Indigent Defense

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Auditors on the Road
Training
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Presentation Overview

- 1. **TIDC** and the Fair Defense Act
 Mission, requirements, funding opportunities
- 2. Indigent Defense Funding In Context Sources, trends and cost drivers
- 3. Indigent Defense Expenditure Reporting Common errors, accurate reporting, examples
- 4. Overview of the review process
 Review steps, examples, common findings.



The mission of the Texas Indigent Defense
Commission is to provide financial and technical
support to counties to develop and maintain quality,
cost-effective indigent defense systems that meet
the needs of local communities and the requirements
of the Constitution and state law.

What is Indigent Defense?

- The right to a lawyer for persons accused of crimes and who cannot afford to hire a lawyer
- Constitutional Right 6th Amendment
- ➤ Necessary to ensure fairness and protection of rights in our adversarial system of justice

Gideon vs. Wainwright

In our adversarial system of criminal justice....

With government "quite properly" spending "vast sums of money to establish machinery to try defendants accused of crime".....you need

..... "procedural and substantive safeguard designed to assure fair trials before impartial tribunals in which defendants stands equal before the law"

"This noble ideal cannot be realized if the poor man charged with crime has to face his accusers without a lawyer to assist him."

The Fair Defense Act of 2001

Basic Legal Requirements:

- Timeframes for appointment of counsel
- Minimum attorney qualifications
- Fair, neutral, and non-discriminatory attorney appointments
- Develop a standard of indigence and process to determine eligibility
- Standard attorney fee schedule and payment process

Local Reporting Requirements:

- Indigent Defense Plan (judiciary)
- Indigent Defense Expenditures (auditor/treasurer)
- Created Mechanism for (partial) state funding through grants

Why did we need the FDA?

No uniformity in local indigent defense appointment practices

Judges' discretion to select counsel, pay fees and determine who is indigent fueled appearance of cronyism

No consistent standards regarding training and experience

No state funding or oversight

No reliable data on appointments, spending or caseloads

TIDC Grant Types

Formula Grants

• Formula based on 50% population & 50% expenditures

Discretionary Grants

- Competitive-Based Discretionary Grants
- Extraordinary Disbursement Grants
- Technical Support Grants
- Targeted Specific Grants

Grant Information

In 2016 the Commission disbursed:

- \$25.1 million in formula grants to 254 counties
- \$6.5 million in discretionary grants
 - 17 counties
 - Four grants were for regional programs covering 180 counties.

Formula Grant Eligibility

- > Commissioners Court Resolution
- ➤ Indigent Defense Plan Compliance
- ➤ Indigent Defense Expenditure Report
- >Address any findings from monitoring
- Court Activity Reports to OCA

Discretionary Grants: Two-Tier Process

Tier-One (The ISA)

- Complete online Intent to Submit
- Secure letter of support from at least one judge
- Tier Two- Complete Application
 - On-line Application
 - Commissioners Court Resolution
 - Support from Stakeholders and Judges
 - Data Collection Cooperation Agreement

Discretionary Grant Timeline

- ➤ Request for Application (RFA) released January 2018 (webinar on February 2)
- ➤Intent to Submit Application due March 2018
- ➤ Full Applications due May 2018
- ➤ Start Date for Funded Programs 10/1/2018

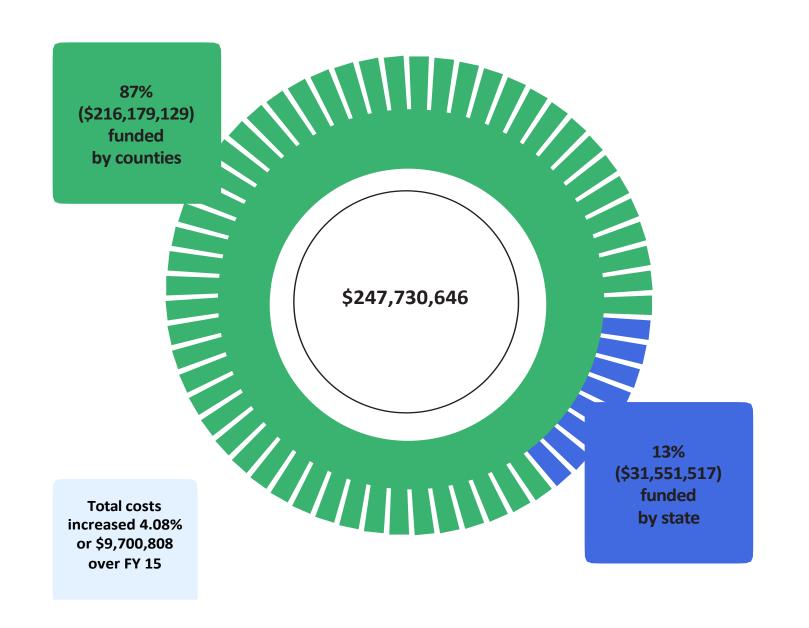
Discretionary Grant Program Examples

- ➤ Public Defender Programs (local and regional)
- ➤ Managed Assigned Counsel Programs
- ➤ Indigent Defense Coordinators
- ➤ Programs for Defendants with Mental Illness

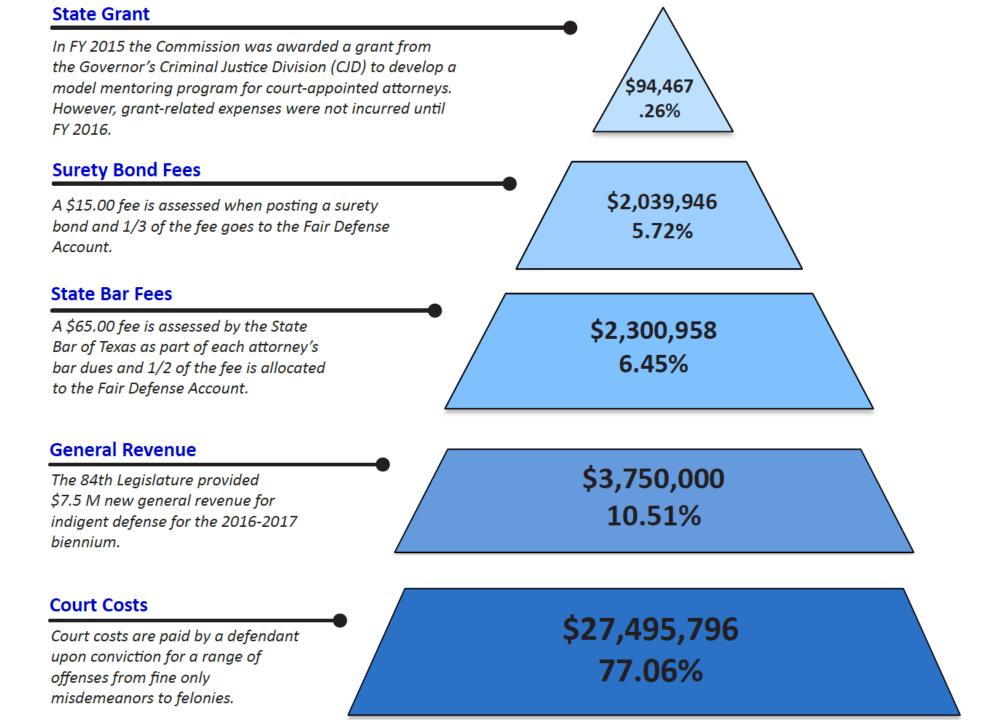
Indigent Defense Funding in Context

- > State Funding Sources
- Current State Appropriation
- > State/County Funding Proportions
- ➤ Indigent Defense Cost Drivers

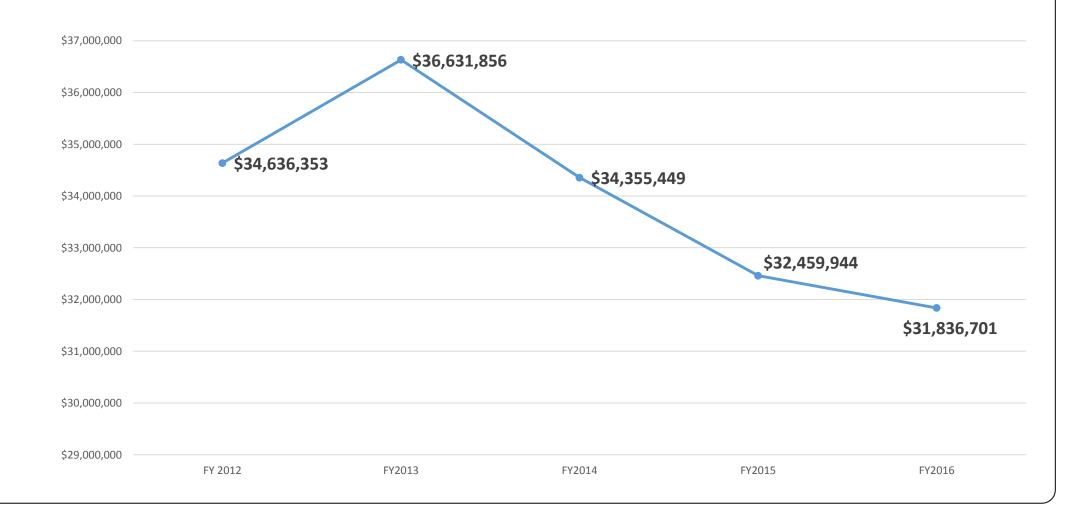
2016 County and State Indigent Defense Spending in Texas



