
Superior Court

Mission Statement:

- Adjudicate all cases, both criminal and civil, in a just and timely manner
- Assure due process and equal protection under the law
- Promote access to justice to all persons

Functions:

The Superior Court is a general jurisdiction court. It has the responsibility of adjudicating matters coming before it over which it has original or appellate jurisdiction, pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Washington. This includes felony criminal, civil, juvenile, domestic relations, adoption, guardianship, paternity, probate, domestic violence and mental illness cases. The court is charged with resolving cases in an accessible and expeditious fashion.

Long Term Goals:

- Provide continuous training and education to staff and judges to ensure a high level of competency and efficiency
- Provide a secure courtroom for the processing of criminal and civil cases that protect litigants, witnesses, spectators and court personnel
- Management of limited resources in the current budget. and planning for future shrinkage projections

Short Term Objectives:

- Continue to secure on-going Drug Court Funding
- Expand use of video conferencing for Family Court appearances to minimize travel from outlining areas
- Management of limited resources in the current budget climate.

Accomplishments in 2007

- Continued consolidated Pay or Appear Program through Superior and District Court for efficiency and shared resources.
- The Superior Court Drug Court Facilitator continues to facilitate the State's first high risk DUI Drug Court in District Court sharing limited resources. Participants average over 3 DUI convictions each. Thirteen participants have successfully completed the program since its inception.
- Clallam County's Adult Drug Court is steady at 60 active participants. Since its inception, almost 8 years ago, 152 participants have successfully completed the Drug Court Program. Court.
- Juvenile Drug Court is steady at 20 active participants. Seventy-eight participants have successfully completed the Juvenile Drug Court Program since its inception. The continued stability of the drug court

team, i.e. Judge, Prosecutor, Defense, treatment and Coordinator has increased the effectiveness of the program.

- Family court has a ten-year average of settling 90% domestic cases through the settlement conference procedure.
- Continued access to courts and improved efficiency of resources through implementation of video teleconferencing for Juvenile new arrests and Clallam Bay Correctional Center inmates.
- The Office of Public Defense assumed costs for funding in dependency and termination cases for representation of parents. The court successfully negotiated contracts for child representation.
- Continued cap on Guardian ad Litem fees.
- Continued use of Special Report Mental Health Calendar reducing jail resources.
- Collaboration with the Clallam County Sheriff's Department to decrease jail population through Promise to Appear Program.
- Successful establishment of the Security Correction Officer position. In the 1st 6 months of 2007, the Court Security Officer took 161 person into custody, responded to 45 reported incidents and 85 requests for stand-by assistance.
- Security Officer completed Courthouse Security training through the Advanced Law Enforcement Readiness Training and Domestic Violence Training.
- Competed for and received federal STOP Violence Against Women Grant from AOC for the purchase of a walk-through metal detector, hand wand detector and reflective security window treatment.
- Negotiated and implemented new contract for representation of truancy cases.

Performance Indicators:

The Superior Court caseload has increased dramatically. In 1992, the Superior Court of Clallam County held 5,273 court hearings. In 2006, the Superior Court in Clallam County held 21,705 court hearings. In both 1992 and 2006 the Clallam County Superior Court consisted of two elected Superior Court Judges and one full time appointed Court Commissioner.

Staffing Level:

Superior Court & Drug Court	2004 Actual	2005 Actual	2006 Actual	2007 Actual
Full Time Equivalents	6.33	6.33	7.0	8.68

Workload Indicators:

	2005 Actual	2006 Actual	6/30/07 Actual	2008 Projected
Cases Filed:				
Criminal	650	599	313	
Civil	1,231	1,155	644	
Domestic	394	372	193	
Probate/Guardianship	333	336	218	
Adoption/Paternity	150	118	101	
Mental Illness	14	12	3	
Juvenile Dependency	743	733	423	
Juvenile Offender	381	352	164	Estimated
TOTAL CASES FILED	3,896	3,677	2,059	3,787
Trials				
Civil Non-Jury Trial	40	39	12	
Civil Jury Trials	8	2	2	
Juvenile Offender	8	11	1	
Criminal Non-Jury Trials	11	13	13	
Criminal Jury Trials	31	32	11	Estimated
TOTAL TRIALS	98	97	39	97
Non-Trial Proceedings				
Criminal	10,432	10,594	5,607	
Civil	1,243	1,160	597	
Domestic	1,990	1,740	875	
Probate/Guardianship	333	373	240	
Adoption/Paternity	622	553	1	
Mental Illness	4	10	1	
Juvenile Dependency	2,449	3,034	1,992	
Juvenile Offender	4,353	4,144	1,641	Estimated
TOTAL NON-TRIAL PROCEEDINGS	21,426	21,608	10,954	21,517

Superior Court Operating Budget

Revenues:

	2005 Actual	2006 Actual	6/30/07 Actual	2008 Budgeted
Taxes	00	0	0	0
Licenses and Permits	00	0	0	0
Intergovernmental Revenues	24,266	40,018	39,718	103,633
Charges for Goods and Services	1,4831	500	2,000	500
Fines and Forfeits	3,0103	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Revenues	6366	1,000	1,000	1,000
Non-revenues	8,2768	0	0	0
Other Financing Sources	10,836	0	0	0
General Tax Support	792,231	925,397	919,697	959,649
TOTAL	839,739	\$966,915	\$962,415	\$1,064,782

*Estimated interfund revenue transfer from proposed Therapeutic Court.

Expenditures:

	2005 Actual	2006 Actual	6/30/07 Actual	2008 Budgeted
Salaries and Wages	423,305	480,847	480,847	626,532
Personnel Benefits	31,567	41,258	41,258	123,621
Supplies	14,479	11,656	11,656	13,456
Other Services and Charges	337,112	384,703	384,703	301,173
Intergovernmental Services	00	0	0	0
Interfund Payments for Services	33,275	43,951	43,951	0
Capital Outlay	00	4,500	0	0
TOTAL	839,738	\$966,915	\$962,415	\$1,064,782

Drug Court Operating Budget

Revenues:

	2005 Actual	2006 Actual	6/30/07 Actual	2008 Budgeted
Beginning Fund Balance	12,577	6,873	7,000	7,124
Taxes	0	0	0	0
Licenses and Permits	0	0	0	0
Intergovernmental Revenues	0	0	0	0
Charges for Goods and Services	33,439	31,592	31,000	29,000
Fines and Forfeits	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Revenues	0	0	0	0
Non-revenues	0	0	0	0
Other Financing Sources	0	0	0	0
General Tax Support	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	\$46,016	\$32,465	\$38,000	\$36,124

Expenditures:

	2005 Actual	2006 Actual	6/30/07 Actual	2008 Budgeted
Salaries and Wages	10,343	10,932	10,932	11,676
Personnel Benefits	791	836	836	1,017
Supplies	684	2,000	2,000	1,600
Other Services and Charges	1,096	15,075	15,075	13,325
Intergovernmental Services	0	0	0	0
Interfund Payments for Services	2,777	3,622	3,622	3,269
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0
Transfer to Superior Court	10,836	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balance	9,489	13,953	5,535	5,237
TOTAL	\$46,016	\$32,465	\$38,000	\$36,124

Agency Structure:

