

# **Judicial Branch of the Navajo Nation**

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## Message from the Chief Justice

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I have been an Associate Justice since 2008 and am now serving as the Chief Justice of the Navajo Nation as of May 15, 2015, until a new Chief Justice is appointed and confirmed. Prior to serving on the Supreme Court, I was a District Court Judge at Crownpoint Judicial District, a legislative advisor working for the Navajo Nation Council, a tribal court advocate at the Navajo Nation Department of Justice, a juvenile presenting officer with the prosecutor's office and a tribal court advocate at DNA – People's Legal Services. I have also been a school board member and served as a chapter official. This is the experience I bring to our Navajo Nation government.

On June 27, 2015, I joined the branch chiefs and Navajo Nation Council Delegates to present the priorities of the Judicial Branch and discuss priorities of the Navajo Nation as a whole. As a result of discussions, the branch chiefs were asked to prioritize economic development for the Navajo People. If it is truly the priority of the Navajo Nation to create economic development and opportunity for our people, there needs to be a strong and independent judiciary. According to Dr. Manley Begay, professor of applied indigenous studies at Northern Arizona University, the judiciary is a "key element in economic development and growth" and an independent judiciary contributes a boost to reservation employment compared to a governmental system with no independent judiciary. Dr. Begay states that independent courts provide protection of property rights, contract enforcement and a stable legal environment, which encourages investment and economic development. An independent judiciary gives confidence for investments to be made on tribal reservations because investors are assured that their cases will be heard fairly and without the influence of political interference should the need for dispute resolution arise. This information is based on his research and has been presented on numerous occasions to tribal departments as well as to our oversight committee.

Having adequate facilities portrays to the world that this nation takes justice seriously, which further enhances an independent judiciary. I would like to reiterate that our priority as a branch continues to be the urgent need for facilities for the Navajo Nation's judicial districts and the programs of the Judicial Branch. Many judicial districts occupy facilities that were built decades ago and have since outgrown them. For Window Rock Judicial District, the facility has been deemed to be unsafe for the staff and the public, which affects both the court and detention facility. There is a long-standing need for staff to vacate the building and for a new facility to be secured.

In the case of the Supreme Court – the highest court of our nation – and the Administrative Offices of the Courts, there is no facility for either. As of June 18, 2015, the building that staff members from both the Supreme Court and AOC had been occupying as a temporary facility for eight years was ordered to be vacated by the Navajo Occupational Safety and Health Administration. The AOC serves all judicial districts, with fiscal services, human resources, and information technology. Staff from those offices are now scattered throughout the Window Rock area, including at the Navajo Department of Information Technology and the former Navajo Family Health Resource Network office. The Supreme Court staff members and justice currently are crowded into an office space where there had previously been two staff members. There are now four occupying that office space in addition to a summer intern.

Previous administrations of the Judicial Branch have actively sought funding, through presentations to our oversight committee, requests to the Budget and Finance Committee and seeking appropriations from the Arizona State Legislature, for the construction of a Supreme Court and a central office for judicial administration. The proposed Supreme Court/Administrative Offices of the Courts/Peacemaking Program complex is included in the Navajo Nation's Five Year Plan for Chapters' Infrastructure Improvement Priority Projects through Resolution No. CAP-18-14 and is construction ready.

These are some of our dire needs. Staff members at Kayenta, Ramah, and Shiprock are also overcrowded and in need of sufficient facilities for staff and for the public. Dził Yijiin Judicial District is currently operating out of a temporary facility at Whippoorwill and is in need of adequate office space and a court room to conduct court sessions. Related to the need for adequate facilities is the need to secure operations and maintenance funding for our buildings. We urge our leadership to fund facilities and to advocate on our behalf to receive O&M funds that are an obligation of the Bureau of Indian Affairs so that we will be able to provide safe and adequate facilities for our staff and the public that we serve.

## **ORIENTATION**

The Judicial Branch provided an orientation for the Law and Order Committee and the President of the Navajo Nation in partnership with Northern Arizona University on June 16-18, 2015. This was the first time that we as a branch have conducted such an educational session on the foundational principles of the judicial system for our leadership and we are thankful for the assistance that NAU was able to bring forth in providing the setting and justice experts. We appreciate the dedication of the committee members and of President Russell Begaye in attending this work session. We would like to continue to work with the Navajo Nation leadership in addressing other areas for further educational sessions.

It was during this work session that Dr. Begay provided the Law and Order Committee with a presentation on nation building and the impact of a strong judiciary on economic growth. A history of the Navajo Nation courts was presented by Dr. Raymond Austin, Associate Justice Emeritus who served six years on the bench. Johnson Dennison, Navajo medicine man and educator, spoke on Traditional Navajo Leadership and Dr. Larry Emerson presented on Paradigm Shift. I encourage each Navajo Nation Council Delegate and leader to seek out this knowledge and to utilize the research of our Navajo scholars in planning policy and in decision making.

## **JUDICIAL CONDUCT COMMISSION**

I have made it a priority to re-establish the Judicial Conduct Commission. The last appointment to the Commission by the judicial conference was made in April 2009, thus there was a need to make appointments pursuant to our authority at 7 N.N.C. § 423 (A)(1) and (2), which state that the judges and justices of the Navajo Nation select two members – one who is a sitting or retired federal or state court judge and one who is a retired Navajo Nation judge or justice. The judges met in a special judicial conference earlier this month and have selected their appointments to the Commission, each of whom has

agreed to serve. These appointments will be approved by resolution at the Quarterly Judicial Conference to take place at the end of this month.

I have also asked the Navajo Nation Bar Association to make its selection for two members to the Commission. I understand that the NNBA membership has begun discussions to solicit nominations from among their members to the Commission.

As stated in the law, the Law and Order Committee also appoints one member of the public to the Commission. We look forward to the committee naming its appointee so that we may begin to work with the newly seated Commissioners.

Once appointments have been made, my office is planning to conduct an orientation and work session for the Commissioners. One of the first tasks that the Commission must undertake is establishing a plan of operation, which will be sent to the Law and Order Committee once completed.

I would like for the Navajo Nation leadership to consider a proposal that had been recommended by judicial conference resolution passed in October 2008 to amend the law regarding the Judicial Conduct Commission to include an appointment by the Peacemaking Program of a member who is knowledgeable in Diné Fundamental Law. This recommendation was made because the Navajo Nation Council has found that all elements of our government must learn, practice and educate the Diné on the values and principles of Diné bi beenahaz'áanii and because we have a dual dispute resolution system. While this is a recommendation I am seeking for our leadership to seriously consider, I am continuing to move forward with implementing the law that is in place.

## **JUDGES AND JUSTICES**

Two judges have completed their two-year probationary periods and we are seeking for them to become permanent judges. The Law and Order Committee has recommended the permanent appointments of District Court Judge Victoria Yazzie and District Court Judge Leonard Livingston. These judges have served the local judicial districts and have completed necessary judicial training. There is also the matter of one judge who has been on probationary status for five years. The Law and Order Committee has scheduled a public hearing for this judge and we look forward to a positive recommendation for her as well.

The Judicial Branch is currently operating with only 12 judges hearing cases, including four judges who are still on probationary status, and only one justice of the Supreme Court. I urge the President and the Navajo Nation Council to take action on the status of the three judges who have completed their probationary terms and assist us in filling the five vacant judge positions as well as the two vacancies on the Supreme Court. The third associate justice position has been vacant since 2010 while the Chief Justice position has been vacant for two months. With so many vacancies, caseloads increase and some cases may be prolonged much longer due to not enough judges hearing cases.

In conclusion, I would like to extend my appreciation to the former Chief Justice, the Honorable Herb Yazzie, for 10 years of dedicated service to the Navajo Nation and Navajo People as the head of the Supreme Court and the Judicial Branch. Chief Justice Yazzie also served the Navajo Nation as the Chief Legislative Counsel and as the Attorney General. He served the country as a veteran of the U.S. Army. On behalf of the Judicial Branch, I'd like to say *ahéhee'* to the Chief Justice Emeritus and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

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## II. Vision, Mission and Strategic Goals

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

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## IV. Administrative Office of the Courts

### A. Special Projects

#### Senior Budget Analyst Roberta Sam

- K150735 (BIA Contract)
  - The Judicial Branch received unilateral Modification Number 20 for CY2015 Tribal Courts, Contract No. A12AV00698, in the amount of \$104,528. The modification represents the distribution of FY2015 Direct Contract Support Costs (DCSC). Funds are available through September 30, 2016.
  - The *Summary of Changes on External Fund Budget* form was prepared to distribute funds: (a) \$7,246 for Operating Supplies; (b) \$41,754 for Building/Space Rental; (c) \$54,028 for Equipment Rental.
  - The Judicial Branch received a unilateral Modification Number 21 to CY2015 in the amount of \$111,000, which represents FY2015 distribution that corresponds to the base increase established in FY2014. Funds are to be used for two traditional program specialist positions. Funds are available through September 30, 2016.
  - The *Summary of Changes on External Fund Budget* form was prepared to distribute funds: (a) \$111,000 for Personnel Services.
- K100803, K110801, K120801, K120802, K1405102 Grants
  - Provided Navajo Nation Contracts and Grants/OMB Judicial Branch USDOJ Grants copies of the FFR and Progress Reports ending March 31, 2015, for the *Letter of Assurance* to draw down funds expended during the quarter ending March 31, 2015.
- Reviewed and updated daily expenditures. Processed travel expense reports, receiving reports, and general claim forms. Posted and signed off for funds availability of expenses related to the NNIJISP and USDOJ grants. Dropped off and picked up documents going through the Section 164 review process.

#### Grants Administrator Raquel Chee

- Grant Applications
  - JAG 2015 Grant submitted for \$58,802 to assist victims of domestic violence and family violence with process serving of protection orders free of charge.
  - 2015 Second Chance Reentry Grant in amount of \$999,988 to develop and implement a reentry program for those reintegrating back into Navajo society from state and federal corrections systems.
  - 2015 Tribal Court Improvement Program Grant in amount of \$441,312 to provide needed child welfare training for judges, staff attorneys, and court staff.
- Awards
  - Tribal Reentry Workshop
- Webinars
  - BJA PMT Affordable Care Act Measures Revised
  - Evidence-Based Housing Approaches for Persons with Behavioral Health Needs in the Justice System
  - Money Matters and Reentry: An Overview of a Financial Literacy Toolkit for Practitioners
  - Reentry Webinars
- Training
  - Tribal Court Improvement Program Meeting in Washington, DC
  - Creating Environments for Better Health in our Tribal Communities Symposium in Albuquerque, NM

Construction Project Manager VanDerrit Poyer

- Shiprock Probation/Peacemaking Services. The building was completed on May 20, 2015, when the staff was given a class on how to work the HVAC system and where main utility shutoff valves are located. Frontier Communications recently wired the new facility with telephone lines, and Judicial Branch IT Department will install data lines when material arrives. Navajo Nation Design and Engineering Services conducted its final walk-through on June 3, 2015, and signed off on the Certificate of Occupancy.
- Pueblo Pintado Circuit Court. The building is near completion. The facility is fully constructed and ready to be moved into; however, there have been issues with Jemez Electric, the only utility company that services this area to run power to the modular building. After the invoice has been received with the cost to install power poles and lines, the contract for Jemez Electric will be submitted to the 164 review process to get the work done.
- Navajo Nation Supreme Court/Administrative Office of the Courts. The site has been cleared of vegetation. Footings will be poured the first part of July. The modular units will be shipped the second or third week of July for placement on the new foundation. A new electrical plan was submitted to NTUA for approval on June 15, 2015. NTUA will remove the utility lines and poles to make room for delivery and set up. The chart below shows that \$288,843.94 is still needed to complete the work.

<i>Initial Contract</i>	<i>\$ 1,200,000.00</i>	
CO#1	\$ 303,250.87	\$ 1,503,250.87
CO #2	\$ 7,976.55	\$ 1,511,227.42
CO #3	\$ 9,479.91	\$ 1,520,707.33
CO#4	\$ 3,852.20	\$ 1,524,559.53
CO #5	\$ 20,878.36	\$ 1,545,437.89
CO #6	\$ 170,266.98	\$ 1,715,704.87
CO #7	\$ 13,507.29	\$ 1,729,212.16
CO #8	\$ 8,149.10	<b>\$ 1,737,361.26</b>
Current Amount AVAILABLE		\$1,448,517.32
Current Contract AMOUNT		\$1,737,361.26
<b>AMOUNT NEEDED</b>		<b>\$ 288,843.94</b>

- CO #1 Cost for extra work to finish the construction of Supreme Court/AOC modular buildings after the site work is complete and modular buildings are set up.
- CO #2: Waterlines were re-routed around the project site at Pueblo Pintado for code compliance.
- CO #3: Tile work done by Walden Construction was beginning to uplift and was a safety hazard for traffic. The current contractor replaced lobby and hallway floor tiles.
- CO #4: Power was needed at the Pueblo Pintado site to complete interior; a generator was rented from United Rentals.
- CO #5: Storage fee of modular buildings in Kingman, Arizona, from February 2015 to April 2015. Additional storage fees will be due for May to July 2015. All modular units should be out of storage by the end of July 2015 and onsite in Window Rock.
- CO #6: Site agreements with KTNN were not in our favor and a decision was made to move the modular buildings to the previous Supreme Court/AOC site northeast of the Office of the NN President. There was an increase in cost for asphalt and electrical system install.