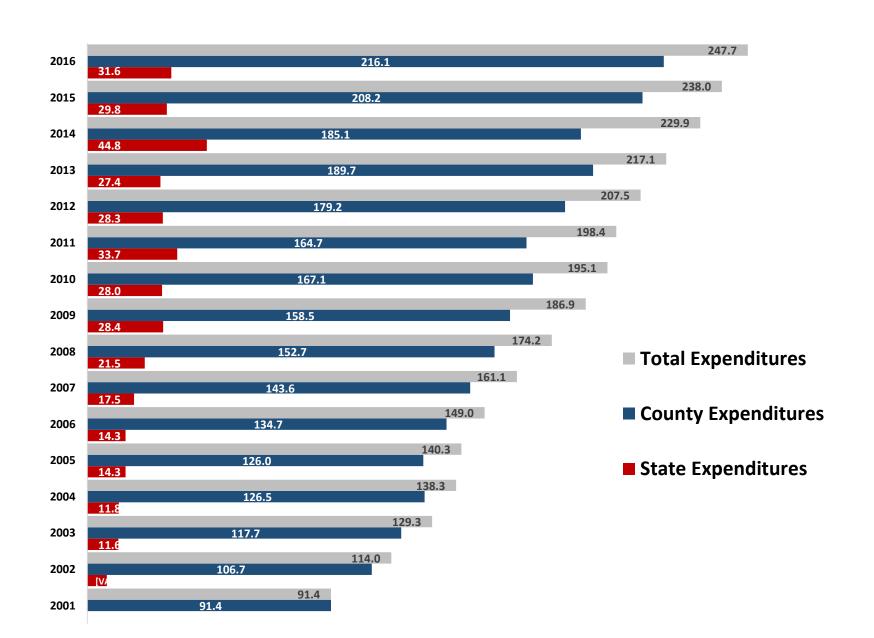
TIDC Revenue FY2016



GR-Dedicated Fair Defense Account Revenue



Indigent Defense Expenditures (in millions) by Fiscal Year



What is driving cost increases?

- 1. More people served
- 2. Investments to improve quality of representation
- 3. Inflation

Prior to the passage of the FDA Texas was operating under a "6th Amendment deficit." The effort to address the shortcomings in our system prior to the FDA has required more money to be spent.

What is driving cost increases?

First, the total number of indigent persons being provided constitutionally guaranteed assistance of counsel in Texas has increased from 324,000 in FY02 to more than 460,000 in FY15, a 42 percent increase.

Prior to the FDA many defendants who could not afford to hire a lawyer were either not provided with counsel at all or were provided with counsel under systems that encouraged perfunctory representation with minimal effort.

What is driving cost increases?

Second, more is being spent per indigent defense case, which has been necessary to raise the quality of defense up to professional standards.

Prior to the passage of the FDA and the standards created by the Commission, some jurisdictions provided indigent defense under models that encouraged the processing of high volumes of cases with minimal effort from the defense, effectively undermining the 6th Amendment rights of many defendants. Since the FDA counties and the Commission are monitoring indigent defense more carefully and more counties have put in place systems that manage caseloads and include better oversight and accountability.

State Funds for Indigent Defense

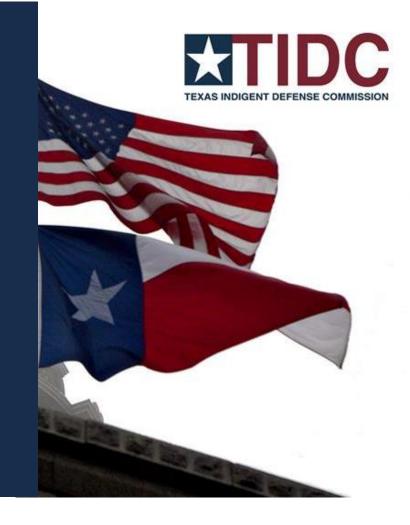
• In each of the last two legislative sessions the Commission requested large increases in funding.

 Objective: to share indigent defense funding more equally with counties.

State Funds for Indigent Defense

- Future increases will come in response to county leaders making the case.
 - Commissioners Court Resolutions
 - County officials communicating with their legislators.

Indigent Defense Expenditure Reporting IDER



http://tidc.texas.gov

Due November 1, 2017

Indigent Defense Expenditure Report

• What: Eligible indigent defense expenditures, number of cases paid/disposed and attorney information, reported for each court.

Who: County Auditors (or Treasurers)

• When: Annually, on November 1

IDER – Due November 1, 2017

Government Code Section 79.036. Indigent Defense Information.

- e) In each county, the county auditor, or the person designated by the commissioners court if the county does not have a county auditor, shall prepare and send to the commission. . . . with respect to legal services provided in the county to indigent defendants during each fiscal year, information showing the total amount expended by the county to provide indigent defense services and an analysis of the amount expended by the county.
- Report Attorney Fees, Investigation Expenses, Expert Witness Expenses, or Other Litigation Expenses
- IDER Manual at http://www.tidc.texas.gov/grants-reporting/ider.aspx

Payment Records are Basis of the IDER

- The statute (Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 26.05 (c)) states
 that "no payment shall be made under this article until the form for
 itemizing the services performed is submitted to the judge presiding
 over the proceedings"
- Invoice must include sufficient detail to allow auditor to prepare the report (type of expense, court, case type, etc.)

IDER Eligible Costs

Only Criminal/Juvenile Indigent Defense Costs Are Eligible

- No Civil Law Matters
- Not every case involving juveniles is eligible
 - Only juvenile delinquency, CINS cases
 - Not custody, CPS-related, guardianship or other civil matters.
- Not every court appointed attorney is an eligible indigent defense expense
 - Not special prosecutors, not ad litem attorneys in civil matters.

Attorney Detail Section of Court Expenditure Report

Government Code Section 79.036. Indigent Defense Information.

(a-1) Not later than November 1 of each year and in the form and manner prescribed by the commission, each county shall prepare and provide to the commission information that describes for the preceding fiscal year the number of appointments under Article 26.04, Code of Criminal Procedure, and Title 3, Family Code, made to each attorney accepting appointments in the county, and information provided to the county by those attorneys under Article 26.04(j) (4), Code of Criminal Procedure.

Attorney Detail of Court Expenditure Report

"Total Amount Paid" listed for each attorney should only include attorney fees.

If attorney payments included reimbursements for other expenses, such as investigators, expert witnesses, or other litigation expenses, those should not be included in attorney detail report.

