Mendocino County
PD – ADO Budget Proposal 2019-20

Presented to the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

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PD funding enables us to → County Savings

1. Transportation expenses – video & new arraignment court.
2. In-House training.
3. Requesting attorney fees.
4. Alternative funding.
5. e-Discovery & e-storage.
6. Implementing extern program to add additional help

Renovating the Office

Creating more diversity . . .
Monitoring our web presence . . .
Watching our carbon footprint . . .
Creating usable case statistics . . .
Exploring alternatives to Juvenile Hall . . .

Methodology: PD calculated our case openings per attorney, compared them to national standards, other PD offices, and other county criminal litigation offices, and revised our budget accordingly . . .

PD Case Openings from 1-1-18 through 12-31-18

Cases New to PD:

Q 1: 827

Q 2: 834

Q 3: 756

Q 4: 772

TOTAL: 3189

PD Cases Reopened:

Q 1: 564

Q 2: 571

Q 3: 840

Q 4: 602

TOTAL: 2577

Total # of Cases: 5766

Metrics: National Standards
ABA and Texas A & M Standards

1973 ABA STANDARDS:

One Attorney should handle no more than:

150 felonies, or

400 misdemeanors, or

200 juvenile court cases

2015 TEXAS A & M STANDARDS:

One Attorney should handle at most:

236 misdemeanors

175 State jail F (180 days ≥ 2 yrs)

144 3rd degree F (2 ≥ 10 yrs)

105 2nd degree F (2 ≥ 20 yrs)

77 1st degree F (5 ≥ 99 yrs or life)

NATIONAL STANDARDS & STAFFING BASED ON 8 F AND 3 M ATTORNEYS (CURRENT)

	ABA	Texas
Misd (x 3)	1200	708
Fel (x 8)	1200	1152
Total Cases	2400	1860

Caseload Standard	PD % of national standards (based on 5766 cases)
ABA (2400 cases)	**240%**
Texas (1860 cases)	**310%**

With current staffing, PD is over 240% of ABA or Texas staffing . . .

Criminal Litigation Office Comparisons	Cases	Attys / Cases per Atty	Investigators& witness support / Cases per atty	Clerical / Cases per Support Staff
Mendocino County PD	5766	11 / 524	3 / 1922	7 / 823
Solano (2015 PD & ADO Annual Report at pp. 5-6)	11,285 PD + 2,815 ADO = 14,100	53 / 266	9.5 / 1484	20.5 / 687
Sacramento (PD website & 2/2018 Org Chart)	30,000	99 / 303	23 / 1304	23 / 1304
Mendocino County DA	N/A – staffing % based on PD doing 75% of DA's cases	(19 total @ 75% =) 16	(12.5 total @ 75% =) 9.375	(22 total @ 75% =) 16.5

OUR CURRENT CASELOAD SHOWS STAFFING DESCREPANCIES = EXCESSIVE CASELOADS

Atty	F	M	Civil	Juvi	Drug Ct
JA	36	15	0	0	0
AA	30	20	72	0	34
JH	2	1	35	35	0
HL	40	26	0	0	0
ML	32	9	0	0	0
FM	36	99	5	0	0
DM	39	12	0	0	0
ER	44	17	0	0	0
Totals	259	199	86*	35	34

Total # of Felony Cases = 613

Average # of cases per F attorney: 77 cases

Average # of cases per M attorney: 156.33
(95 F/M + 61.33 M pending completion)

Felony and Misdemeanor Caseloads

Atty	F	M	M - com
BB	1	78	57
MK	1	82	43
RS	1	122	84
Totals	3	282	184

Support Staff Caseloads

Staff Member	F/M Cases	M pending completion	Drug Court Cases
AP	145	0	0
DG	140	30	0
LH	86	129	0
MR	279	100	0
MB	174	84	0
PK	93	4	34
Totals	951	347	34

Totals: 951 F/M + drug court + 347 M pending = 1298 pending cases

Average per staff member:
1298/6 = 216 cases/staff member
1298/8 = 162 cases/staff member

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FY 2018-19 to date has opened 552 cases.
Expects to open 600+ by year's end.

	Strike cases	Murders	Life Sentence
ADO #	39	2	8

These cases = 8.9% of the ADO's caseload.

Homicides and SB 1437 → **need for Deputy IV**

Attorney's Fees
Enrollment Fees
Realignment Funds
→ **Reducing ADO costs**

PD & ADO Requests for 2019-20:

PD Requests:

1. 2 Legal Secretary II positions to bring staff from 216.33 to 162.50 cases.
2. Filling our 1 DPD I vacant position, which is authorized but not funded, to avoid all of our case per attorney figures going higher.
3. No 10% cut from last year's budget.

No funding for facility modifications previously requested.
No increase in 2000 series expenses despite inflation.

ADO Request:

1. Deputy IV position be restored.