CO #7: Generator rental for an additional month at Pueblo Pintado to continue work on interior of structure.

CO #8: Install new waterline at the Window Rock site. The current waterline is galvanized pipes and is unhealthy for occupants to consume.

- Dził Yijiin Court. Dził Yijiin Court currently occupies half of the Whippoorwill RDBO office and do not have enough office space for all employees, a courtroom, or files. The construction manager is working with council delegate Dwight Witherspoon and Navajo Nation Design and Engineering Services. An estimate to rehabilitate a modular building for the court's use in the amount of \$350,000 was compiled. This modular building is currently located next to Dził Yijiin Court and will need site/drainage development, structural improvements, new roofing system, and interior renovations, i.e., new electrical wiring, floor tiles, appliances, hardware, and HVAC system. The estimated amount and the remaining balance from the modular building project will be combined and sent to the legislators for possible funding either from the Navajo Nation Council or Law and Order Committee.
- Shiprock Fire Alarm. For safety reasons, court administrator Ethel Laughing expressed need for a fire alarm system to be installed in the court and new probation/peacemaking modular building. Working with Ms. Laughing, the construction manager is compiling a scope of work with advice from Navajo Nation Design and Engineering Services and Navajo Nation Risk Management. As soon as it is ready, a Request for Proposal will be published in local newspapers.
- Chinle Peacemaking Hogan. Chinle Peacemaking would like to have its hogan sewer system connected. The construction manager is working on engineering plans and a tap-in permit from NTUA. Mr. Poyer will get new engineering drawings for the waste system from the hogan to the current sewer system in Chinle and obtain cost estimates to compete the work.
- Alamo Peacemaking Hogan. Alamo expressed need to get a sewer system installed at their facility. They purchased a septic tank and other materials; however, this may fall under Navajo Nation EPA restrictions and guidelines. The construction manager is looking into the regulations for the area and will work with Alamo to get the needed documents and designs.
- Ramah Judicial District. The construction manager met with Ramah Judicial District to discuss options for their need of a new facility and to begin looking at other funding sources for Design and Engineering Services.

## **B. Archiving**

### **1. Accomplishments of objectives set the previous quarter**

Prepared, organized, and scanned 2,230 files, including 2014 administrative orders and 2008-2009 files for the Office of the Chief Justice; 1996-1998 files for Chinle Judicial District; and fines and fees for Judicial Branch Fiscal Services.

Assisted Chinle, Window Rock, Tuba City, Shiprock, and Crownpoint Judicial Districts with retrieval of archived microfilmed records. The Judicial Branch has only one machine at the Administrative Office of the Courts in Window Rock to view and print records, so, district personnel have to travel to Window Rock to retrieve and print records. 95 microfilm cartridges were received from five judicial districts to print records requested by the public.

Assisted IT personnel by receiving and processing IT service requests submitted by the judicial districts and Judicial Branch programs.

2. Objectives to be accomplished in the next quarter

To scan fines and fees records for Judicial Branch Fiscal Services.

To receive IT service requests from Judicial Branch judicial districts, Supreme Court, Office of the Chief Justice, Probation Services, Peacemaking Program, and Administrative Office of the Courts.

To provide assistance, as needed, to the Judicial Branch IT Section, Fiscal Services, Special Projects, Human Resources, and Office of the Chief Justice.

To perform other duties as assigned.

### C. Information Technology

1. Accomplishments of objectives set the previous quarter

Provided continual HP AlphaServer, case management system (CMS), hardware, and other applicable network support at Ramah Court.

Provided continual personal computer support at Tuba City, Kayenta, Chinle, Dził Yijjin, Window Rock, Shiprock, Crownpoint, Ramah, Alamo, To'hajiilee, Dilkon, and Aneth courts. Personal computer support consisted of hardware/software support and software patches/updates for personal computers.

Provided continual support for digital recording systems, archival scanning systems, and video conferencing equipment.

Provided system administration support for the Justware computer software application for NN Supreme Court; Shiprock court, probation, prosecutor; Dilkon court, probation, peacemaking, prosecutor; Chinle court, probation, peacemaking, and prosecutor; Aneth court, probation, peacemaking; Kayenta court, probation, peacemaking, prosecutor; Tuba City court, probation, and peacemaking; Window Rock court, probation, peacemaking, prosecutor; Crownpoint court, probation, peacemaking, prosecutor; and Dził Yijjin court.

2. Other significant accomplishments

Participated in teleconferences with NDT personnel/project managers to continue the implementation and rollout of the Justware and Justiceweb software applications.

Continued installation of D-Link wireless routers at the courts and provided support and configuration.

Conducted Judicial ApplicationXtender System training for Division of Public Safety IMS to provide access and/or retrieval of digitized NN court records via the internet.

Began creating/modifying Justware Document Automation (JDA) forms to be utilized by Justware for the courts and probation services.

Conducted Justware administration training for Division of Public Safety IMS SME (subject matter experts) personnel.

Conducted Justware administration training for Navajo Nation Office of the Prosecutor personnel.

Provided Justware configuration/modification work sessions for probation SMEs to implement more features for the probation officers.

NN Judicial Branch IT personnel attended hands-on training for the configuration/install of wireless radios.

Installed and configured wireless network at new Judicial Branch Information Technology/Special Projects building.

3. Objectives to be accomplished in the next quarter

To maintain HP AlphaServer computer support at Ramah Judicial District and Administrative Office of the Courts.

To maintain personal computer support at Tuba City, Kayenta, Chinle, Window Rock, Shiprock, Crownpoint, Ramah, Alamo, To'hajiilee, Dilkon, Aneth, and Dził Yijiin courts.

To continue limited support of digital recorders and document archival computer systems.

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

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

To continue maintenance/upgrades of all PCs at all judicial districts.

To provide continued support and training for NDT's Justware application at all Navajo Nation courts, peacemaking, probation, and prosecutor and public defender offices.

To deploy the Justware software application for rollout at Ramah, Dził Yijiin, and Pueblo Pintado courts.

To deploy computer network for Pueblo Pintado and Dził Yijiin courts and Shiprock Probation Services.

To provide continual support for video conferencing at all Navajo Nation judicial districts.

To provide technical guidance and assistance to Division of Social Services in their development, configuration, and implementation of the Justware application.

To install, configure, and implement the Justiceweb software application to integrate with the NNIJISP Justware application.

## V. Navajo Nation Peacemaking Program

### A. Accomplishments of objectives set the previous quarter

The program provided peacemaking services to the Navajo people who come into the courts, at the agencies, at community chapters, and in the schools. Services included Diné Traditional Peacemaking (PM), Diné Family Group Conferencing (DFGC), Life Value Engagement (LVE), Peacemaker Youth Education Apprentice Program (PYEAP), Teaching Traditional Dispute Resolution Curriculum (TTDRC), School Presentations (SP), and Community Outreach (CO). There was a total of 2,744 direct services provided to individuals and families and 230 site visits by district traditional program specialists to promote peacemaking services.

The Central Peacemaking Program provided technical assistance to traditional program specialists and peacemakers specifically related to direct services and supervision on dispute resolution and LVE; provided technical assistance specifically related to the implementation and development of PMP in the communities, and participated in revisions of policies.

Chinle Peacemaking Program. The program finalized a memorandum of agreement with Chinle Unified School District #27 and received eight referrals. The program provided Navajo traditional teachings to empower the youth to deal with disputes and violence issues. The teachings are focused on promoting and practicing healthy relations based upon K'é. The program with other local resource providers participated in the "Save Our Students" conference. The TPS provided information on how the program provides services for truancy issues.

Dzil Yijiin Peacemaking Program. The program is actively providing services within the community. There are concerns regarding alcohol and substance abuse problems, and the community people are afraid for their safety. The program is offering counseling services as requested and education on prevention services during community activities.

Ramah Peacemaking Program. The program worked with Pine Hill Schools in getting a memorandum of agreement implemented. This task is an ongoing effort which now requires working with McKinley County Schools. Peacemaking sessions that were held were successful. The program conducted Diné family group conferencing with parents, foster parents, and social services. Resolutions were reached and participants will continue with the case plan set by Ramah Division of Social Services in the best interest of the children.

Shiprock Peacemaking Program. The program had two students referred for services from area schools for truancy issues. A student from Newcomb High School and one from Career Prep High School received life value engagement services. The sessions were a success and, as a result, it helped the students to graduate from high school in May 2015. The Shiprock PMP conducted a successful 2015 Peacemakers Youth Community Conference on June 26, 2015, for a total of 94 participants. This year's theme was domestic violence awareness. Close to 70 individuals participated in an awareness walk from the Shiprock City Market to the Shiprock Chapter House. The walk was coordinated with Home for Women and Children and Division of Social Services. Police escort was provided by Shiprock Navajo Department of Law Enforcement. The Four Directions Health Communications at IHS helped with a banner. Community outreach activities included solicitations by the Hozhojí Nataaanii Organization to make this event a success.

### Window Rock Peacemaking Program

- The TPS provided guidance to staff of Ganado/Burnside Navajo Housing Authority (NHA). The staff requested education on traditional teachings of Hogan hazaado nanintin (care of the dwelling), living in a cluster community, being neighborly, and encouraging public rental tenants to pursue home ownership. The TPS provided orientation on the program's Plan of Operation specific to requests and referrals. Through these discussions, the NHA staff feel they can convey the information; however, the approach is lacking in-depth traditional fundamental teachings. It appears that finding ways to begin teaching Diné fundamental law is a good example of how a public policy can clash with traditional fundamental values. The TPS expressed how peacemaking can empower NHA housing personnel through proper traditional knowledge of healing approaches. Discussions will continue on strategies to implement this objective.

### Technical Assistance by Traditional Diné Researcher (TDR)

- TDR Joseph Sandoval facilitated a Tribal Court Improvement Program meeting on behalf of the community development specialist. The TDR shared information on the TCIP Family Preservation Services and plans to get these services implemented.
- The TDR assisted the Shiprock Peacemaking Program on its backlogged cases and the number of referrals from various entities. The TDR reviewed case files to determine the case type, status, and time duration. It was found that many cases were over a year old and not much was being done as a result of the number of cases being referred to peacemaking and, at the same time, dealing with clients who come in for services on a daily basis. The TDR provided assistance by inputting narrations in Justware, facilitating discussions on cases, and giving guidance as to the next step to be made on services. Most cases just needed contacts, follow ups with clients, or visitations to clients at home or school. At times, clients come in and the TPS would provide counseling which provided opportunity for input by the TDR. In that regards, the TDR received hands-on experience with LVE.
- Representatives from the Navajo Nation Peacemaking Program, Administrative Office of the Courts, Probation/Parole Services, Office of Public Defender, Office of Prosecutor, Navajo Department of Law Enforcement, Department of Corrections, Workforce Development, Arizona State, and NNC Law and Order Committee participated in a meeting regarding reentry of incarcerated Navajo individuals back into Navajo society and where these individuals can obtain assistance to help them transition from the jail environment back to the reservation and once again be part of the nation. There were reports by participating departments on how each entity is assisting in this area. The group talked about challenges we face as a nation and how these dilemmas can be addressed, including the need to identify nearby facilities instead of going elsewhere away from the reservation. Future meetings are planned.

## B. Other significant accomplishments

Dził Yijiin Peacemaking Program. Based on his experience in building development, the traditional program specialist assisted with the planning and development of the proposed Dził Yijiin Judicial/Public Safety Complex.

### Shiprock Peacemaking Program

- On June 23 and 24, 2015, the Shiprock Peacemaking Program held its 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Conference at the new Shiprock Youth Center. The TPS collaborated with the Restoring and Celebrating Family Wellness (RCFW) team to present on ada'hodilzin (reverence for self). One of the attractions at this conference was "Art of the People," where local Navajo artists do paintings with children. The paintings are then donated to various programs in Shiprock. This year's paintings went to NECA and DBHS. The TPS held a sweat lodge for the artists to show

appreciation for their efforts. The event also featured resource booths, a spiritual room, and sessions on Diné identity. The program outreached to and collaborated with Shiprock and San Juan County entities/programs, as well as the new Shiprock Youth Center staff.

- Collaborated with the traditional Diné researcher to provide training in domestic violence on April 13 for the Peacemaking Program staff.
- Presented on the “Traditional Role of a Father” during a Fatherhood Mini-Conference on June 17 at the Shiprock Chapter House.
- By invitation, spoke about courage and Diné self-identity to the graduating class of Career Prep High School on May 20.
- Participated in the blessing ceremony of the new peacemaking/probation modular building on April 30. Lunch was served after the ceremony.

#### Tuba City Peacemaking Program

- The program received a referral to help a family with four children to address truancy issues. The assigned peacemaker met with the children on a weekly basis at the school. The children vented their frustrations, and they were given guidance through traditional teachings. At the end of the school year, the children had fewer absences and improved grades.
- The program worked with a one-year old case involving a delinquent child. The child was provided individual and Diné family group conferencing. The parents were impressed with the group conferencing so they requested for services to include their other children. The eldest child graduated from high school this past spring and is seeking employment. The younger children are still in school, and they continue to stay out of trouble. The father, through self-realization, started his own counseling sessions to address anger issues. The whole family was appreciative for the services they received through the Tuba City Peacemaking Services.
- A district peacemaker gave a presentation to promote peacemaking services during the 2015 Navajo Nation Bar Association Annual Conference.

#### Window Rock Peacemaking Program

- Throughout the 2014-2015 school year, the Window Rock TPS worked closely with Ganado High School counselor Marilyn Tracey to implement the program’s plan of operation and work on the student referral process to bring peacemaking services to the school. Of the three counselors at the school, only Ms. Tracey was proactive with the program. Through administrative changes, the referral process finally got off the ground toward the end of the school year. Ms. Tracey has requested that the program continue providing services in the next school year. The TPS will to continue to work with Ms. Tracey on this initiative.
- The TPS continued to offer “life value workshops” and traditional achi’yati (talking to) intervention at the request of Judge Carol Perry, as a result of the positive effect it had on repeat offenders. Achi’yati (talking to) is used for individuals/families going through the court process involving divorce and child custody issues. This intervention/education process has defused animosity of parents by putting their differences aside to plan for change for their children’s lives.
- The TPS developed a questionnaire to obtain feedback from participants who are court ordered to attend monthly life value workshops. Thus far, the feedback has been positive, especially from participants that are provided traditional teachings in self-awareness.

#### Central Peacemaking Program

- The Peacemaking Program assisted with a work session at the Northern Arizona University, June 16-18, 2015, for the Navajo Nation Council Law and Order Committee. Consultant Roman Bitsuie and bi-culture training manager Roger Begaye presented proposed Title 7 revisions and the preamble in the Diné language, and peacemaking coordinator Gloria Benally gave a presentation on Title 26 and how peacemaking provides technical assistance in establishing local



dispute resolution systems. The work session was videotaped by traditional Diné researcher Joseph Sandoval.

- The program held a Title 7 revision work session under the direction of government relations officer Karen Francis at the Hispano Chamber of Commerce in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on May 4, 2015. Chief Justice Herb Yazzie presented his vision on the Navajo Government and the Title 7 revision process. Crownpoint staff attorney Sharon Noel gave a presentation on perspectives in American government in relations to the Indian society in general. The main emphasis of this work session was to assess how much has been done and prepare for future presentations to governmental superiors. Consultant Roman Bitsuie and bi-cultural training manager Roger Begaye explained the Peacemaking Program's portion of traditional development.
- The bi-culture training manager gave a presentation on the Fundamental Laws of Diné to Crownpoint Technical University students who are studying government in Crownpoint, New Mexico, on April 17, 2015. His presentation focused on Diné history, emergence, narrative journey through the times, how Navajo holy deities created natural laws, traditional laws, customary laws, and common law, and how to apply those laws into our daily lives, land, government, natural resources, and existence in today's society.
- The Peacemaking Program and Judicial Branch Human Resources collaborated services with TANF. A meeting was held on April 2, 2015, to discuss utilizing TANF's services, and, in return, have the Peacemaking Program provide work experience for TANF customers. The meeting was to clarify expectations between TANF and PMP in this endeavor. The TANF staff was excited about placing their customers. Another meeting date was set to finalize the necessities from both programs.

#### C. Objectives to be accomplished in the next quarter

To provide direct services by visiting schools and attending chapter planning/regular meetings to provide information on program services and to collaborate with the courts, probation, and other resources for betterment of public services.

To address a "best practice scheduling" by increasing chapter visits to promote peacemaking, and determine the progress of Title 26 implementation as far as establishing peacemaking at certified chapters.

To improve the overall program services.

To provide training to improve staff skills in utilizing the Justware data sharing system.

To provide workshops and orientation for the community on the contents of the Peacemaking Program Plan of Operation and the types of services provided.

## VI. Navajo Nation Probation Services

### A. Accomplishments of objectives set the previous quarter

Senior probation officers JoAnn Holyan-Terry, Larry Tsosie, and Harmon Mason completed annual evaluations for their assigned district probation officers. The outcome of the evaluations by the senior probation officers was positive and constructive. During the evaluation process, probation officers identified areas where they believe they need training to enhance their skills and knowledge as probation officers. Supervisors noted training based on need and set target dates to get the training accomplished.

The senior probation officers and CPO strived to revise the Standard Operating Procedures Manual. The purpose is to revise the manual so it is more detailed so probation officers can follow the protocol and use it as a reference guide. The second purpose is to use it as a user-friendly introductory guide for new probation officers. Discussion on the revisions is a lengthy process. It is anticipated that the revisions will be completed within the next year.

In FY2015, the senior probation officers and CPO coordinated budget preparations for the Navajo Nation Probation/Parole Services business unit. The group scheduled work sessions to work on numerical figures allocated and justify needs in the best interest of all staff and operations for FY2016.

The 2015 Navajo Tribal Probation Academy dates have been confirmed by instructor Dave Rogers. Week one will be held September 14–18; week two will be held October 12–16; week three will be held November 16–20; and, week 4 will be held November 30–December 4, 2015. Planning of the logistical portion of the academy is underway.

### B. Other significant accomplishments

Navajo Nation Probation Services has been meeting with Judicial Branch IT regarding development of a probation module for inclusion in the Justware application. Melanie Price, Ben Mariano, probation/parole SMEs and office technicians, and senior probation officers discussed and decided on implementation of JDA forms for probation services. Selected forms were identified, submitted, and implemented by Ms. Price and Mr. Mariano. The process of implementing the probation module will continue until completed for end users to begin using at the district level.

Navajo Nation Probation and Parole Services staff participated in the salary study conducted by Judicial Branch Human Resources and the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) during the month of May 2015. All probation officers completed the survey on-line and submitted to NCSC. The results were returned with positive feedback by NCSC.

The CPO participated in the Intergovernmental Reentry Workshop in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The workshop was informative. Various groups from neighboring tribes, including Navajo, collaborated, networked, and strategized for those that already integrated reentry into their criminal justice system. Attending tribal representatives shared experiences and processes for developing reentry into their departments, an idea that Navajo may soon consider.

IT programmer support specialist Melanie Price and IT manager Ben Mariano have been scheduling work sessions with probation/parole SMEs and office technicians to provide updated information regarding probation JDAs, insertions, probation processes, and CMS with regards to Justware.

Integration and development of the probation module are underway. It is hoped to have the module fully developed, configured, and complete for end users by the end of 2016.

Ramah probation officer Fred Yazzie reported that his significant objectives in this quarter was “to work with clients on a daily basis, build good strong rapport, know the importance of life, respect the fundamental teaching of our ancestors, and restore Hozho (harmony) back into lives with the realization that change is possible.” It is commendable to hear that a new probation officer encompasses the significance and idea of his duties and responsibilities. It is an indication that probation officer Yazzie will do well in his position as a probation officer.

Shiprock Probation Services and Peacemaking Program held a blessing way ceremony for the new probation/peacemaking building. The district staff and public were invited to attend the ceremony; food was served to all participants. The anticipated move-in date for staff is in the next quarter.

Three district probation/parole services collaborated with the Peacemaking Program by referring probation clients to life value engagements sessions. Window Rock, Shiprock, and Kayenta traditional program specialists coordinated and scheduled weekly sessions for clients in their respective districts. The clients were receptive to and appreciated sessions they attended.

In this quarter, Navajo Nation Probation/Parole Services had seven staff successfully complete the six-week Diné bizaad course offered by the Peacemaking Program in Window Rock, Arizona. The sessions entailed participants to learn to read and write in Navajo and provide a general presentation in Diné bizaad to the class at the end of the session. The probation staff that took the course had identified need for training in this area on their evaluation form; this will be applied and considered as training need met.

#### C. Objectives to be accomplished in the next quarter

To collaborate and coordinate with Coconino County Probation Department to implement group MRT classes for Coconino County probation clients as well as Navajo Nation probation clients at the Tuba City Probation Services facility.

To work with the senior probation officers on revising the Standard Operating Procedures Manual.

To identify training needs and training opportunities for probation officers.

To work towards developing a Justware module for use by probation officers and office technicians.

To coordinate logistical subjects for the upcoming 2015 Navajo Tribal Probation Academy.

## VII. Courts of the Navajo Nation

### A. Supreme Court of the Navajo Nation

#### 1. Caseload Statistics

##### a. Civil

	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>Total</u>
(1) Cases Filed	11	7	6	24
-Contract.....2				
-Decedent Estate.....2				
-Domestic Relations .....8				
-Employment/Labor .....6				
-Writs .....6				
(2) Cases Completed	4	7	5	16
(3) Hearing(s) Held	0	0	0	0
(4) Total Decisions this Quarter:				
(a) Memorandum Decisions	0	1	0	1
(b) Orders	8	3	7	18
(c) Opinions	1	6	0	7

##### b. Criminal

	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>Total</u>
(1) Cases Filed	1	0	0	1
(2) Cases Completed	0	0	0	0
(3) Hearing(s) Held	0	0	0	0
(4) Total Decisions this Quarter:				
(a) Memorandum Decisions	0	0	0	0
(b) Orders	0	0	0	0
(c) Opinions	0	0	0	0

##### c. Navajo Nation Bar Association

	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>Total</u>
(1) Cases Filed	0	16	0	16
(2) Cases Completed	0	14	0	14
(3) Hearing(s) Held	0	14	0	14
(4) Total Decisions this Quarter:				
(a) Memorandum Decisions	0	0	0	0
(b) Orders	0	16	30	46
(c) Opinions	0	0	0	0

##### d. Special Proceedings

	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>Total</u>
(1) Cases Filed	0	0	0	0
(2) Cases Completed	0	0	0	0
(3) Hearing(s) Held	0	0	0	0
(4) Total Decisions this Quarter:				
(a) Memorandum Decisions	0	0	0	0
(b) Orders	0	0	0	0
(c) Opinions	0	0	0	0

e. Summary of all cases on appeal

(1)	Brought Forward	:	64
(2)	Filed	:	41
(3)	Reconsiderations	:	0
(4)	Closed	:	30
(5)	Pending	:	75

Pending Cases	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Totals
Civil	1	4	9	10	12	33	<b>69</b>
Criminal	0	0	0	0	1	1	<b>2</b>
NNBA	0	0	0	0	1	2	<b>3</b>
Special Proceedings	0	0	0	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>75</b>

2. Motions Reviewed and Decided

Apr	May	Jun	Total
8	3	7	<b>18</b>

3. Oral Arguments/Hearings Held: 15

4. Pro Bono and ProHac Vice Appointments

	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Tuba City/Kayenta	6	3	8	<b>17</b>
Window Rock/Chinle	5	10	10	<b>25</b>
Crownpoint/Shiprock	1	3	4	<b>8</b>
Ramah/Alamo/To'hajiilee	4	14	7	<b>25</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>75</b>

5. Sales of the *Navajo Reporter*

	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Volume 1 & 2	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Volume 3	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Volume 4	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Volume 6	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Volume 7	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Volume 8	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Tax & Shipping	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

6. Accounting of Fees and Miscellaneous Funds

	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Fines	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Photocopying	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Certifications	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Filing Fees	\$720.00	\$360.00	\$360.00	<b>\$1,440.00</b>
Postage	\$0	\$0	\$19.99	<b>\$19.99</b>
Other: Passport/Fees	\$500.00	\$375.00	\$525.00	<b>\$1,400.00</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$1,220.00</b>	<b>\$735.00</b>	<b>\$904.99</b>	<b>\$2,859.99</b>

7. Passport applications accepted by Navajo Nation Passport Acceptance Office

	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Total</b>
Michael V. Smith	15	15	21	<b>51</b>

8. Accomplishments by Supreme Court Justices

Federal Bar Conference. On April 8-10, 2015, Chief Justice Herb Yazzie spoke on the “Power of Alternate Dispute Resolution in Indian Country and the Navajo Peacemaking Program.” during the Federal Bar Conference in Scottsdale, AZ.