Attorney Detail Report Options

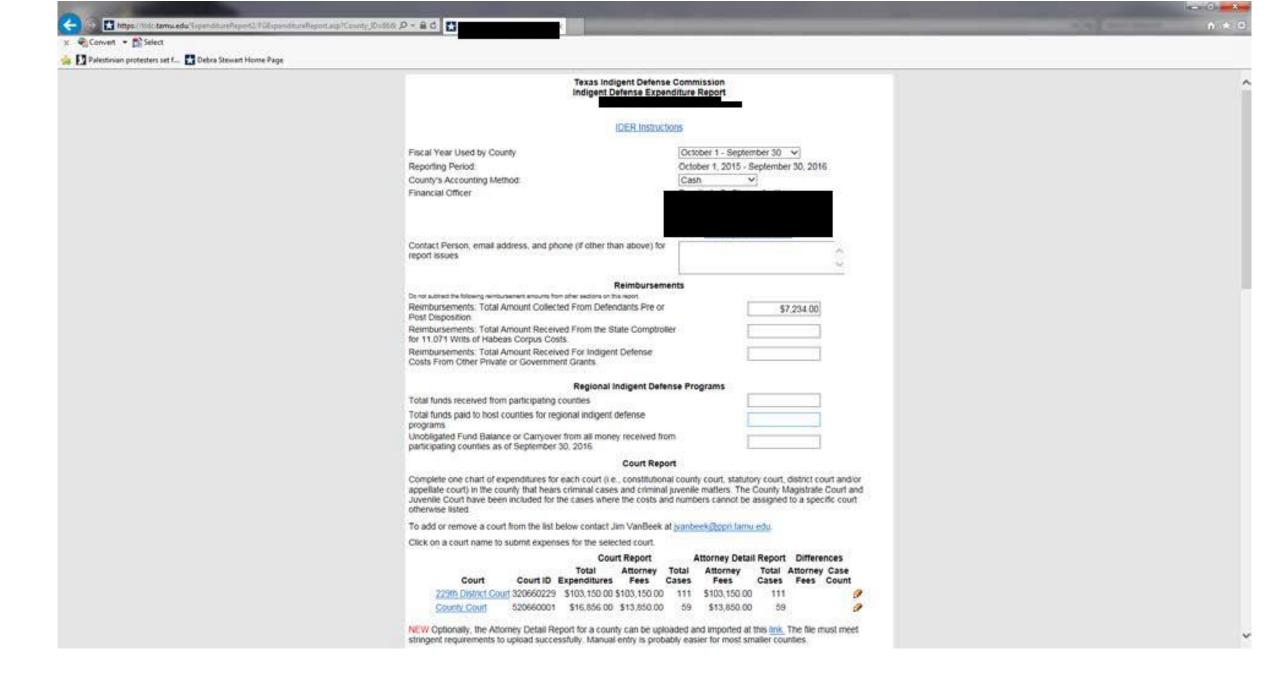
- Web Based Data Entry
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- Excel Template with a standard data format provided on Commission website to permit county auditors to complete and then upload the report rather than manually entering the data into the website.

How to Reconcile Court Report and Attorney Detail

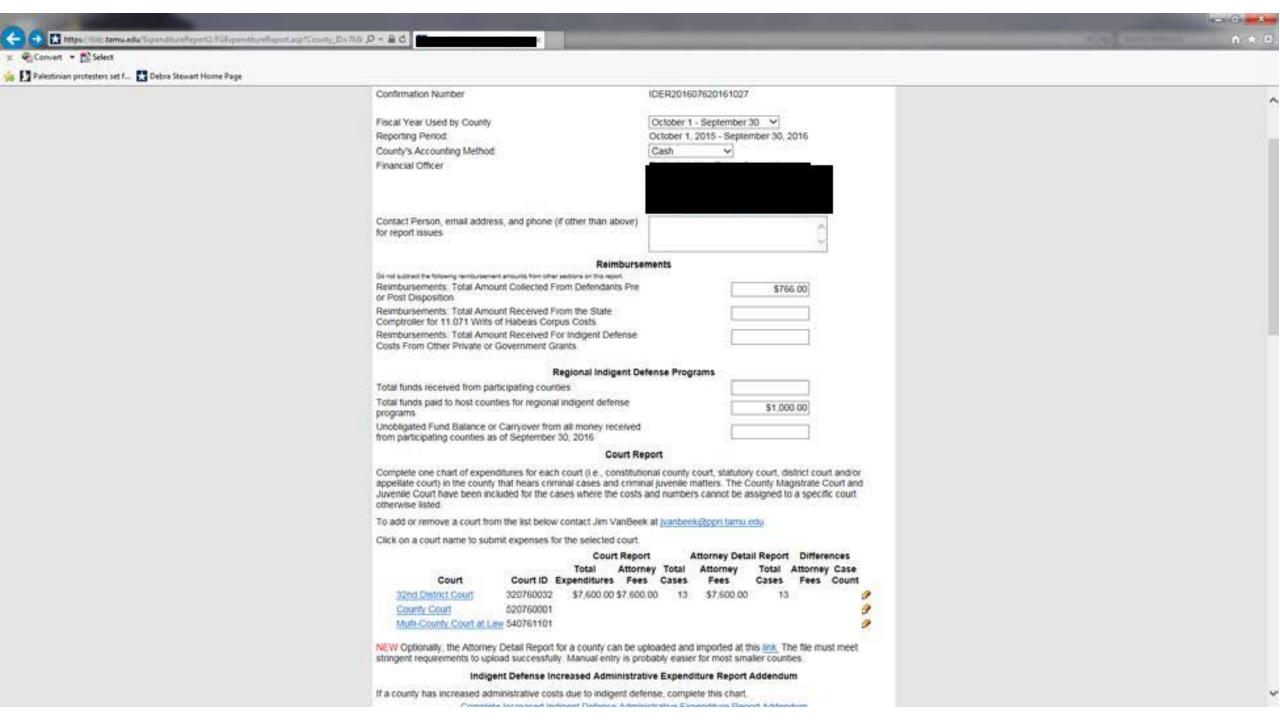
- Both the aggregate report for the court and the attorney detail portion include case counts and amounts paid.
- The total case counts in the court report <u>may differ</u> from the total number of cases in the attorney detail report.
- The total attorney fees paid in the court report <u>should match</u> the total paid on the attorney detail.

Samples of IDER
Reports and why we would call and ask a question.





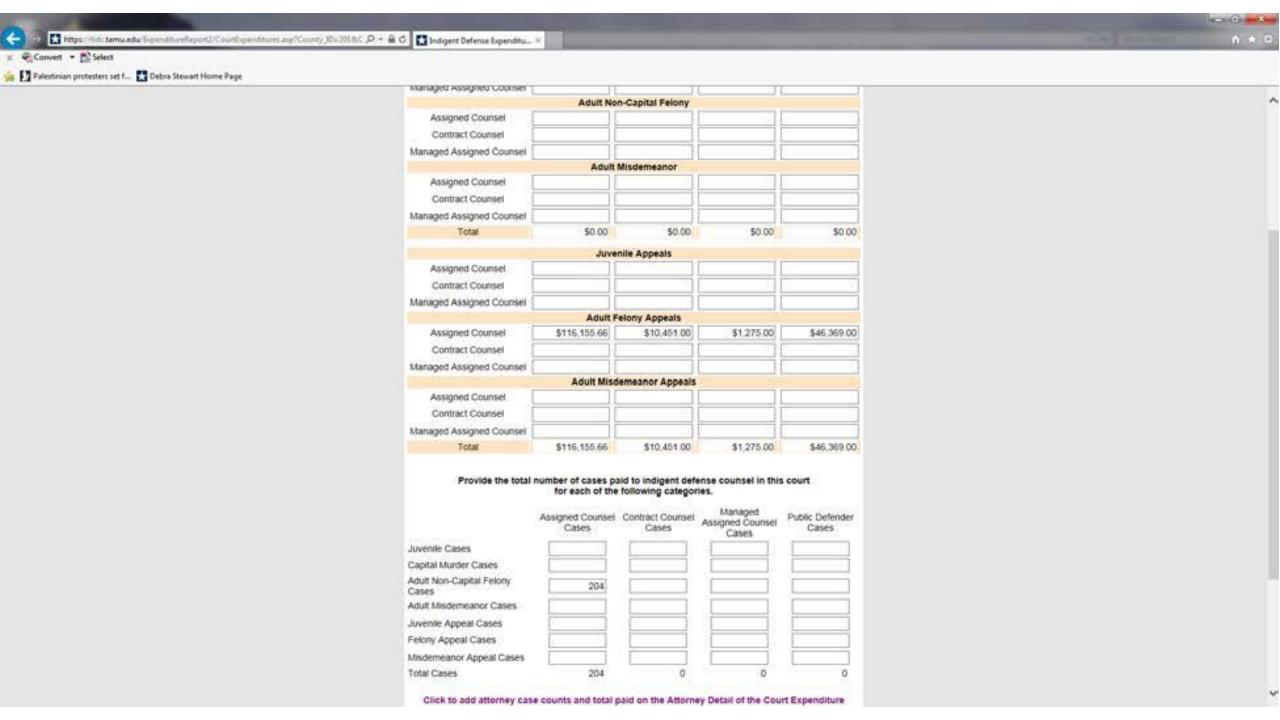
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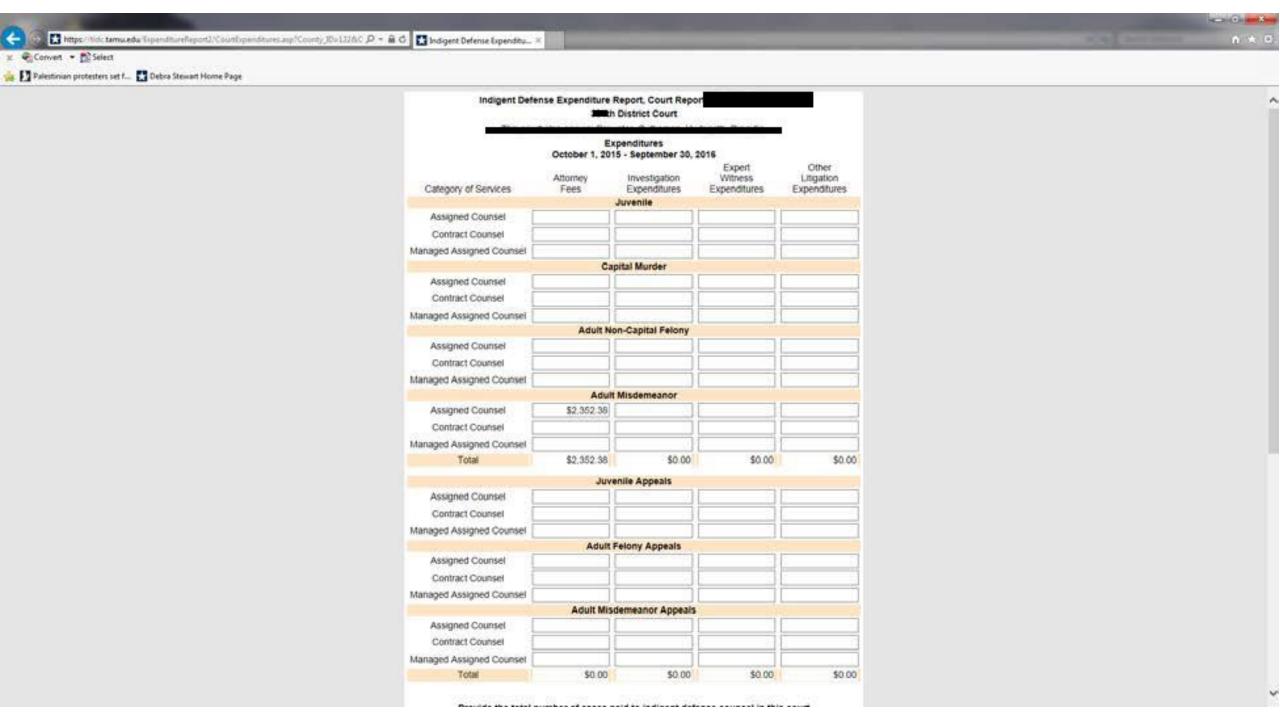


