000	Expenses	750,000.00	750,000.00	6,752.92	0.00	743,247.08	0.90%
<b>6</b>	<b>K160800</b>	<b>FY 16 Edward Byrne JAG</b>						
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	46,301.00	44,392.00	43,115.52	0.00	1,276.48	97.12%
	9500	Matching & Indirect Cost	2,530.00	4,439.00	4,311.56	0.00	127.44	97.13%
	2000	Expenses	48,831.00	48,831.00	47,427.08	0.00	1,403.92	97.12%

<b>7</b>	<b>K180803</b>	<b>FY 18 Edward Byrne JAG</b>						
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	99,581.00	99,581.00	0.00	0.00	99,581.00	0.00%
	9500	Matching & Indirect Cost	9,958.00	9,958.00	0.00	0.00	9,958.00	0.00%
	2000	Expenses	109,539.00	109,539.00	0.00	0.00	109,539.00	0.00%
		Judicial Branch External Funds	\$1,878,990.00	\$2,378,990.00	\$174,625.96	\$0.00	\$2,204,364.04	7.34%
No.	Business Unit/Object Code	Program/Description	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Actuals - YTD	Encumbrances	Budget Available	% Expended of Total
<b>8</b>	<b>K160736</b>	<b>CY 16 Tribal Courts</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	1,334,724.00	949,782.11	949,782.11	0.00	0.00	100.00%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	101,577.00	680,813.45	680,813.45	0.00	0.00	100.00%
	9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	95,175.49	95,175.49	0.00	0.00	100.00%
	2000	Expenses	1,436,301.00	1,725,771.05	1,725,771.05	0.00	0.00	100.00%
<b>9</b>	<b>K160781</b>	<b>CY 16 Judicial One Time Funds</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	276,511.00	280,169.60	280,169.60	0.00	0.00	100.00%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	16,305.00	12,646.40	12,646.40	0.00	0.00	100.00%
	2000	Expenses	292,816.00	292,816.00	292,816.00	0.00	0.00	100.00%
<b>10</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>11</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>12</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>13</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>14</b>	<b>K190723</b>	<b>CY 19 Tribal Courts</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	262,524.00	1,441,732.00	1,436,572.56	0.00	5,159.44	99.64%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	8,119.00	244,088.00	199,858.91	28,338.00	15,891.09	93.49%
	2000	Expenses	270,643.00	1,685,820.00	1,636,431.47	28,338.00	21,050.53	98.75%
<b>15</b>	<b>K190778</b>	<b>CY 19 Judicial One Time Funds</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	277,245.00	278,655.00	255,408.62	0.00	23,246.38	91.66%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	48,061.00	46,651.00	7,897.68	411.88	38,341.44	17.81%
	2000	Expenses	325,306.00	325,306.00	263,306.30	411.88	61,587.82	81.07%
<b>16</b>	<b>K200713</b>	<b>CY 20 Tribal Courts</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	272,055.00	1,688,539.55	1,609,611.09	0.00	78,928.46	95.33%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	51,130.00	174,389.45	14,938.49	68,720.97	90,729.99	47.97%
	2000	Expenses	323,185.00	1,862,929.00	1,624,549.58	68,720.97	169,658.45	90.89%
<b>17</b>	<b>K200744</b>	<b>CY 20 Judicial One Time Funds VAWA</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	80,927.00	80,927.00	49,604.65	0.00	31,322.35	61.30%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	104,265.00	104,265.00	289.02	36,623.00	67,352.98	35.40%
	2000	Expenses	185,192.00	185,192.00	49,893.67	36,623.00	98,675.33	46.72%
<b>18</b>	<b>K200791</b>	<b>CY 20 Judicial One Time Fund DAPA CW</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	478,643.00	484,582.66	245,364.18	0.00	239,218.48	50.63%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	47,200.00	41,260.34	1,448.36	0.00	39,811.98	3.51%
	2000	Expenses	525,843.00	525,843.00	246,812.54	0.00	279,030.46	46.94%
<b>19</b>	<b>K210722</b>	<b>CY 21 Tribal Courts</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	273,047.00	1,477,226.87	927,297.57	0.00	549,929.30	62.77%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	16,878.00	19,107.13	5,161.77	0.00	13,945.36	27.01%
	2000	Expenses	289,925.00	1,496,334.00	932,459.34	0.00	563,874.66	62.32%
<b>20</b>	<b>K210758</b>	<b>CY 21 Tribal Courts</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	35,933.00	35,933.00	0.00	0.00	35,933.00	0.00%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	673,067.00	673,067.00	21,200.00	0.00	651,867.00	3.15%
	9000	Capital Outlay	291,000.00	291,000.00	0.00	0.00	291,000.00	0.00%
	2000	Expenses	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	21,200.00	0.00	978,800.00	2.12%
<b>Total P.L. 93-638 Funds:</b>			<b>\$ 6,128,690.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,747,331.05</b>	<b>\$ 10,434,469.18</b>	<b>\$ 134,093.85</b>	<b>\$ 2,178,768.02</b>	<b>82.91%</b>
<b>Judicial Branch External Funds &amp; P.L. 93-638 Grand Total:</b>			<b>\$8,007,680.00</b>	<b>\$15,126,321.05</b>	<b>\$10,609,095.14</b>	<b>\$134,093.85</b>	<b>\$4,383,132.06</b>	<b>71.02%</b>