Budget Review Team. A Budget Review Team was established for the purpose of overseeing the FY2016 general funds budget development process for the Judicial Branch. Members include financial services manager Yvonne Gorman, Associate Justice Eleanor Shirley, Judge Allen Sloan, staff attorney Tina Tsinigine, law clerk LaVerne H. Garnenez, Judge Geraldine Benally, Judge Cynthia Thompson, court administrator Ethel Laughing, court administrator Lavonne Yazzie, grants administrator Raquel Chee, financial technician Melva James, and human resources specialist Marquerita Lincoln. The team met on June 29, 2015, to set the planning allocations for each judicial district and program of the Judicial Branch.

Title 7 Work Session. On May 4-5, 2015, Chief Justice Herb Yazzie, Associate Justice Eleanor Shirley, and government relations officer Karen Francis participated in the Title 7 work sessions. This is a continuing work session on the Title 7 Navajo/English versions. Crownpoint staff attorney Sharon Noel gave a presentation on “Native American History.”

Evaluation of Judges and Executive Staff. Chief Justice Herb Yazzie conducted annual permanent/probationary judge evaluations as follows:

- April 28, 2015 Judge Carol K. Perry, Window Rock Judicial District  
Judge Irene S. Black, Aneth/Shiprock Judicial District  
Judge Cynthia Thompson, Dilkon Judicial District
- April 29, 2015 Judge Allen Sloan, Tuba City Judicial District  
Judge Irene Toledo, Pueblo Pintado/Crownpoint Judicial District  
Genevieve Woody, Shiprock Judicial District
- April 30, 2015 Judge William J.J. Platero, Alamo/To’hajilee Judicial District  
Judge Malcolm Begay, Kayenta Judicial District  
Judge Geraldine Benally, Window Rock Judicial District  
Judge Rudy I. Bedonie, Chinle Judicial District

Further, he completed annual evaluations of his executive staff on May 6 and 7, 2015.

Meetings.

- Chief Justice Yazzie met with executive staff on issues relating to Judicial Branch projects, personnel, budgets, and grants.
- On April 16, 2015, he met with the grants staff on external funding concerning the Peacemaking Program.
- Chief Justice Yazzie, Associate Justice Eleanor Shirley, and Supreme Court Law Clerk LaVerne H. Garnenez met on pending cases, cases that were heard, upcoming hearings, pending motions, opinions, and writs filed with the Supreme Court.

ASU Law Student. The Navajo Supreme Court hosted a one-year law student from Arizona State University in June and July 2015.

Oaths of Office. On April 14, 2015, Justice Eleanor Shirley administered oaths of office to Coconino County Sheriffs, and on June 5, 2015, to Paul Williams of the Steamboat Chapter.

Work Session with Oversight Committee. Government relations officer Karen Francis coordinated with the Law and Order Committee in the planning of a work session/orientation at Northern Arizona University for the Judicial Branch oversight committee and new Navajo Nation President from June 16 to 18, 2015. The session opened with a dinner on June 16 with guest speaker Patricia Zell. Ms. Zell spoke about the effect that the Navajo Nation judiciary has on positions of leaders in the federal government and on the sovereignty of all American Indian tribes. On June 17, Dr. Raymond Austin (former Navajo Nation associate justice) explained the history of the Navajo Nation Courts, Johnson Dennison spoke on traditional Navajo leadership, and Dr. Manley Begay presented on nation building and the judiciary's role in that context. Dr. Begay reiterated that to develop a strong economy, businesses need to know that courts are free of politics and that rules will be applied fairly and enforced. At dinner that evening, Eric Eberhard, Esq., gave remarks about how the Navajo Nation Courts protect sovereignty for all Indian tribes. On June 18, Dr. Larry Emerson spoke about the need for a paradigm shift from utilizing western thinking to develop policies and our government by utilizing our own Diné way of thinking. Roman Bitsuie and Roger Begaye presented proposed Title 7 revisions and the preamble in the Diné language. Gloria Benally gave a presentation on Title 26 and how peacemaking provides technical assistance in establishing local dispute resolution systems. The work session concluded with presentations on statistics and specialty courts by Shiprock, Aneth, and To'hajiilee/Alamo Judicial Districts.

Retirement of Chief Justice Herb Yazzie. On May 13, 2015, the Judicial Branch of the Navajo Nation announced the retirement of Supreme Court Chief Justice Herb Yazzie, effective 5 p.m., May 15, 2015. Chief Justice Yazzie served as the Chief Justice of the Navajo Nation since April 21, 2005. He also served as the Chief Legislative Counsel and as the Navajo Nation Attorney General. He is a 1975 graduate of Arizona State University College of Law and a member of the Utah State Bar and the Navajo Nation Bar Association. Chief Justice Yazzie is a veteran of the U.S. Army. The Judicial Branch thanks Chief Justice Yazzie for his years of public service and dedication to the Navajo Nation and to the Navajo people.

Employee Housing Committee. Government relations officer Karen Francis and administrative secretary Linda Bitsoi represent the Judicial Branch on the Navajo Nation Employee Housing Committee. During this quarter, they attended three regular scheduled meetings and two special meetings. Meetings are held to make tribal housing assignments and to update the Employee Housing Rules and Regulations and Plan of Operations. Rate increases were also discussed which will occur after tenants are orientated on the revised rules and regulations. The revised changes were reviewed by Department of Justice attorney Kandis Martine. The Employee Housing Program will conduct orientation on the revised rules and regulations after which it will be implemented.

Motor Vehicle Review Board. Financial technician Sandra Dalgai and administrative secretary Linda Bitsoi represent the Judicial Branch on the Navajo Nation Motor Vehicle Review Board. Mrs. Bitsoi was reappointed to serve on the board for another four years. During this quarter, they attended regular monthly meetings and three special meetings. The board addresses purchase of new vehicles for Navajo Nation departments, assignment of vehicles, misuse and abuse of tribal vehicles, and use of tribal vehicles during reservation-wide tribal fairs.

Navajo Nation Insurance Commission. Administrative secretary Linda Bitsoi is the Judicial Branch representative on the Navajo Nation Insurance Commission. During this quarter, she attended monthly meetings and one special session of the commission. The NN Insurance Commission ensures that there is adequate insurance coverage and protection for the Navajo Nation government and its political subdivisions, enterprises, assets, property, and employees.

9. Accomplishments by government relations officer Karen Francis

Attended justice day activities in Shiprock on April 10, 2015, Chinle on April 17, 2015, and Ramah on May 15, 2015, to celebrate the creation of the Navajo Nation Courts.

On May 1, 2015, attended the Judicial Conference in Window Rock, Arizona. Heard presentations on Title IV-E and on the Supreme Court performance measures. Also heard reports on updates on construction projects and the annual conference planning. The annual conference will take place November 2-5, 2015, at the Sheraton Airport in Albuquerque, NM.

On May 4-5, 2015, facilitated work session on Title 7 revisions in Albuquerque, NM. Staff attorney Sharon Noel gave a presentation on American Indian historical perspective. The presentation was given as an educational session for those who are working on revising Title 7.

On May 9, 2015, submitted public comment on behalf of the Judicial Branch on two proposed legislations. One is a referendum to elect judges and the other is a referendum to increase the number of justices to five.

On May 12, 2015, attended the inauguration of Russell Begaye and Jonathan Nez as the new President and Vice President of the Navajo Nation. Chief Justice Herb Yazzie delivered the oath of office in Navajo to the President and Vice President. Justice Eleanor Shirley delivered the oath of office to the new Navajo Board of Election Supervisors. Provided assistance to the justices and took photographs of the event for the Judicial Branch.

The Law and Order Committee decided to hold its meetings at the police and/or judicial districts of the Navajo Nation to hear from the local districts. The committee began by holding a regular meeting on May 26, 2015, in Crownpoint, New Mexico, and continued with meetings in Alamo on June 8, 2015, in To'hajiilee on June 15, 2015, and in Ramah on June 29, 2015. At each judicial district, the court administrator and judge provided a report to the committee. The LOC is continuing to hold regular meetings at the districts.

On May 28-30, 2015, attended the Navajo Studies Conference at Northern Arizona University with the theme, "Navajo Knowledge and Experiences for Our Future."



Attended breakout sessions on “Who creates sovereignty for the Navajo Nation?”, “Diné lina: Life is Ceremony,” “Perspectives on Diné Fundamental Law,” and “Diné Perspectives: Revitalizing and Reclaiming Navajo Thought.” The presentations were done by scholars of Navajo studies and included much information on current issues faced by the Navajo people. There were also keynote addresses by Dr. Jennifer Denetdale and Dr. Manley Begay and a community dialogue session on why preserving the Diné language is a priority.

A memorandum to hold a special judicial conference to select appointees to the Judicial Conduct Commission per 7 N.N.C. § 423(A)(1) and (2) was sent out on June 25, 2015, to 12 district court judges, nine staff attorneys, and one law clerk of the Judicial Branch. The memorandum asking for appointments per 7 N.N.C. § 423(A) (3) was sent June 30, 2015, to the Navajo Nation Bar Association. Acting Chief Justice Eleanor Shirley is working to re-establish the Judicial Conduct Commission as a priority for her administration.

With assistance of Sandra Dalgai, Melva Ramsey, and Raquel Chee, planned and coordinated the retirement dinner for former Chief Justice Herb Yazzie on June 26, 2015. Speakers at the retirement dinner included Master of Ceremony Supreme Court Clerk Michael Smith, Acting Chief Justice Eleanor Shirley, Arizona State Representative Albert Hale, Vice President Jonathan Nez, former Chief Justice Robert Yazzie, and Miss Northern Navajo Teen Alexandria Holiday. The dinner was to show appreciation for the 10 years of service of our former chief justice.

Attended meetings with legislative and executive staff to prepare for the leadership work session to establish Navajo Nation priorities held on June 27, 2015, at Fire Rock Casino. Assisted Judicial Branch staff with establishing priorities of the branch and developing a PowerPoint presentation for the session. Attended the session with Acting Chief Justice Shirley, Laverne Garnenez, Raquel Chee, and Gloria Benally. There are nine priority areas that were listed for the Navajo Nation. Among the priorities of the branch were facilities, operations and maintenance, funding, restorative justice and local dispute resolution. Present at the work session were Speaker Lorenzo Bates, President Russell Begay, Vice President Jonathan Nez, and council delegates.

## **B. Tuba City Judicial District**

1. Accomplishments of objectives set the previous quarter

Navajo Nation Judicial Conference. On May 1, 2015, Judge Allen Sloan, staff attorney Tina Tsinigine, and court administrator Alice Huskie participated in the quarterly judicial conference in Window Rock, Arizona. Chief Justice Herb Yazzie conducted the meeting and shared updated information on governmental and branch activities. Participants heard reports on Title IV-E, court building projects, and the salary study.

Pro Se Training. Staff attorney Tina Tsinigine provided four pro se trainings for the public. The public training included the following: dissolution of marriage, paternity, child visitation, child custody, child support, correction of record, declaration of name, how answer a petition, guardianship of a minor, probate, quiet title, and name change. The training is for individuals that wish to file pro se packets with the court. These individuals who want to represent themselves in court are required to attend pro se

training so they are aware of what the law requires and their duties and responsibilities in court. Total attendance for pro se training during this reporting period is 112.

Child Support Enforcement (CES). CSE held three administrative hearings for clients in courtroom #1. CES holds administrative hearings at the court where it is more structured and secured for clients. The court and CSE collaborate information in hopes of locating and serving absent parents.

Computer Training. Staff completed training at the Navajo Nation Training Center in Window Rock, Arizona. The training instructor was Mr. Fredrick Skeet.

- May 6, 2015, bailiff Vinton Yazzie and court clerks Amy Hatathlie and Lenora Begay completed training in Intermediate Microsoft Word.
- May 13, 2015, bailiff Vinton Yazzie and court clerks Amy Hatathlie and Lenora Begay completed training in Intermediate Microsoft Excel.
- May 29, 2015, bailiff Vinton Yazzie and court clerks Amy Hatathlie and Lenora Begay completed training in Creating Word Forms with Microsoft Word.
- June 16, 2015, custodian Pierson Tallman completed training in Introduction to Microsoft Word.