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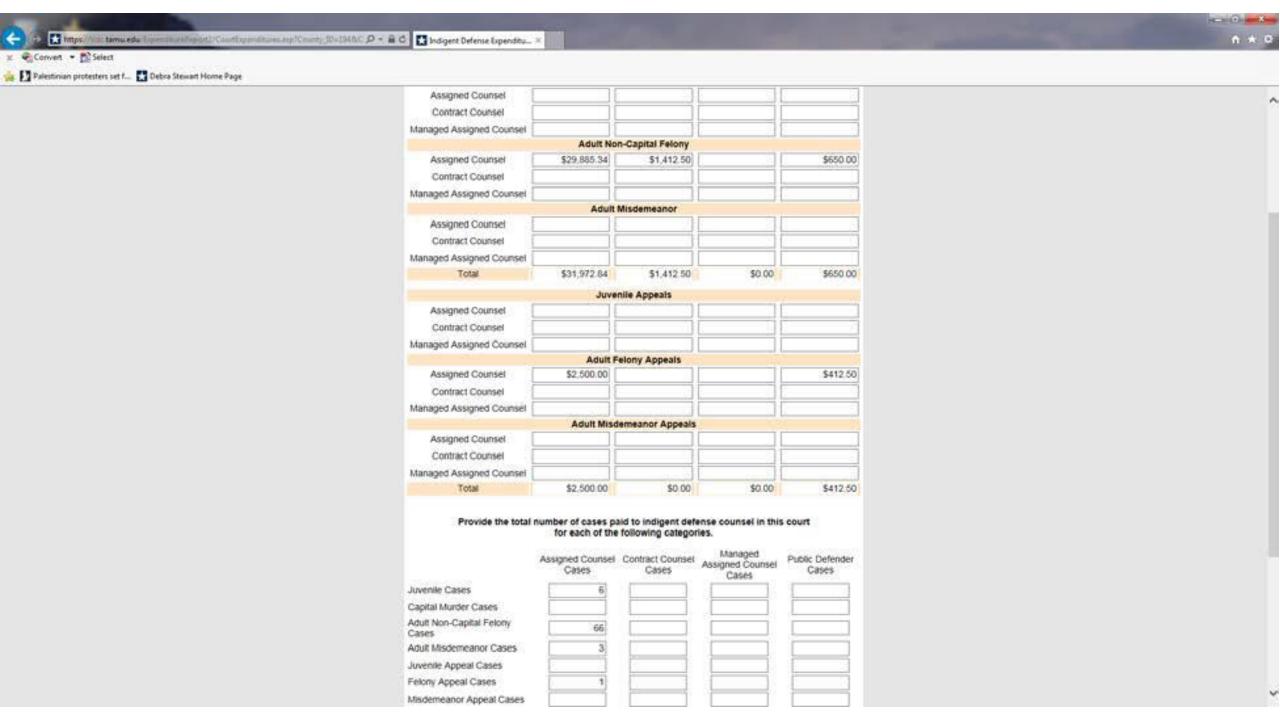