21	K201506	US TREASURY Judicial Branch						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	334,029.00	61,242.57	61,242.57	0.00	0.00	100.00%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	7,475,923.00	1,871,924.41	1,871,924.41	0.00	0.00	100.00%
	9000	Capital Outlay	1,823,911.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
	2000	Expenses	9,633,863.00	1,933,166.98	1,933,166.98	0.00	0.00	100.00%
Overall Breakdown of General Funds, NNIJ, External Funds, P.L. 93-638 Funds and US Treasury								
	2000	Personnel Expenses	9,023,678.43	26,556,979.94	21,622,869.25	0.00	4,934,110.69	81.42%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	10,186,711.00	7,447,831.47	4,884,406.50	134,117.00	2,429,307.97	67.38%
	9000	Capital Outlay	2,114,911.00	386,183.49	95,175.49	0.00	291,008.00	24.65%
	9500	Matching & Indirect Cost	241,912.00	322,721.00	21,577.80	0.00	301,143.20	6.69%
	2000	Expenses	\$ 21,567,212.43	\$ 34,713,715.90	\$ 26,624,029.04	\$ 134,117.00	\$ 7,955,569.86	77.08%

## XI. JUDICIAL BRANCH FINES AND FEES COLLECTION

FY 2021 4th Quarter - Budget Status Report as of 9/30/21 - BU 107008							
Object Code	Description	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Actuals - YTD	Encumbrances	Budget Available	% Expensed of Total
1400	Financial Revenues	0.00	0.00	24.00	0.00	(24.00)	
1600	Fines & Court Fees	(500,000.00)	(500,000.00)	(444,006.57)	0.00	(55,993.43)	88.80%
1850	Other Revenue Sources	0.00	0.00	(105.10)	0.00	105.10	#DIV/0!
1000	Revenues	(\$500,000.00)	(\$500,000.00)	(\$444,087.67)	\$0.00	(\$55,912.33)	88.82%
Court Fines & Fees Collected by Quarter							
Object Code	Description	FY 2021 1st Qtr.	FY 2021 2nd Qtr.	FY 2021 3rd Qtr.	FY 2021 4th Qtr.	TOTAL - YTD	
<b>1600</b>	<b>Fines &amp; Court Fees</b>						
1611	District Court - Chinle	1,090.00	1,660.40	1,288.90	4,554.55	8,593.85	
1612	District Court - Crownpoint	2,161.40	1,831.25	4,103.15	2,784.00	10,879.80	
1613	District Court - Kayenta	1,189.35	3,907.37	5,539.90	1,598.66	12,235.28	
1614	District Court - Ramah	604.00	3,313.00	1,797.25	1,945.55	7,659.80	
1615	District Court - Shiprock	969.80	1,202.50	1,983.85	2,315.75	6,471.90	
1616	District Court - Tuba City	1,348.55	1,929.35	4,439.55	5,178.20	12,895.65	
1617	District Court - Window Rock	547.80	1,861.00	1,144.00	1,333.00	4,885.80	
1618	District Court - Dilkon	330.10	70.00	285.00	816.35	1,501.45	
1619.02	District Court - Aneth	111.80	105.00	83.40	140.00	440.20	
1619.04	District Court - Dzil Yijiin	1,285.00	1,615.00	1,229.10	545.00	4,674.10	
<b>1610</b>	<b>Dist. Fines &amp; Court Fees Total:</b>	<b>\$9,637.80</b>	<b>\$17,494.87</b>	<b>\$21,894.10</b>	<b>\$21,211.06</b>	<b>\$70,237.83</b>	
<b>1620</b>	<b>Family</b>						
1621	Family Court - Alamo	55.00	220.00	245.00	175.00	695.00	
1622	Family Court - Chinle	500.00	840.00	740.00	1,930.00	4,010.00	
1623	Family Court - Crownpoint	610.00	1,085.00	1,125.00	1,379.00	4,199.00	
1624	Family Court - Kayenta	270.00	860.00	890.00	655.00	2,675.00	
1625	Family Court - Ramah	125.05	70.00	145.00	80.00	420.05	
1626	Family Court - Shiprock	359.50	1,093.65	415.00	1,556.35	3,424.50	
1627	Family Court - Tohajiilee	230.00	275.00	243.00	339.45	1,087.45	
1628	Family Court - Tuba City	435.00	2,290.00	1,120.00	1,425.25	5,270.25	
1629	Family Court - Window Rock	650.00	1,255.00	2,020.00	2,263.90	6,188.90	
1630	Family Court - Dilkon	115.00	175.00	630.00	625.00	1,545.00	
1631.02	Family Court - Aneth	265.00	240.00	455.00	180.00	1,140.00	
1631.04	Family Court - Dzil Yijiin	205.00	371.96	965.00	330.00	1,871.96	
<b>1620</b>	<b>Family Court Total:</b>	<b>\$3,819.55</b>	<b>\$8,775.61</b>	<b>\$8,993.00</b>	<b>\$10,938.95</b>	<b>\$32,527.11</b>	
<b>1640</b>	<b>Circuit</b>						
1642	Circuit Court - Alamo	32.10	96.05	135.35	55.35	318.85	
1644	Circuit Court - Tohajiilee	376.50	559.30	105.15	468.60	1,509.55	
<b>1640</b>	<b>Circuit Court Total:</b>	<b>\$408.60</b>	<b>\$655.35</b>	<b>\$240.50</b>	<b>\$523.95</b>	<b>\$1,828.40</b>	
<b>1650</b>	<b>Supreme</b>						
1652	Supreme Court - WR	980.00	480.00	480.00	540.00	2,480.00	
<b>1650</b>	<b>Supreme Court Total:</b>	<b>\$980.00</b>	<b>\$480.00</b>	<b>\$480.00</b>	<b>\$540.00</b>	<b>\$2,480.00</b>	
<b>1601</b>	<b>Court Total:</b>	<b>\$14,845.95</b>	<b>\$27,405.83</b>	<b>\$31,607.60</b>	<b>\$33,213.96</b>	<b>\$107,073.34</b>	