FY2016 Budget Orientation. On June 26, 2015, court administrator Alice Huskie participated in the budget orientation sponsored by the Office of Management and Budget. Topics included the Appropriations Act, revenue projections, planning allocations, significant changes, FY2016 budget calendar, and FY2016 budget forms.

Daily Visitor Sign-in and Metal Detector Count

MONTH	Court Hearing	Protection Order	Pay Fine/Cash Bond	Filing Documents	Obtain Information	Check Mail	Attend Training	Background Check	Oath of Office	Maintenance Building	Attend Meeting	Other Hearings	Other	Total Clients Served	Metal Detector Reading
Apr 2015	606	66	80	136	519	68	117	14	2	0	43	28	167	1,846	2,943
May 2015	472	96	77	143	307	78	0	1	3	2	34	72	133	1,418	1,948
June 2015	612	48	53	111	364	61	21	2	2	0	10	49	118	1,451	1,888
Total	1,690	210	210	390	1,190	207	138	17	7	2	87	149	418	4,715	6,779

Requests for Court Documents and Audio Recordings

	April 2015	May 2015	June 2015	Total
Completed requests for documents	31	19	19	69
Completed request for audio	2	0	0	2
Total	33	19	19	71

Oath of Office. On May 8, 2015, Judge Allen Sloan administered the oath of office to Chester Claw, new school board member for Rough Rock Community School.

Administrative Orders for Judge Assignment. Pursuant to Administrative Order 60-2015, on April 14, 2015, Kayenta Judge Malcom Begay presided over cases TC-CR-

189/190/191/192/193/204/205/206/207-2015 (Navajo Nation v. Sampson Walters). When a judge disqualifies him/herself from a case, an administrative order is issued for assignment of a judge from another judicial district to preside over the case(s). Assigned judges handle cases through final dispositions.

2. Other significant accomplishments

2015 Justice Day. On April 1, 2015, the Tuba City Judicial District held its 2015 Justice Day with an open house and a luncheon. More than 600 students and the public attended the event. The public had opportunity to tour the courtroom without the formalities of a court hearing. The public enjoyed presentations about justice symbols, why Lady Justice is blindfolded, and the meaning of the justice scale. Staff explained courtroom rules, the different types of hearings held by the family and district courts, the types of cases referred to probation or peacemaking. The overall turnout was excellent.

MOU with Coconino County Adult Probation. On June 11, 2015, court administrator Alice Huskie and special projects director Teresa Hopkins worked with program manager Kara McAlister, technical specialist Joy Dalmolin, and probation officer Cindy Winn to finalize the MOU for Coconino County Adult Probation Services to use two office spaces at the Tuba City Court to provide services to clients from the local area who are on probation. With collaborative efforts, Tuba City Probation Services staff will receive training through the Arizona State Probation Training Program. The initiative is grant funded through Coconino Adult Probation Department through September 30, 2017.

Judicial Branch Court Security Policy. On April 16, 2015, bailiff Vinton Yazzie participated in a work session to revise the Judicial Branch Court Security Policy. Facilitators for the work sessions are court administrator Susie Martin from Aneth Judicial District and Rena Thompson from Crownpoint Judicial District. Court administrators and bailiffs from all Navajo Nation Judicial Districts are members of the task force. They will work on finalizing a draft court security policy before the end of calendar year 2015.

Revisions of the Judicial Branch Case Management and Jury Management Policies. The group held several successful work sessions to revise the current Judicial Branch Case Management and Jury Management Policies. The group is almost done with its first draft revisions and would estimate it to be at least 75% complete. Facilitators for the work sessions are court administrators Alice Huskie from Tuba City Judicial District, Lavonne Yazzie from Kayenta Judicial District, and Ethel Laughing from Shiprock Judicial District. District court administrators, staff attorneys, and select court clerks participate and assist with revising the case management policy.

Court Management for Tribal Court Judge and Personnel. On April 18-24, 2015, court administrator Alice Huskie participated in training in “Court Management for Tribal Court Judge and Personnel” at the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada. Topics included court filing—when to accept or deny; records and case management; strategies for conducting the court from the judge and court administrator’s perspectives; financial management; foundation of tribal court authority, etc.

Navajo Language Classes. On April 10, 17, 24, 2015, bailiff Vinton Yazzie and court clerk Geraldine Sakiestewa participated in the Navajo language classes taught by bi-culture training manager Roger Begay with the Navajo Peacemaking Program.

Justware Training. On June 4, 2015, programmer support specialist Melanie Price gave staff hands-on training on the different functions and changes to Justware, the court's case management application.

Administrative Assistant Training. On June 12, 2015, office technician Orlando Sam participated in the Administrative Assistant training. Training topics included initiating and implementing projects, effective and efficient styles of organization, controlling conversations, understanding non-verbal communication, planning large and small meetings, focusing on behavior and not personality, and developing a personal action plan.

3. Objectives to be accomplished in the next quarter

To review court operations and processes to become more efficient.

To eliminate duplications of services for the court.

To close adjudicated cases.

To provide in-service training for the court staff.

## C. Kayenta Judicial District

1. Accomplishments of objectives set the previous quarter

The Kayenta Judicial District conducted two district Navajo law classes this quarter entitled, "*Alchini Bi Beehaz anni Act Rules and Procedures*" and "*Strategies for Dealing with Trauma and Domestic Violence.*" The extensive 26 series class is designed to give district staff preeminent introduction to the Navajo Nation rules and procedures utilized in their daily job duties and responsibilities. The district is fortunate to secure qualified NNBA members, judges, and staff attorneys to provide in-house legal education.

Judge Malcolm Begay participated in the Federal Bar Association 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Indian Law Conference themed, "*40 Years Strong: The Indian Self-Determination Era Strengthening Tribal Sovereignty*" on April 9-10, 2015, in Scottsdale, Arizona. The conference focused on significant changes that have occurred in the relationship between Tribal Nations and the United States in the last four decades. The conference provided an opportunity to discuss multiple governance issues, opportunities, and changes in Indian Country, plus strides made in the practice of Indian law.

The Kayenta Judicial District staff was fortunate to receive in-service training entitled, "*Communications and Stress Management in the Workplace*" by the Honorable Kelsey Begay on May 30, 2015, in Kayenta, Arizona. Mr. Begay offered instruction on effective communication skills to create a positive work environment. The staff was appreciative of his insight and guidance.

Staff attorney Letitia Stover participated in Navajo Division of Health training entitled, "*State-Wide Training on the Tribal Involuntary Commitment Process*" on April 30, 2015, in Window Rock, Arizona. Ms. Stover gained insight into the Navajo Nation and Arizona state laws and processes governing involuntary commitment.

Judge Malcolm Begay participated in a National Judicial College training entitled, “*Fourth Amendment: Comprehensive Search and Seizures for Trial Judges*” on May 4-7, 2015, in Reno, Nevada. The four-day course offered insights on motion hearings practice, principles related to consent searches, warrant issuance and execution issues, and searches without warrants. In addition, the course offered an overview of developing principles related to computers and digital evidence.

The Kayenta Judicial District staged a successful 2015 Kayenta District Justice and Law Day celebration with focus on public education and community awareness on May 14, 2015. Major features were educational legal information, service provider information booths, and a free luncheon for all participants.

Judge Malcolm Begay is actively participating in a weekly National Judicial College webinar course entitled, “*Ethics and Judging – Reaching Higher Ground*” to fulfill his probationary judge training requirements. The class explores foundations of ethics, a review and application of the Model Code of Judicial Conduct, to behavior on and off the bench, and to develop a framework to improve cultural competence.

Judge Malcolm Begay and staff attorney Letitia Stover earned nine hours of continuing legal education credits during the 2015 Navajo Nation Bar Association Annual Conference on June 4-5, 2015, in Flagstaff, Arizona.

2. Other significant accomplishments

Court administrator Lavonne K. Yazzie facilitated two work sessions to update the Judicial Branch Case Management Policy and to develop a Jury Management Guideline.

The district court clerks commenced its rotation of caseload assignments on April 6, 2015. The bi-annual rotation promotes cross-training in all aspects of district and family case management and responsibilities.

Court clerk Geneva Salt, office technician Sheila Begishie, and court administrator Lavonne K. Yazzie participated in five NNIJISP Justware work sessions to offer enhancements and training for the court software program.

Staff attorney Letitia Stover and court administrator Lavonne K. Yazzie received Judicial Branch updates and learned new developments at the quarterly Judicial Branch conference on May 1, 2015, in Window Rock, Arizona.

Court administrator Lavonne K. Yazzie participated in four meetings to address the Navajo Nation Judicial Branch Pay Plan Study project awarded to the National Center for State Courts. The group conducted an executive overview of the project purpose and specifics for an in-depth review of position description questionnaires, on-site visit desk audits, and recommendation for position description revisions.

Staff attorney Letitia Stover actively participated in a Navajo Nation Judicial Branch Employee Personnel Policy revision work session.

Court administrator Lavonne K. Yazzie participated in four preliminary Judicial Branch Budget Review Team and district meetings to address the Navajo Nation Fiscal Year 2016 general funds budget.

In efforts to share and improve judicial services, staff attorney Letitia Stover attended three Navajo Mountain and Shonto chapter and planning meetings. Chapter members were glad to see the proactive efforts of the Navajo courts.

By invitation, Judge Malcolm P. Begay rendered oaths of office to a new member of the Black Mesa Review Board and 18 Navajo Nation Department of Corrections officers.

Court administrator Lavonne K. Yazzie provided training on *Jury Management* for the Dzil Yijiin Judicial District staff on May 28, 2105. The staff received information on best practices to successfully prepare for a jury trial.

3. Objectives to be accomplished in the next quarter

To conduct three in-service trainings for the district staff.

To advocate for the Judicial Branch of the Navajo Nation's fair share of the FY2016 Navajo Nation general fund budget funding to ensure the continued provision of efficient, fair and respectful judicial services and facility needs on the Navajo Nation.

To visit and provide mobile court services to three Navajo chapters.

To promote positive and more effective working relationships with the community, local law enforcement, and other public service organizations through monthly service provider meetings.

## **D. Aneth Judicial District**

1. Accomplishments of objectives set the previous quarter

Aneth Judicial District interviewed four candidates for the district court bailiff position on May 7, 2015. From the pool of applicants, Mr. Calvin Silas was selected and is working within his 90-day introductory period at the Aneth District Court. Mr. Silas was given orientation on his job duties as the district court bailiff and is working very well.

To continue improved services, the Aneth Judicial District facilitated one steering committee and one resource meeting where local counseling services, domestic violence shelter representatives, newly elected state and county officials, community members, and other service providers participated. The meetings were productive in answering standard questions posed by representatives of the participating departments.

In preparation of the FY2016 budget year, court administrator Susie Martin attended budget meetings on May 12, May 13, and May 20, 2015, in Window Rock, Arizona. Thereafter, Acting Chief Justice Eleanor Shirley implemented a Budget Review Team to handle all budget matters for the Navajo Nation Judicial Branch. Aneth Judicial District completed the newly implemented Navajo Nation Judicial Branch budget forms and submitted the forms to the Budget Review Team for review and allocation of its share of district court budget.

2. Other significant accomplishments

In FY2015, the Navajo Nation Judicial Branch is conducting a salary study for its personnel to determine whether staff work performance is adequately compensated. The study began with a meeting in Tuba City, Arizona, on April 9, 2015, with the National Center for State Courts. The process entails review of all position descriptions and on-site observation of employees at work. Court administrator Susie Martin and staff attorney Glen Renner attended meetings associated with the study.

Court administrator Susie Martin and staff attorney Glen Renner participated in the continuation of the Navajo Nation Judicial Branch Court Security Policy review and revision. The last meeting was held in Window Rock, Arizona, on April 16, 2015.

On May 1, 2015, Judge Irene S. Black, staff attorney Glen Renner, and court administrator Susie Martin participated in the quarterly judicial conference hosted by the Administrative Office of the Courts and Supreme Court in Window Rock, Arizona. Agenda topics for the meeting included Title IV-E and Nunc Pro Tunc, performance criteria, court building updates, salary study, and the 2015 Judicial Branch Conference.

On May 4 and 5, 2015, staff attorney Glen Renner participated in a work session in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to work on the Navajo Nation Title 7 revisions.

The district court judges and staff attorneys participated in a budget meeting arranged by Acting Chief Justice Eleanor Shirley on May 27, 2015, in Tuba City, Arizona.

Court administrator Susie Martin and staff attorney Glen Renner participated in the continuation of the Jury Management Policy revision on June 3, 2015, in Flagstaff, Arizona.

On June 4 and 5, 2015, Judge Irene S. Black and staff attorney Glen Renner completed two days of training to attain required CLE hours. The 2015 Navajo Nation Bar Association Annual Conference was held at the Twin Arrows Casino and Resort in Flagstaff, Arizona.