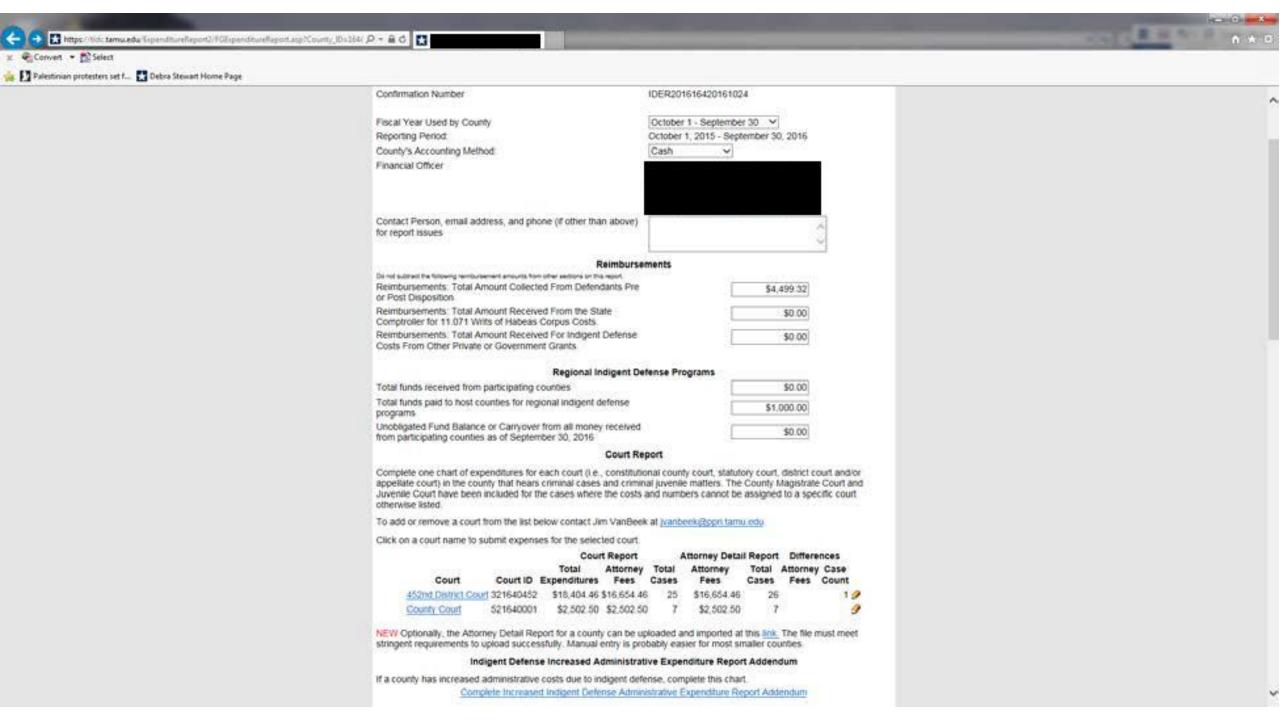
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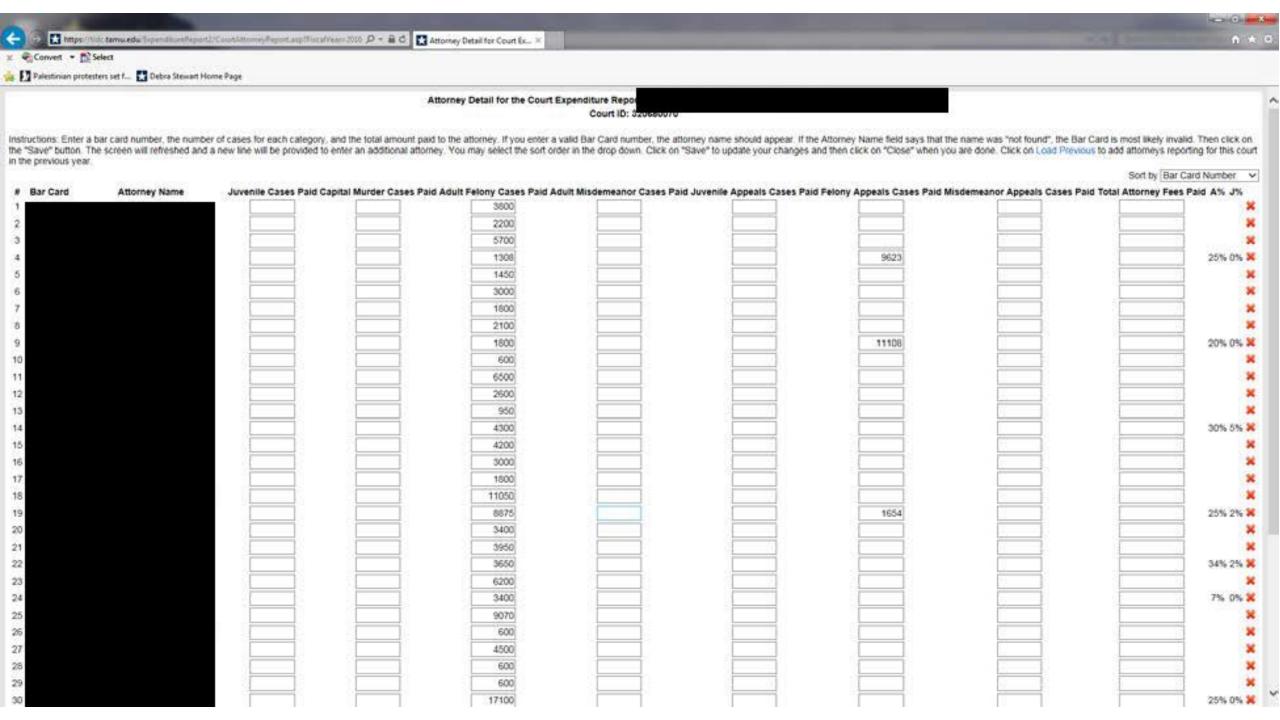
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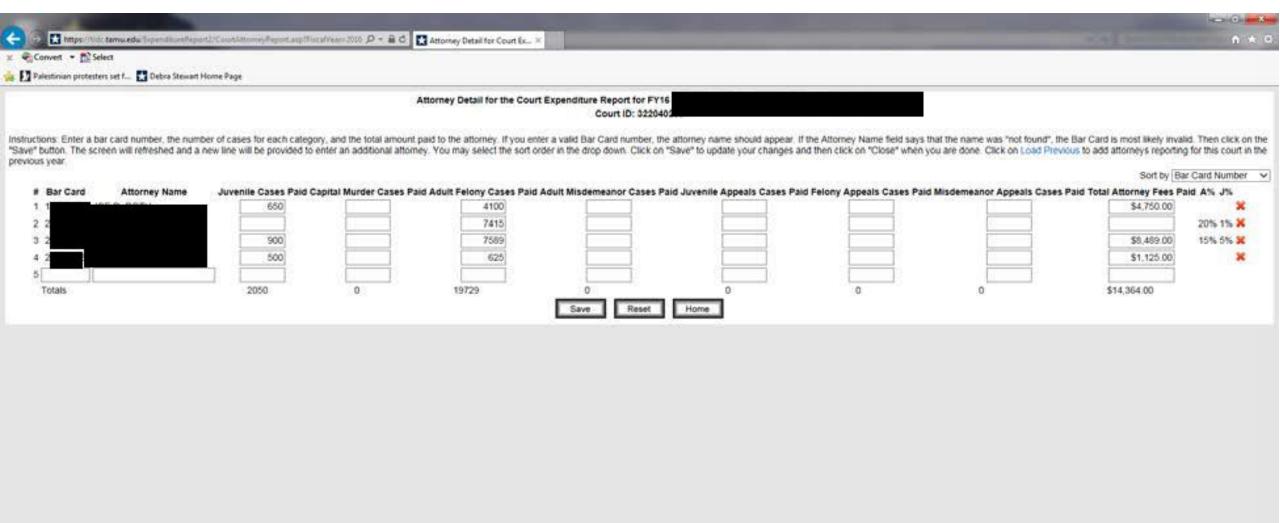
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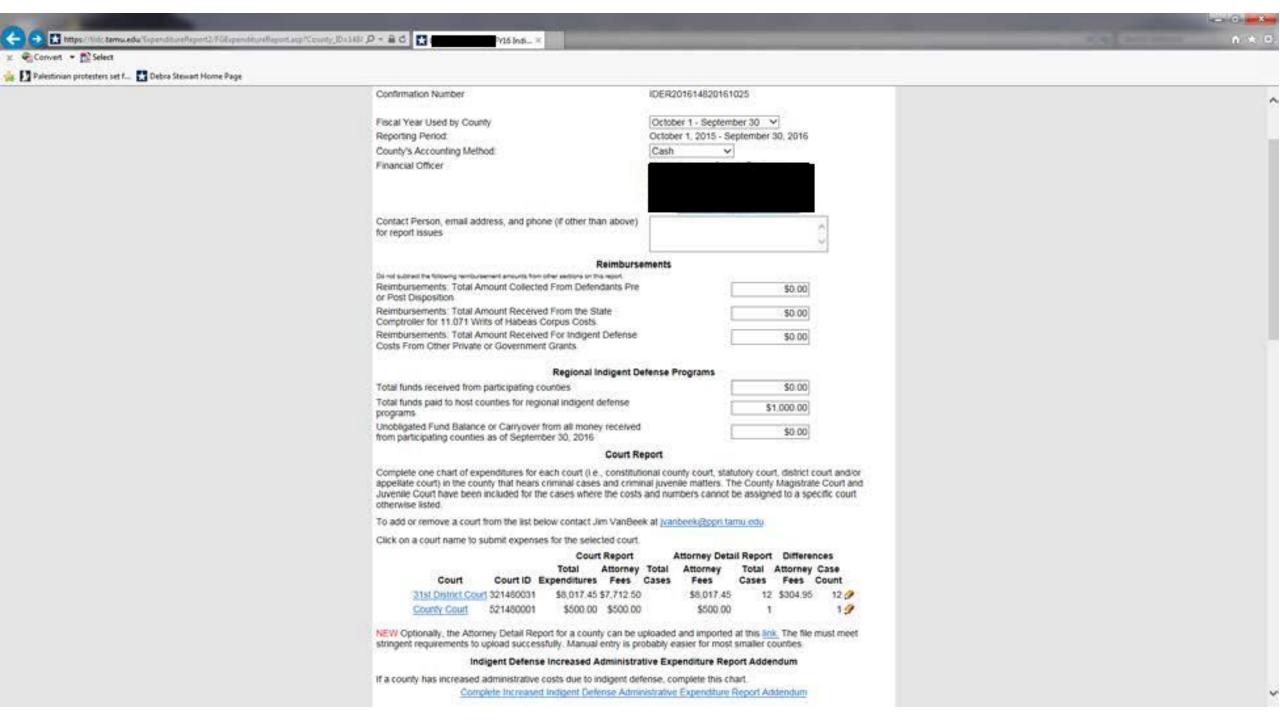
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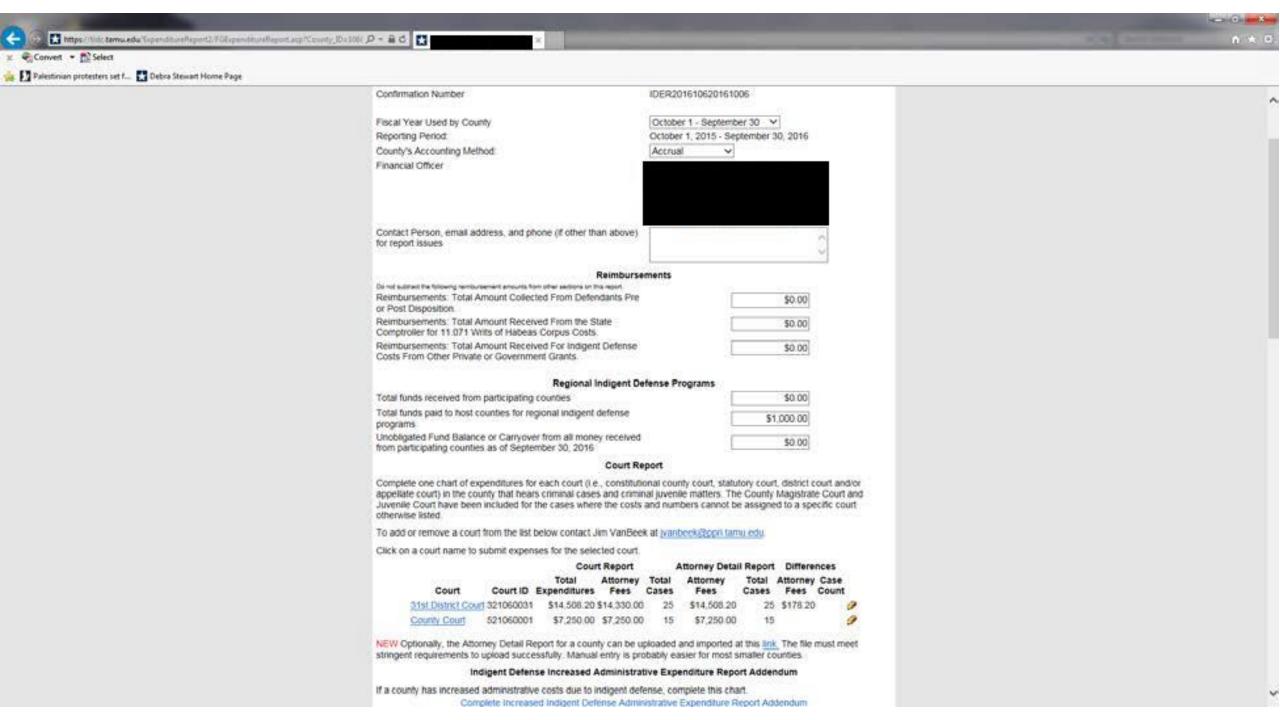