Object Code	Description	FY 2021 1st Qtr.	FY 2021 2nd Qtr.	FY 2021 3rd Qtr.	FY 2021 4th Qtr.	TOTAL - YTD
<b>1660</b>	<b>Public Safety Fines</b>					
1661	Traffic					
1662	Traffic Fines - Alamo	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1663	Traffic Fines - Chinle	3,955.00	7,210.00	13,191.00	13,770.00	38,126.00
1664	Traffic Fines - Crownpoint	2,438.00	7,146.50	9,306.00	9,557.50	28,448.00
1665	Traffic Fines - Kayenta	6,122.50	20,118.50	31,008.00	47,357.93	104,606.93
1666	Traffic Fines - Ramah	3,655.00	9,230.50	9,540.00	7,907.50	30,333.00
1667	Traffic Fines - Shiprock	1,224.40	11,677.50	5,250.00	9,193.50	27,345.40
1668	Traffic Fines - Tohajiilee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1669	Traffic Fines - Tuba City	5,050.00	16,312.50	28,290.00	28,195.00	77,847.50
1670	Traffic Fines - Window Rock	6,048.00	1,850.00	1,679.00	1,540.00	11,117.00
1671	Traffic Fines - Dilkon	755.00	485.00	9,930.00	4,810.00	15,980.00
1672.02	Traffic Fines - Aneth	645.00	1,165.00	375.00	255.00	2,440.00
1672.04	Traffic Fines - Dzil Yijjin	235.00	375.00	50.00	0.00	660.00
<b>1661</b>	<b>Traffic Total:</b>	<b>\$30,127.90</b>	<b>\$75,570.50</b>	<b>\$108,619.00</b>	<b>\$122,586.43</b>	<b>\$336,903.83</b>
1682	Restitution	0.00	29.40	0.00	0.00	29.40
<b>1600</b>	<b>Fines &amp; Court Fees Totals:</b>	<b>\$44,973.85</b>	<b>\$103,005.73</b>	<b>\$140,226.60</b>	<b>\$155,800.39</b>	<b>\$444,006.57</b>
<b>Judicial District Court Fines &amp; Fees Summary:</b>						
1600	Fines & Court Fees	9,637.80	17,494.87	21,894.10	21,211.06	70,237.83
1620	Family	3,819.55	8,775.61	8,993.00	10,938.95	32,527.11
1640	Circuit	408.60	655.35	240.50	523.95	1,828.40
1650	Supreme	980.00	480.00	480.00	540.00	2,480.00
1661	Traffic	30,127.90	75,570.50	108,619.00	122,586.43	336,903.83
1682	Restitution	0.00	29.40	0.00	0.00	29.40
	<b>Grand Totals:</b>	<b>\$44,973.85</b>	<b>\$103,005.73</b>	<b>\$140,226.60</b>	<b>\$155,800.39</b>	<b>\$444,006.57</b>