Resource coordinator Clorissa Thomas, staff attorney Glen Renner, and court administrator Susie Martin participated in a teleconference on June 16, 2015, to review the progress of the grant-funded Aneth Community Court Project.

On June 16 through June 18, 2016, court administrator Susie Martin participated in the Law and Order Committee work session in Flagstaff, Arizona. A two-day orientation was provided for Navajo Nation council delegates vested with oversight authority for the Navajo Nation Judicial Branch. Aneth Judicial District presented on the Aneth Community Court Project.

Staff attorney Glen Renner provided pro se workshops on April 1 and May 29, 2015, for 38 participants. Of the 38 participants, 14 individuals were from the Kayenta Judicial District seeking education on pro se filing. These workshops educate participants on the process and filing of pro se petitions and explain pro se petitions available in the Aneth Judicial District.

This quarter, staff attorney Glen Renner provided legal education on court-related information to 42 individuals aside from the regular pro se classes.

3. Objectives to be accomplished in the next quarter

To complete the Navajo Nation motor vehicle 2015 vehicle assessment to replace one of the tribal vehicles assigned to Aneth Judicial District.

To complete Aneth Judicial District equipment and building assessment for the FY2016 budget allocation requirements.

To assist the newly formed Navajo Nation Judicial Branch Budget Review Team for the allocation of funds for the Aneth Judicial District for FY2016.

To complete the hiring process and make recommendation whether to permanently hire the probationary bailiff or to recommend an extension of his introductory period.

## **E. Chinle Judicial District**

1. Accomplishments of objectives set the previous quarter

Salary Study. The court administrator participated in discussions regarding an updated salary study for the Navajo Nation Judicial Branch. Preliminary discussions set the perimeters for the staff survey and for an on-site visit for the conductors of the salary study. Staff completed surveys which were compiled by the conductors. The results of the survey were shared with court administrators and program managers. Discussions will continue into the next quarter.

Chinle Justice Day. The annual Chinle Judicial District 2015 Justice Day was a success. Activities included an open house, vendors, dee-jay, and a luncheon. Visiting students from area schools were impressed with the court system. Staff shared with the students their roles and responsibilities and answered questions.

Health Commitment Resource Meeting. Judge Rudy Bedonie and the local IHS psychologist met several times to discuss implementing a simpler process for health commitment petitions. A key area of concern is getting the psychologist and IHS doctors to testify in tribal courts. Discussions are continuing to seek solutions.

Chinle Justice Center. Construction has commenced on the Chinle court building. The foundation is being worked on by construction workers. The court administrator has been working with the senior program manager in identifying warm bodies for office space and telephone, fax, and computer lines.

Revision of the Judicial Branch Employee Policies and Procedures (EPP). The court administrator facilitated several work sessions to revise the current policies and procedures for the Judicial Branch. The group completed review of the entire Judicial Branch EPP, but there is a need to revisit areas that were set aside for further review and discussion.



2. Other significant accomplishments

Quarterly Judicial Conference. Judge Rudy Bedonie and court administrator Vanessa Mescal received updated information regarding the Judicial Branch from Chief Yazzie Herb Yazzie during the quarterly judicial conference in Window Rock, Arizona.

2015 Navajo Nation Bar Association Annual Conference. Judge Rudy Bedonie, court administrator Vanessa Mescal, and other staff participated in the 2015 Navajo Nation Bar Association Annual Conference at the Twin Arrows Casino and Resort in Flagstaff, Arizona. Staff reported that the conference was beneficial to them and provided insight on law updates.

Performance Evaluations. Court administrator Vanessa Mescal completed annual staff performance evaluations and submitted them to the Judicial Branch Human Resources.

3. Objectives to be accomplished in the next quarter

The Chinle Judicial District judge and court administrator will participate in meetings with service providers and the Office of the Chief Justice.

The Chinle Judicial District will work towards meeting its performance criteria goals.

The court administrator will provide technical assistance to the court clerks, bailiffs, office technicians, and custodian.

The Chinle Judicial District will support the goals and objectives of the Navajo Nation Probation/Parole Services.

The Chinle Judicial District will work with the goals and objectives of the Navajo Peacemaking Program.

## **F. Dził Yijiin Judicial District**

1. Accomplishments of objectives set the previous quarter

On April 2, 2015, the court administrator, traditional program specialist, and probation officer participated in the Dził Yijiin Regional Council meeting at Blue Gap Chapter. The council consists of representatives from each of the seven chapters within the Dził Yijiin region. The council discussed need to acquire an adequate facility to house the Dził Yijiin Judicial District court operations and personnel. The council passed a resolution to seek funding and support the construction of a Dził Yijiin Public Safety and Judicial Complex so the court can provide efficient and effective services to meet the daily needs of the people they serve.

On April 16, 2015, Dził Yijiin Judicial District celebrated its annual justice day. The event commenced with a fun walk from Pinon Health Center to Pinon Chapter. The program featured Navajo veteran's color guards, distinguished guests, constituents, key note speakers, educational resource booths, and lunch for the public. Navajo law enforcement personnel as well as Navajo County and Apache County Deputy Sheriffs were in attendance.

Court administrator Arlene Lee participated in various Judicial Branch work sessions regarding jury management, salary study, FY2016 general fund budget formulation, etc. She also participated in chapter planning/regular meetings to provide updates on court functions and activities.

2. Other significant accomplishments

To celebrate Administrative Professional's Day, office technician Carolyn Ben and court clerk Marita Lee participated in the Administrative Professionals Conference on April 20 to April 22, 2015, in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Judge Victoria Yazzie and court administrator Arlene Lee participated in the quarterly judicial conference on May 1, 2015, in Window Rock, Arizona.

Court clerk Marita Lee obtained training on court clerk procedures and processes during the American Indian Justice Conference in Catoosa, Oklahoma, May 12-14, 2015.

On May 26, 2015, the district held a staff in-service training on stress management by traditional program specialist Harry Begay.

On May 27, 2015, Judge Victoria Yazzie participated in a FY2016 budget work session in Tuba City facilitated by Acting Chief Justice Eleanor Shirley.

On May 28, 2015, the Dził Yijiin court personnel attended in-service training on Jury Management presented by Kayenta District court administrator Lavonne Yazzie.

On June 4, 2015, Judge Victoria Yazzie participated in the Navajo Nation Bar Conference Annual Conference in Twin Arrows, Arizona.

3. Objectives to be accomplished in the next quarter

Dził Yijiin Judicial District will strive to work persistently to achieve its program performance criteria goals.

Dził Yijiin Judicial District will make preparations for the FY2016 budget development process.

Judge Victoria Yazzie and court administrator Arlene Lee will participate in meetings with service providers and the Dził Yijiin Regional Council to collaborate and provide efficient, effective services.

Dził Yijiin Judicial District will hold three in-service trainings for the staff.

Dził Yijiin Judicial District will collaborate efforts with Dził Yijiin Regional Council to seek funding for adequate office space to accommodate the Dził Yijiin Judicial District court operations and personnel, pending construction of the Pinon Public Safety/Judicial Complex.

## G. Dilkon Judicial District

### 1. Accomplishments of objectives set the previous quarter

Throughout the quarter, the district networked and collaborated with local resources to improve services to the public and to improve interoffice communication. The district made it a priority to resume active participation by facilitating monthly district resource meetings especially with a new judge assignment at Dilkon Judicial District. On April 29, 2015, the district met with Division of Social Services regarding business mapping. Other departments/programs are being encouraged to be more active in these resource meetings, i.e., Office of the Prosecutor, Department of Behavioral Health Services.

The Dilkon Judicial District conducted two in-service trainings for staff: On April 6, 2015, Winslow Indian Health Services staff provided food handlers training in preparation for the 2015 Justice Day. On June 3, 2015, Gloria Benally with the Peacemaking Program presented on traditional Diné teachings.

Throughout the quarter, the Dilkon Judicial District court administrator and SMEs supported and attended all trainings and work sessions regarding the Justware case management application. Trainings by Judicial Branch IT staff enhanced staff knowledge and understanding to learn Justware for a more uniformed, efficient case management system as well as provision of quality customer services.

This year, the courts and law enforcement teamed up for a successful 2015 Justice/Law Day on May 5, 2015, with the theme “Strengthening Diné Justice and Protecting Our Community.” Local resources set up information booths and lunch was served to all visitors. The goal was to educate the community on the courts and peacemaking, and to offer traditional teachings and promote awareness of the consequences of drunk driving by the Angels vs. Drunk Drivers Foundation.

### 2. Other significant accomplishments

On April 1, 2015, the Dilkon Judicial District staff visited the Seba Dalkai School. Judge Cynthia Thompson and court staff (staff attorney, clerks, and bailiff) presented to 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grades students on court functions and the roles and duties of court personnel. The staff also gave a demonstration of a mock court. The presentations emphasized the unique design of the Dilkon court facility that promotes Diné justice.

The Dilkon Justice Center phase two construction is an ongoing project. Meetings were held with key stakeholders, public safety, and corrections. Discussions focused on the needs assessment report, water system PER, security consultant, existing police services, and DOC lessons learned.

Judge Cynthia Thompson gave oaths of office to new police officers on April 17, 2015, and criminal investigators on April 21, 2015.

Judge Cynthia Thompson and staff attorney Jordan Hale participated in the 2015 Navajo Nation Bar Association Annual Conference in Twin Arrows, Arizona.

Court administrator Darlene LaFrance participated in work sessions with other court administrators to address various administrative projects within the Judicial Branch, i.e.,

Judicial Branch Employees Policies and Procedures, criminal justice summit, jury management, case management, court security, budget preparation, and strategic planning.

A salary study work session was presented by the National Center for State Courts on April 9-10, 2015; a survey was launched and is under review. The last salary study for the Judicial Branch was conducted approximately ten years ago. This is a hopeful project for Judicial Branch personnel.

3. Objectives to be accomplished in the next quarter

To facilitate the Dilkon Judicial District resource meetings in efforts to network and collaborate with local resources to improve services to the public.

To conduct two in-service trainings for the district staff.

To work with the Justware application as an ongoing project with new goals and assignments.

To prepare and present the proposed FY2016 general funds budget for the Dilkon Judicial District.

## **H. Window Rock Judicial District**

1. Accomplishments of objectives set the previous quarter

On April 10, 2015, Window Rock Judicial District commenced the first phase of the Judicial Branch Salary Study. The National Center for State Courts court services director Laura Klaversma interviewed district court clerks, bailiffs, court administrator, and senior probation officer regarding their daily job responsibilities.

On April 20, 2015, bailiff Pedro Tsosie provided security at a Navajo Nation Supreme Court hearing on the NN Presidential election.

The Window Rock Judicial District kept up with numerous special prosecutor cases. The criminal defense attorneys filed many motions which the judges, staff attorney, and court clerks continue to address.

After interviewing 13 applicants, Ms. Ronda Lewis was selected and hired as a court clerk on June 2, 2015. Ms. Tabitha Herrera assisted the district on a temporary basis to May 29, 2015.

The Window Rock Judicial District had a high domestic violence docket including several complex domestic violence cases involving child custody issues. Prudent efforts are made to ensure orders are issued as quickly as possible.

The court administrator and staff attorney met with representatives of Navajo Division of Public Safety – Information Management Section, detention officers, NOSHA, Navajo Nation Facilities Maintenance, and Window Rock Unified School District in attempts to relocate staff to a more suitable location that will accommodate the district's needs.

By Administrative Order 19-2015, dated April 14, 2016, Judge Geraldine Benally was assigned to Tuba City case TC-FC-158-2015 after Judge Allen Sloan recused himself from the case.

The staff attorney and court administrator assisted with direct services in addressing needs of the public by assessing their needs and guiding them in the right direction.

The staff attorney:

- Worked with the domestic violence clerk to ensure that DV commissioners are affording parties their due process rights.
- Assisted two new court clerks with various issues related to their positions.
- Met with families to explain the new Adult Guardianship Act so they understand the process before giving them pro se packets.
- Sent correspondences regarding various issues to the public, attorneys, other departments, entities and local government.
- Worked on a Motion to Dismiss for the Judicial Branch Grievance Board which is now on appeal.
- Assisted Judge Carol Perry with special prosecutor cases. A joint criminal jury trial was to begin May 18, 2015, but complications arose when one defense attorney failed to appear and the parties settled before a jury could be impaneled.
- Assisted clerks with inmate correspondences to the court because often times they arrive ex parte.
- Assisted the public daily and worked with the clerks to make changes to current processes, i.e., redrafting an updated version of the 30-day civil summons.
- Compiled a list of staff attorney duties for the salary study.
- Assisted the court administrator with personnel issues.
- Appeared before the Navajo Nation Supreme Court regarding the Window Rock District Court's decision to stay the 2015 presidential election.
- Completed and submitted a self-evaluation.
- Worked with the clerks on scheduling necessary deadlines for the transmittal of records for appeal purposes to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court.