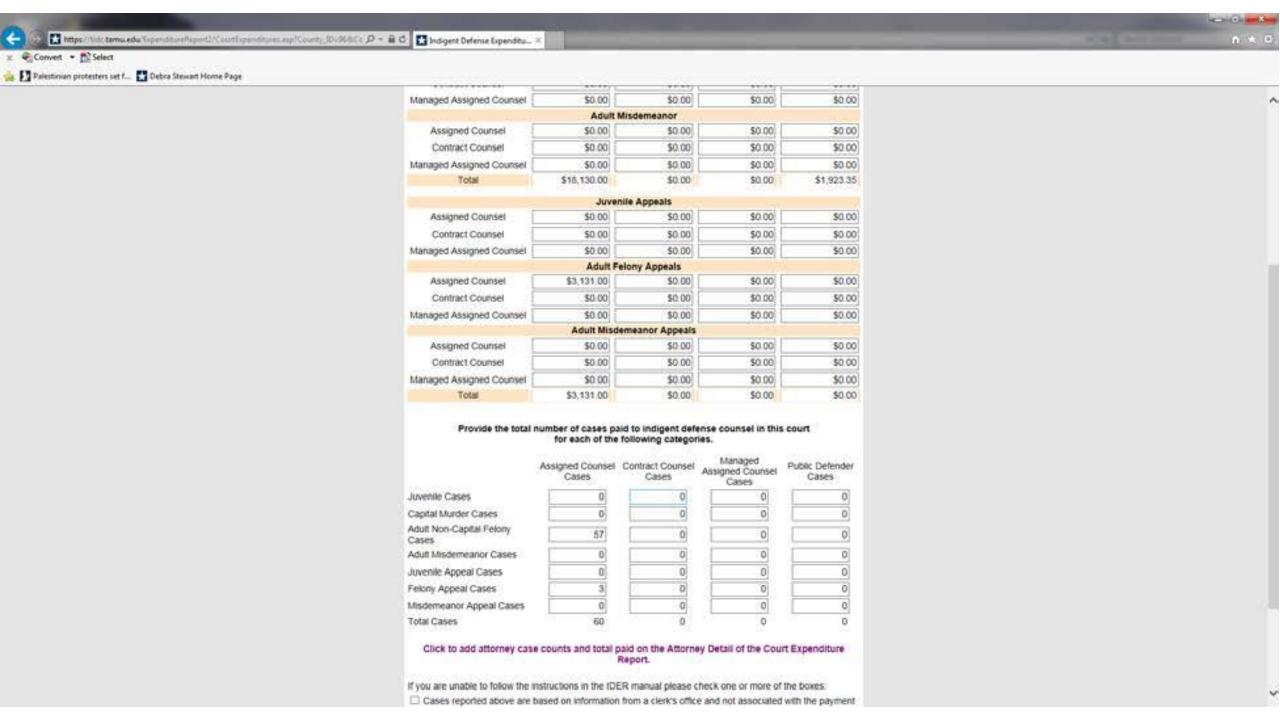






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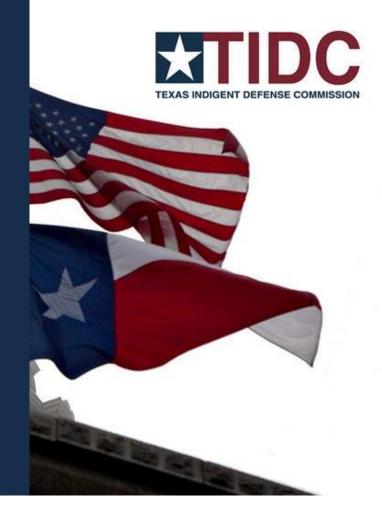
Limestone County

Year	2001	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Texas 2016
Population (Non-Census years are estimates)	22,295	23,858	24,094	22,982	24,186	24,104	27,725,192
Felony Charges Added (from OCA report)		377	386	399	371	385	276,879
Felony Cases Paid		225	279	344	329	341	200,580
% Felony Charges Defended with Appointed Counsel		60%	72%	86%	89%	89%	72%
Felony Trial Court-Attorney Fees		\$119,244	\$117,705	\$143,117	\$140,064	\$132,236	\$115,192,600
Total Felony Court Expenditures		\$149,790	\$144,660	\$152,617	\$164,904	\$138,536	\$131,727,198
Misdemeanor Charges Added (from OCA report)		534	581	552	508	490	481,253
Misdemeanor Cases Paid		223	232	198	188	161	214,674
% Misdemeanor Charges Defended with Appointed Counsel		42%	40%	36%	37%	33%	45%
Misdemeanor Trial Court Attorney Fees		\$91,781	\$72,169	\$44,379	\$44,934	\$35,433	\$40,245,051
Total Misdemeanor Court Expenditures		\$91,781	\$72,169	\$45,579	\$44,934	\$35,433	\$41,003,480
Juvenile Charges Added (from OCA report)		32	24	25	22	17	27,307
Juvenile Cases Paid		37	11	15	14	13	41,989
Juvenile Attorney Fees		\$19,446	\$3,840	\$4,813	\$5,266	\$2,735	\$11,119,664
Total Juvenile Expenditures		\$19,446	\$3,840	\$4,813	\$5,266	\$2,735	\$11,424,425
Total Attorney Fees	\$71,083	\$238,911	\$204,949	\$196,065	\$202,653	\$175,084	\$172,232,454
Total ID Expenditures	\$71,083	\$318,956	\$311,291	\$265,497	\$298,245	\$252,260	\$247,730,647
Increase In Total Expenditures over 2001 Baseline		349%	338%	274%	320%	255%	179%
Total ID Expenditures per Population	\$3.19	\$13.37	\$12.92	\$11.55	\$12.33	\$10.47	\$8.94
Commission Formula Grant Disbursement		\$32,754	\$26,910	\$44,177	\$26,599	\$27,212	\$25,056,873
Costs Recouped from Defendants		\$18,265	\$15,939	\$21,957	\$14,586	\$16,465	\$11,055,035