2. Other significant accomplishments

The total number of document requests completed by Window Rock Judicial District in the third quarter was 147 (April 70; May 32; June 45). These figures are relatively low because the district did not have staff available to complete the requests in a timely manner. In addition, a lot of records are archived and need to be researched which takes time. The court continues to be inundated with requests which have yet to be completed.

Judge Carol Perry administered oaths of office to seven police officers on April, 1, 2015, and to five police officers on April 23, 2015

3. Objectives to be accomplished in the next quarter

The Window Rock Judicial District judges will conduct presentations as requested by other tribal departments and/or entities.

The Window Rock Judicial District will work towards meeting its program performance criteria goals.

The probation officers will work with the court in conducting field visits as ordered by the judges and complete field studies and reports on behalf of clients.

The probation officers will work with the court in seeking services from other service providers within the Fort Defiance Agency for clients.

The traditional program specialist will work with the court in conducting presentations.

## **I. Shiprock Judicial District**

### **1. Accomplishments of objectives set the previous quarter**

The Shiprock Judicial District scanned a total of 2,222 cases for archiving.

Shiprock Judicial District personnel received training as follows:

- Court bailiffs Myron Begay and Billy Damon, Jr., completed training in proper use of the Intoxilyzer 8000 at the Farmington Fire Department.
- Office technician Emma Hannah participated in the Administrative Professionals Conference on April 20-22, 2015, in Albuquerque, New Mexico; she obtained beneficial information that resulted in changes/improvements in the work environment.
- Court clerks Shirley Ned, Daisy Paul, and Cornelia Jones completed training in *“Handling Domestic Violence Cases in Tribal Courts”* at the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada. Participants obtained new knowledge in handling domestic violence cases in tribal, state, and federal courts, as well as refresher information on other types of family, civil, and criminal cases.
- Court clerks Caroline Barber and Lucia Jensen attended the seminar on *“How to Supervise People”* in Farmington, New Mexico. Both court clerks provide coverage in absence of the court administrator; participants received relevant information on how to supervise staff.

The Northern Justice Committee (Northern Navajo Agency/Shiprock Public Safety and Judicial Facilities Task Force) is currently working on the demolition of the Boys and Girls Club which is sitting on the site of the proposed public safety/judicial complex.

The traditional blessing ceremony of the modular building for Shiprock Probation/Parole Services and Shiprock Peacemaking Services was held on April 30, 2015. The certificate of occupancy was issued on June 3, 2015. New furniture, operating supplies, and equipment were purchased. Frontier Communications completed installation of phone lines, but transfer of telephone numbers is pending the final move in. Computer hardware and wireless internet installation is pending for scheduling by the Judicial Branch Information Technology.

### **2. Other significant accomplishments**

The Shiprock Judicial District’s 2015 Justice Day was held on April 10, 2015. The program featured introduction of staff, a moment of silence for fallen police officer Alex Yazzie, and a welcome address. Refreshments and a luncheon of Navajo tacos were served. Local service providers set up information/educational booths. Staff provided tours of the court building and disseminated door prizes and promotional items.

Another event associated with the 2015 Justice Day was a radio presentation by Judge Genevieve Woody and probation officer Brent Detsoi. The presentation included the history of the Courts of the Navajo Nation; the passage of the Judicial Reform Act to create the NN Supreme Court; application of traditional principles; use of peacemaking; and, the mandate to apply fundamental laws of the Diné in decision making. All thirteen judicial districts were identified and the Shiprock Judicial District staff was recognized for their participation.

Court administrator Ethel S. Laughing attended the Salary Study kick-off meeting on April 9, 2015, in Tuba City, Arizona. The group received an overview of the purpose of the salary study, methods, desired outcome of the study, and developed a proposed schedule for the study.

On May 15, Judge Genevieve Woody spoke on the Alchíni Bi Beehaz ánnii Act of 2011 during the 2015 Shiprock Law Day. Judge Woody’s presentation was on current laws concerning dependency, child in need of supervision, and delinquency. She also addressed truancy, alcohol and substance abuse issues, and curfew laws.

On June 4-5, 2015, Judge Genevieve Woody and staff attorney Derrick Burbank attended the 2015 Navajo Nation Bar Association Annual Conference at Twin Arrows Casino & Resort in Flagstaff, Arizona. Judge Woody and Mr. Burbank obtained updates and learned new developments regarding the bar association, i.e., by-laws, continuing legal education, disciplinary and admissions/training committees. They also obtained information relevant to practicing law in the Navajo tribal courts, i.e., Navajo Nation Codes, Navajo Nation laws; overview of the peacemaking case management; utilizing peacemaking in child custody evaluations; ethical considerations in doing business with the Navajo Nation and other tribes; the 2014 Navajo Presidential Election.

Management of the Shiprock Judicial District was involved in the preliminary budget process and development of the FY2016 general funds budget. Court administrator Ethel S. Laughing participated in budget work sessions on May 12-13, 2015, and May 20, 2015. She was assigned to serve on the newly formed Budget Review Team which met on June 8 and June 29, 2015. Judge Genevieve Woody and staff attorney Derrick Burbank attended a Supreme Court business unit meeting on May 27, 2015, in Tuba City, Arizona. The Shiprock Judicial District received its proposed FY2016 allocation and is preparing its detailed budget packet.

The Shiprock daily visitor register for the quarter was 12,026. The breakdown for purpose of visit is summarized below:

FY 2015 Third Quarter Report (April 1, 2015 - June 30, 2015)																	
MONTH	District Court Hearing	Questions	Pay Fine	Paperwork	Family Court Hearing	Questions	Pay Fine	Paperwork	Peacemaking Session	Questions	Pay Slipend Fee	Paperwork	Probation Services	Questions	Others	TOTAL CLIENTS	METAL DETECTOR READINGS
April 2015	129	59	29	49	274	96	7	86	202	46	9	1	156	9	414	1,566	4,001
May 2015	181	67	28	73	241	77	7	52	242	58	0	0	141	8	436	1,611	4,196
June 2015	123	63	32	70	232	80	7	64	164	51	2	0	146	2	424	1,460	3,829
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1,274</b>	<b>4,637</b>	<b>12,026</b>

3. Objectives to be accomplished in the next quarter
  - To focus on and increase archiving activities.
  - To plan and coordinate in-service training for court personnel.
  - To plan a one-day staff development training for employees.
  - To close out the FY2015 general funds budget.
  - To proceed with the FY2016 general funds budget process and development.
  - To complete the case inventory for FY2014.
  - To complete the case inventory of all pending district cases.
  - To participate in strategic planning work sessions.
  - To participate in the Judicial Branch Employees Policies and Procedures revision work sessions.

## **J. Crownpoint Judicial District**

1. Accomplishments of objectives set the previous quarter
  - The district scanned 476 civil cases for calendar year 2008 and destroyed approximately 1,909 cases by shredding paper documents. The district has approximately 26,618 backlogged cases that need to be scanned for archiving.
  - The new modular court building in Pueblo Pintado is still waiting for electrical connection, until then can the building be occupied.
  - This quarter's in-service trainings included presentations by bi-culture training manager Roger Begay during the 2015 Justice Day and staff attorney Sharon Noel on the History of the Navajo Courts, Title 7 revisions, and procedures in appealing cases.
  - Interviews were held to fill vacant positions with the Pueblo Pintado Circuit Court. These positions are now filled with temporary employees.
2. Other significant accomplishments
  - The 2015 Justice Day held on April 1, 2015, was hosted by Crownpoint and Pueblo Pintado Courts. There were resource booths, a presentation by bi-culture manager Roger Begay with the Peacemaking Program, and lunch served by the staff.
  - The Crownpoint Justice Center hosted a meeting for the Law & Order Committee of the Navajo Nation Council. The Judicial Branch's oversight committee heard reports from the Law and Order Committee, Crownpoint Judicial District, and Crownpoint Department of Corrections.



Judge Irene Toledo presided over scheduled cases in the Crownpoint and Pueblo Pintado Courts; administered oaths of office to two chapter officials and 30 police officers; attended a consortium meeting in Albuquerque, NM; and attended Law & Order Committee meetings in Crownpoint, NM, and Flagstaff, AZ. She met with the chief justice regarding her performance evaluation. She officiated a wedding ceremony.

Ramah Judge Leonard Livingston was administratively assigned to handle five cases in the Crownpoint Judicial District along with presiding over cases as needed. Judge Leonard Livingston and Judge William Platero participated in a special meeting called by Acting Chief Justice Eleanor Shirley at the Tuba City Court via video conferencing set up at Crownpoint.

Court administrator Rena Thompson participated in a number of court administrator projects. She attended a salary study kick-off meeting and work sessions to update position descriptions for Judicial Branch staff. She attended three court administrator meetings, jury management work session, two FY2016 general fund budget meetings, and the FY2015 budget orientation with Navajo Nation OMB. She participated in interviews to fill a maintenance/custodian position who will be working at the justice complex under operations and maintenance with BIA Facilities Management. She kept up with warranty issues regarding the new court building.

Crownpoint Judicial District personnel received training as follows:

- Court clerks Jacque Bates and Rhiannon Guerro attended training in Albuquerque, NM in “*Child Abuse.*” They learned how to identify and recognize child abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, maltreatment.
- Bailiff Loritta Largo obtained certification in “*First Aid*” in Little Water, NM.
- To help with their security duties, bailiffs Loritta Largo, Kelsey Begay, and Kevin Jeff completed a two-day “*Bullet Proof*” training in Las Vegas, NV.
- Bailiffs Loritta Largo and Kevin Jeff and office technician Patricia Mariano completed training in “*Front Desk Security*” in Albuquerque, NM.
- Staff attorney Sharon Noel attended training in Gallup, NM, on “*Suicide Prevention.*” She also attended the Title 7 revision work session in Farmington, NM.
- Court clerk Margaret Benally completed training in “*Excel.*”
- Office technician Patricia Mariano completed training in “*Advance Excel.*”

3. Objectives to be accomplished in the next quarter

To scan closed court cases into archiving and address the backlog of cases.

To implement Pueblo Pintado Circuit Court.

To provide in-service trainings to staff of Crownpoint and Pueblo Pintado Courts.

To send staff to trainings for self-development.

To implement a front desk manual for use with the court security handbook.

## **K. Ramah Judicial District**

### **1. Accomplishments of objectives set the previous quarter**

Ramah Judicial District provided services and coordinated plans with Ramah Navajo Chapter and service providers in the community.

Ramah Judicial District celebrated its 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Justice/Law Day on May 15, 2015, with information booths by local service providers and lunch for the community. There were presentations on meth in Indian Country and alcohol issues in McKinley County; there was also a K-9 demonstration in the court room. The event was attended by the public, court staff from other districts, staff from other Navajo Nation programs/departments, and law enforcement personnel from New Mexico State Police, Cibola and McKinley County, and the Navajo Nation. The focus was to provide public education and community awareness on judicial issues/matters.

On May 1, 2015, Judge Leonard Livingston, staff attorney Dan Moquin, and court administrator Esther Jose participated in the quarterly judicial conference hosted by the Administrative Office of the Courts in Window Rock, Arizona. Conference agenda topics included presentations by Chief Justice Herb Yazzie and administrative staff regarding Judicial Branch-related activities.

### **2. Other significant accomplishments**

During this quarter, 393 people signed in for court services. There were 933 incoming/outgoing telephone calls and 6,072 incoming/outgoing fax services.

Staff attorney Dan Moquin assisted with cases at Crownpoint, Chinle, and Kayenta Judicial Districts and the Navajo Nation Supreme Court. He assisted with drafting changes to ABBA (Navajo Nation Children's Code), Title 7, Judicial Branch Employee Policies and Procedures, Court Security Policy, Case Management Policy, school truancy, and staff development training. He participated in staff attorney meetings and judicial conferences.

On April 10, 2015, court administrator Esther Jose and staff attorney Dan Moquin participated in an executive group overview by Laura G. Klaversma, Mindy Masias, and Eric D. Brown. The group covered different topics including a basic overview of the salary study project between the National Center for State Courts and Navajo Nation Judicial Branch. The project will entail in-depth discussions on project specifics and a thorough review of staff position descriptions.

In April 2015, court administrator Esther Jose completed annual performance evaluations of staff. In May 2015, Judge Leonard Livingston completed evaluation on court administrator Esther Jose. The completed evaluations were forwarded to Judicial Branch Human Resources.