Palo Pinto County

Year	2001	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Texas 2016
Population (Non-Census years are estimates)	27,398	28,375	28,497	28,635	28,743	28,382	27,725,192
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Felony Trial Court-Attorney Fees		\$85,720	\$106,400	\$100,825	\$135,200	\$106,682	\$115,192,600
Total Felony Court Expenditures		\$88,951	\$111,621	\$106,881	\$142,142	\$112,352	\$131,727,198
Misdemeanor Charges Added (from OCA report)		617	616	549	497	508	481,253
Misdemeanor Cases Paid		58	45	56	53	82	214,674
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Misdemeanor Trial Court Attorney Fees		\$11,850	\$9,425	\$12,150	\$11,475	\$18,475	\$40,245,051
Total Misdemeanor Court Expenditures		\$11,850	\$9,425	\$12,600	\$11,475	\$18,475	\$41,003,480
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Increase In Total Expenditures over 2001 Baseline		75%	86%	74%	128%	89%	179%
Total ID Expenditures per Population	\$2.80	\$4.75	\$5.02	\$4.66	\$6.10	\$5.11	\$8.94
Commission Formula Grant Disbursement	·	\$17,057	\$22,070	\$36,813	\$24,263	\$25,993	\$25,056,873
Costs Recouped from Defendants		\$7,862	\$9,286	\$5,519	\$8,507	\$7,405	\$11,055,035
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What to expect during an on-site or desk review.



http://tidc.texas.gov

Request for Information

- Initial Request Please forward electronically, if possible the following by Date:
- General Ledger or other support of activities that support the IDER for FY20XX.
- Other Documents Please make available upon request:
- Copies of paid attorney fee vouchers (A selection of these invoices will be requested after the review of the submitted General Ledger or other support)
- A copy of the published attorney fee schedules for criminal and juvenile cases.
- Copy of the public attorney appointment list
- The records that exist which document that an attorney applied to be included on the public appointment list.
- The records that exist that document continuing legal education (CLE) of attorneys on the public appointment list.
- Policy and Procedures regarding grant reporting
- Any written accounting procedures as related to criminal indigent defense expenses.
- If applicable, provide a copy of any written contract(s) for indigent defense services.
- If applicable, a copy of the open bidding and selection process used to solicit contract attorneys, such as a Request for Qualification.
- If applicable, documentation to support contractual and equipment expenses.
- If applicable, inventory records of grant funded equipment purchases.
- If applicable, records which outline equipment with more than 1 year of usefulness and items of equipment with an acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more.
- If applicable, documentation to support salaries allocated to Administrative Expense.

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Re-create IDER

- Is the information provided from the county's general ledger?
- Or can the information be traced back to the general ledger. (i.e. spreadsheets)
- Can I trace the information provided back to the IDER?
- Do I have the universe of data to sample?
- Once information is verified, selection of sample invoices will be made.

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- If applicable, documentation to support salaries allocated to Administrative Expense.

Fiscal Monitoring Payment Elements (Legal)

- Attorney Fee Vouchers and Invoices
 - Itemized
 - Submitted
 - Approved
- Proper Payment
 - Classification of Expenses
 - Attorneys on Wheel w/Judge Approval
 - OAttorneys CLE Requirements

Texas Administrative Code

TITLE 1 ADMINISTRATION
PART 8 TEXAS JUDICIAL COUNCIL
CHAPTER 174 INDIGENT DEFENSE POLICIES AND STANDARDS
SUBCHAPTER B CONTRACT DEFENDER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
DIVISION 1 DEFINITIONS
RULE §174.10 Subchapter Definitions

The following words and terms when used in this subchapter shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

- (1) Appointing Authority. The appointing authority is the:
- (A) Judge or judges who have authority to establish an indigent defense plan and approve attorneys to represent indigent defendants in criminal cases under Article 26.04, Code of Criminal Procedure; and/or
- (B) Juvenile board that has authority to establish an indigent defense plan and approve attorneys to represent indigent respondents in juvenile cases under §51.102, Family Code.
- (2) Contract Defender Program. Contract defender program means a system under which private attorneys, acting as independent contractors and compensated with public funds, are engaged to provide legal representation and services to a group of unspecified indigent defendants who appear before a particular court or group of courts.
- (3) Contracting Authority. The contracting authority is the county or counties that have the authority to conclude a contract and to obligate funds for the provision of indigent defense services.
- (4) Contractor. The contractor is an attorney, law firm, professional association, lawyer's association, law school, bar association, non-profit organization or other entity that can be
- (5) Itemized Fee Voucher. An itemized fee voucher is any instrument, such as an invoice, that details services provided by a contractor providing indigent defense services. The itemized fee voucher may be in paper or electronic form. It shall include at a minimum all the information necessary for the county auditor or other designated official to complete the expenditure report required to be submitted to the Office of Court Administration by §71.0351, Government Code.

Minimum Required Itemization per IDER Instruction Manual

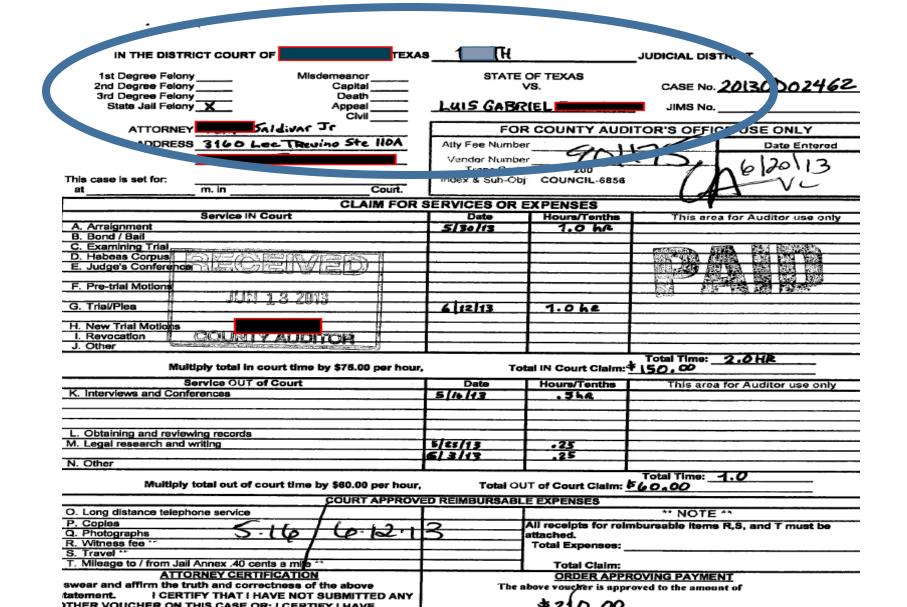
Under Article 26.05(c) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, "...No payment shall be made under this article until the form for itemizing the services performed is submitted to the judge presiding over the proceedings or, if the county operates a managed assigned counsel program under Article 26.047, to the director of the program, and until the judge or director, as applicable approves the payment. The information reported must be consistent with the fee schedule adopted by the courts for each level of case. Invoices approved by a judge or director must include at a minimum: 1) the payee; 2) the service(s) provided which must include the case(s) level by type; 3) the date(s); and 4) the amount. Public defenders do not use invoices. The only way that a fiscal officer will be able to reconcile courts, attorneys, and amounts or to establish veracity of the IDER is to list the cause numbers of the cases disposed for a specific defendant for any of the following systems:

- I'm going to select various attorney fee vouchers and test for the following attributes:
 - Is the voucher for an allowable expense
 - Did the attorney submit
 - Is there documentation that voucher is related to a criminal case, including case number
 - Is there more than one case listed on voucher
 - Did the attorney itemize the service provided
 - Is the court listed
 - Are the fees consistent with the published fee schedule
 - Did the judge approve the amount requested? If Not,
 - o Is there a written explanation for variance?
 - O Did the judge sign the voucher?

Attribute – Submitted by Attorney

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF	(AS 120TH	120TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT				
1st Degree Felony Misdemeanor	STATE	TE OF TEXAS				
2nd Degree Felony Capital		VS.	CASE No. 20130D02462			
State Jail Felony Death Appeal	LUIS GABE	2(E)	JIMS No.			
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Attribute – Related to Criminal Case/ Court listed



Attribute – More than one Cause/Case Number

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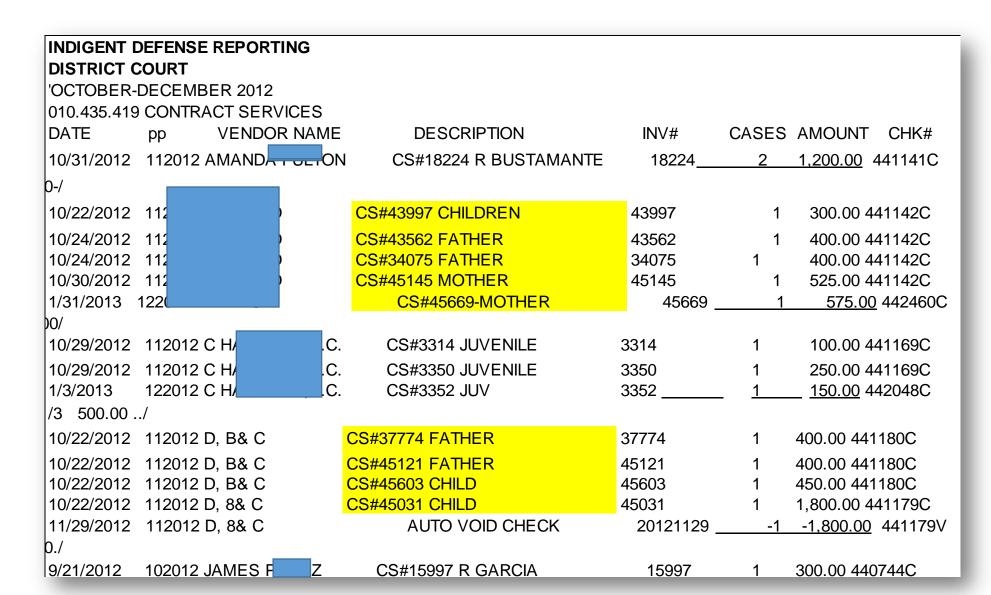
Attribute - Itemized Services provided/ Fee schedule

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Attribute – Judge Approved amount and signed

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Examples of Findings - Expenditures of Civil Cases included with Criminal



Example of case count error

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11/5/2012	Beltran Teresa	F	527.50	2	DANIELL HOLLIE	(2)VARIOUS	34	1278130 AF1204283	06-24-11-10-4-12	MOODY	ATTORNEY
11/8/2012	Foster Scott	F	1,307.50	2	QUIROZ JOE	(2)VARIOUS	120	1278251 AF1204304	07-27-11 10-19-12	SALAS MENDOZA	ATTORNEY
11/8/2012	Benjamin Law Firm	F	1,273.00	2	NOYA HECTOR	(2)VARIOUS	409	1278450 AF1204309	12-09-10 8-20-12	SALAS MENDOZA	ATTORNEY
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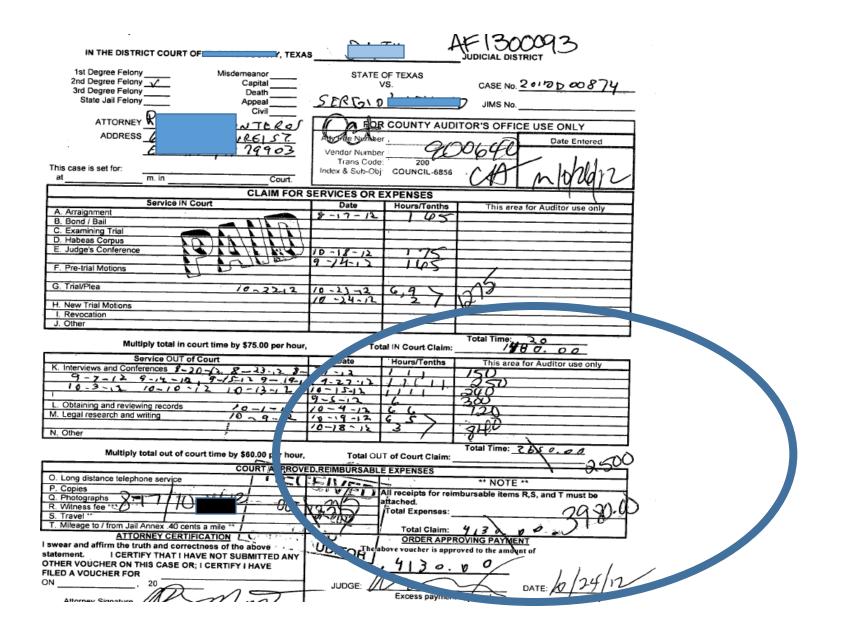
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Examples of Invoice Findings – changed approved payment



Eligibility of Mental Health Evaluation

Competency to stand trial vs.

Preparation for defense

Authoritative statute

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Sec. 173.202. USE OF FUNDS.

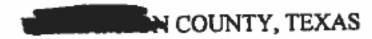
Grants provided under this chapter may be used by counties for:

- (1) Attorney fees for indigent defendants accused of crimes or juvenile offenses;
- (2) Expenses for licensed investigators, experts, forensic specialists, or mental health experts related to the criminal defense of indigent defendants;
- 3) Other direct litigation costs related to the criminal defense of indigent defendants; and
- (4) Other approved expenses allowed by the Request for Applications necessary for the operation of a funded program.

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- General government costs;
- Costs of law enforcement, prosecution, and incarceration;
- Replacing existing county funding with grant funds (supplanting);
- Prosecution costs such as attorney fees, licensed investigator fees, expert witness fees, lab fees, transcript fees, mental health evaluations, sociological evaluations, copying fees, or any other costs paid by the county to prosecute a defendant;
- Cost of operating court systems including docketing, general case management systems, or court and administrative personnel unrelated to the provision of indigent defense;
- Court reporters The routine fees and costs associated with court reporting are not allowable. Counties that expend additional funds for transcription fees (statement of facts) on behalf of an indigent defendant's appeal may claim the additional direct costs as "Other Litigation Expenses";

"...invoices were for competency/psychological evaluations that were not readily determined to have been requested by the defense counsel. If these evaluations were requested by the defense counsel they are permitted however if they are requested by the judge or prosecuting attorney they would not be allowed as an indigent defense expense. Support that the expense is requested by the defense attorney should be documented."



ORDER

ON THIS DAY came to be heard the State's Motion to Examine Defendant for Competency. After hearing the evidence and arguments of counsel, the court finds that

the motion should be GRANTED/ DENIED.

The Court hereby ORDERS that a disinterested expert experienced and qualified in mental health or mental retardation to examine the defendant pursuant to Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 46B.

The examiner is advised that the Defendant is charged with the felony offense of Injury to a Child alleged to have been committed on or about the 29th day of September, 2009.

A person is incompetent to stand trial if he does not have (1) sufficient present ability to consult with his lawyer with a reasonable degree of rational understanding or (2) a rational as well as factual understanding of the proceedings against him.

The examiner shall submit a sanity report in writing to this Court within 30 days of this Order of Examination. The report shall state the examining expert's opinion on

Motion to Examine Defendant for Competency

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

COMES NOW the State of Texas, represented by Assistant District Attorney in the above styled and numbered cause and, pursuant to TEX. CRIM. PRO. Chapter 46B, presents this motion and in support of this motion shows:

I.

The defendant has been charged with the felony offense of Unauthorized Use Of Vehicle in the above cause, and is presently in custody in the Vehicle County jail awaiting disposition of his case.

II.

Article 46B.021 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure states that at any time the issue of the defendant's incompetency to stand trial is raised, the court may, on its

Eligibility of Mental Health Evaluation Expert Fees

Generally speaking, experts requested and hired by the defense to conduct a psychological evaluation are considered eligible indigent defense expenditures and should be included in the Expert Witness sections of the IDER.

Not all psychological evaluations of a defendant who is indigent are eligible, however. For example, competency evaluations ordered by the court are not eligible defense costs.

To determine whether a psychological evaluation is an eligible indigent defense expenditure, auditors should determine if the expert fees in question were initiated through an *ex parte* motion by the defense. In such circumstances, the resulting reports would be privileged information provided only to the defense attorney.

By contrast, psychological evaluations ordered by the court and which yield expert reports made available directly to the court or to all parties would not be counted as eligible indigent defense expenditures.

STATE OF TEXAS

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ORDER FOR EX PARTE PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF DEFENDANT

On 2015, the Court considered the Defendant's Motion for

Psychological Examination and Evaluation of Defendant. The Court is of the opinion that Defendant should be examined so as to assist Defense Counsel in representation of Defendant.

It is, therefore, ORDERED that the shall perform a Psychological Examination and Evaluation of

It is further ORDERED that a written report of the examination as described below be submitted to the Defense Counsel not later than thirty (30) days of the date of this Order.

Signed on I May

9 counties and one follow-up

Unallowable

general court expenditures were listed	5 counties
general court , civil cases and prosecution cost	1 county
civil case expenditures	1 county
CLE hours were not maintained	2 counties
attorney fee vouchers not itemized	2 counties
Written explanation for variance not present	6 counties
IDER not prepared in required manner	2
IDER was not supported by financial data	5
Payments not made in accordance with fee schedule	2
Vouchers utilized by attorneys was not the voucher adopted by the courts. / variety of forms	2
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