On April 24, 2015, and June 18, 2015, court administrator Esther Jose and staff attorney Dan Moquin hosted resource meetings at the Ramah District Court. The primary purpose of these resource meetings is to coordinate services and identify ways the court can collaborate with local resources/service providers to provide assistance in efforts to build better working relationships. At the June 18, 2015, meeting, David Adam and Novaline

Wilson presented on Indian Country jurisdictions, VAWA, SORNA, and drugs in Indian Country.

On April 30, 2015, general safety training was held for all Ramah Judicial District court, probation, and peacemaking staff. Topics included first rule of safety-know your job, good housekeeping practices, slips, trips, and falls, reducing chances of chemical exposure, checking labels for key information, basic fire prevention, preparing for emergency evacuations, electrical hazards, safe lifting basics, workplace violence, and ergonomic injuries.

On June 4–5, 2015, Judge Leonard Livingston and staff attorney Dan Moquin participated in the 2015 Navajo Nation Bar Association Annual Conference in Flagstaff, Arizona.

On June 29, 2015, the Law and Order Committee made a site visit to Ramah Judicial District. The meeting was based on an agenda prepared by the Committee. Lunch was served to the participants.

Court administrator Esther Jose:

- Participated in a work session on May 12–13, 2015, in preparation for the FY2016 general funds budget development process.
- Attended a budget meeting in Window Rock, Arizona, on May 20, 2015. The meeting focused on FY2016 budget proposals which were due on May 29, 2015.
- Participated in court administrator meetings on May 27 and June 10.
- Participated in a work session to review staff position descriptions on June 24–25, 2015.
- Attended the FY2016 annual budget orientation in Window Rock, Arizona, on June 26, 2015.

3. Objectives to be accomplished in the next quarter

To participate in and complete the annual budget allocation and planning process for FY2016 for the Ramah Judicial District.

To present the Ramah Judicial District proposed FY2016 general funds budget to the Law and Order Committee of the Navajo Nation Council.

To collaborate with local resources to improve services to the public.

To complete the FY2015 budget closeout activities.

To plan and coordinate staff development training for court staff.

To have the district staff attorney provide law classes to court staff.

To schedule a CPR and first aid training.

## L. Alamo/To'hajiilee Judicial District

### 1. Accomplishments of objectives set the previous quarter

The Alamo/To'hajiilee Judicial District finished the specialty court roadmap and draft of evaluation tools. The roadmap was completed on April 3, 2015, and will be part of the evaluation report to USDOJ.

The Alamo/To'hajiilee Judicial District celebrated 2015 Justice Day events at Alamo on April 10, 2015, and at To'hajiilee on May 1, 2015.

The Alamo/To'hajiilee Judicial District completed Justware implementation. On April 8, 2015, programmer support specialist Melanie Price from the Administrative Office of the Courts provided important Justware training for the clerks and office technicians in To'hajiilee and Alamo. She also worked with the probation officer.

The Alamo/To'hajiilee Judicial District completed the following training for court clerks and office technicians:

- 4/8/15 – Justware training at To'hajiilee for clerks and probation officer
- 4/30-31/15 – Court clerk and office technician training and retreat: Outlook through Navajo Nation Staff Development and Training Program; case management policies; court clerk manual
- 6/29-30/15 – Court clerk and office technician training and retreat

### 2. Other significant accomplishments

Restorative Justice: Healing to Wellness and Teen Court Implementation. The Alamo-To'hajiilee Judicial District is the only district in the Navajo Nation that has a restorative justice model for the Healing to Wellness and Teen Courts in Alamo and To'hajiilee. There are four specialty courts and all are unique for each community. The courts are coordinated by three specialty court coordinators: Jamie Mike, Healing to Wellness; Eve Shenale, Teen Court; and Robertson Yazzie, Jr., Veterans Justice Outreach. The district established important partnerships with behavioral health services, local chapters, local school boards, and Indian Health Services. There is strong support from local prosecutor Cathy J. Begay. The restorative justice model for the specialty courts relies on fundamental law and the actual implementation of fundamental law.

The district hopes to sustain these specialty courts in FY2016 and FY2017. The idea is to keep youth and justice-involved adults out of the criminal justice system and to restore harmony instead of setting up a revolving door. There is much concern about the high number of alcohol-related deaths associated with crime and youth suicide rates.

Eastern Navajo Agency Council. The specialty court team attended the Eastern Navajo Agency Council meeting at Nahodishgish Chapter on June 6, 2015, to get a supporting resolution for the collection of qualitative and quantitative data for the Healing to Wellness Court and Teen Courts for Alamo and To'hajiilee. The group gave a short presentation on efforts being made and received overwhelming support of the projects. There was a vote of 84 in favor for the evaluation of the courts which will be submitted to the Navajo Nation Institutional Review Board at their next meeting. Council delegate Norman Begay (Alamo/Ramah/To'hajiilee) was present to give support to this effort.

Law and Order Committee. The Navajo Nation Council Law and Order Committee met in Alamo on June 8 and in To'hajiilee on June 15, 2015. Judge William J.J. Platero presented information on the specialty court development and the special projects of the district including the design and construction of a multi-purpose justice center in Alamo. Court administrator Regina Roanhorse provided data on alcohol-related deaths and chronic illnesses of the Healing to Wellness (drug court). Further, she presented information in detailed fact sheets on the Teen Court and programming for youth. The entire project is called a Total Community Approach. A full presentation of the entire project was given to the Law and Order Committee at the June 18 work session sponsored by the Judicial Branch.

Veterans Justice Outreach Coordination. The Veterans Justice Outreach Project for the Healing to Wellness specialty court is funded through a 2013 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation USDOJ grant. The vision is to establish a specialty court for justice-involved veterans in the Navajo Nation. Services are provided through Indian Health Services and the VA that would benefit recovery and keep them out of jail.

On June 2, 2015, the specialty court team met with Camille Lopez, LISW with the Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Justice Outreach Project. New Veterans Justice Outreach coordinator Robertson Yazzie, Jr., was introduced and an outline of services and activities provided. Important partnerships are established with the primary federal agency that provides service-connected disabled veterans, particularly those suffering from drug addiction and mental illness. In efforts to establish coordination of services for Navajo Nation veterans who are involved in the justice system, this was a pivotal meeting to begin the process of strengthening our program. The group also discussed sharing of data and scheduling a future tour of the Albuquerque VA Hospital.

Coordination of Services with Law Enforcement. A meeting was held with Captain Steve Nelson, officer Julian Henry, and Office of Diné Youth to discuss a future youth "police academy" in To'hajiilee or Alamo. Since the Office of Diné Youth does not have an office in To'hajiilee or Alamo, this was an opportunity to reach out for services for To'hajiilee and Alamo youth. An agenda was developed to provide a one-day outreach and to assist with Camp Triumph for the youth. The staff has been actively recruiting and educating the police in the area about participating in the healing to wellness courts. The specialty court team also provided outreach and education at the Crownpoint Law Day activities in Crownpoint, NM, on May 8, 2015.

Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation Healing to Wellness Court. Captain Steve Nelson with Navajo Nation Department of Law Enforcement and Veterans Justice Outreach coordinator Robertson Yazzie, Jr., attended the Yavapai Nation Healing to Wellness Court treatment team and regular drug court hearing on June 25, 2015, with care coordinator Jamie Mike and court administrator Regina Roanhorse. The tribal prosecutor and captain of police services gave information on the efficacy of the drug court model that includes participation by law enforcement. The team was able to interact with drug court staff and the presiding judge on legal screening and processes and exchange information needed to improve the specialty courts at Alamo/To'hajiilee Judicial District. The group discussed screening tool for criminogenic risks, exclusion of violent offenders, and watched a court session with actual participants. The Healing to Wellness Court in the Alamo and To'hajiilee communities have been in operation since 2013, and with new staff and law enforcement on board, this trip was very important. Captain Nelson asked specific questions to fully understand the role of law enforcement in this specialty court.

Albuquerque Public Schools Indian Education. The Teen Court and Peacemaking Program are working with the Office of the Prosecutor to assist Navajo students attending off-reservation schools (West Mesa High School, Jimmy Carter Middle School) that serve the To'hajiilee community with accessing services to prevent truancy. The specialty court team met with Daisy Thompson, director of APS Indian Education, and police officers with APS schools to educate them about the Navajo Nation Children's Code and to address service of process. Also discussed was how the Peacemaking Program can provide traditional teachings to Navajo students at these and other schools. Meetings were held on May 13 and May 15, 2015.

Canoncito Navajo Band of Indians Health Board. The Teen Court provided an update on April 13, 2015, on the expenditures of the 2011 USDOJ Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) grant for Tribal Youth Program. The Teen Court at To'hajiilee is funded through this grant to provide school-based alcohol prevention programming at the To'hajiilee Community School. The CNB Health Board oversees the tribal 638 behavioral health and CHR programs in the community funded through the Albuquerque Indian Health Services.

Alamo Truancy Case Referral Process and Collaborative Efforts. On May 13, 2015, the specialty court team for the Alamo Teen Court met with Alamo Navajo School Board, school staff and officials, Alamo Behavioral Health Services, and community officials to strengthen the existing referral system for truancy cases. Some of the cases were going directly to peacemaking without final dispositions being noted. A referral process was implemented to include the necessary legal screening because of the high volume of truancy cases in Alamo.

School-Based Alcohol Prevention Programming in School with Teen Court. On June 9, 2015, teen court coordinator Eve Shenale, traditional program specialist Albert Begaye, and court administrator Regina Roanhorse met with Alamo Navajo School principal Regina Lane and peacemakers David Singer and Harold Peralta to coordinate the fall implementation of the school-based alcohol prevention programming at Alamo schools. The Teen Court is utilizing Botvin Life Skills substance abuse prevention curriculum in the middle school and high school at To'hajiilee. The curriculum teaches youth to make good decisions, utilize good communication skills, and set important goals for their future instead of abusing alcohol or drugs. Teen court coordinator Eve Shenale conducted Botvin Life Skills classes for students of To'hajiilee Middle School and To'hajiilee High School.

Alamo Alcohol and Drug Prevention Task Force. The Alamo Alcohol and Drug Prevention Task Force was created last year as part of the Healing to Wellness and Teen Court specialty courts. The task force is comprised of local community members interested in voicing their concerns and advocating for increased behavioral health services for justice-involved individuals and families. The task force worked on a strategic plan and one of their policy issues is to support the building of a multi-purpose justice center. On June 8, 2015, the task force gave a presentation to the Law and Order Committee of the Navajo Nation Council to request more police services for the community.

To'hajiilee Steering Committee. The To'hajiilee Steering Committee was created last year as part of the specialty court projects. They developed a strategic plan and worked with the programs to plan and implement drug-free activities in the community. On June

15, 2015, at the Law and Order Committee meeting, the committee presented their strategic plan for the community. In the plan, they requested for more police services for the community. The committee holds regular meetings and works with the To'hajiilee Youth Council. Advocacy training was given to committee members and their legislative initiative is to support the continued work of the specialty courts.

To'hajiilee Youth Council. The To'hajiilee Youth Council was created from the Teen Court Program training and activities that occurred last fall. The Teen Court Program trains youth to be peer jurors for actual cases and has its own council to do drug prevention activities in the community. In this quarter, the youth council met four times to prepare for upcoming events. They requested that the Judicial Branch assist them with sign holders so they can put up anti-drug and anti-alcohol messages in the community. The youth council and Teen Court Program coordinator Eve Shenale helped To'hajiilee Behavioral Health Services establish and implement Camp Triumph 2015, a camp to teach youth critical life skills by law enforcement, court, peacemaking, and behavioral health services personnel. The camp was held June 17–18, 2015.

Resource Meetings – Interagency Planning and Coordination. The district hosted resource meetings in Alamo and To'hajiilee. These meetings are important in developing collaborative relationships with the unique systems in the communities, including health, educational, chapter, and justice systems so local issues can be addressed and begin to focus on the most pressing and documented gaps in the local continuum of care for truancy, substance abuse, and mental health programs for families and youth. The goal is to provide a forum or opportunity for local services and health providers to plan and coordinate services more effectively despite the lack of resources.

Resource meetings also provide an important mechanism for interagency planning and coordination at the service delivery level, as well as help to define a clear vision for strategies to coordinate future services, programs, and other initiatives particularly for youth. Key stakeholders representing all cultural community and provider groups, educational institutions, and youth were given opportunity to participate in resource meetings held at the respective court. The following list of activities and meetings are related to the MCA project:

- 4/29/15 – Alamo Alcohol and Drug Prevention Task Force Meeting
- 4/30/15 – To'hajiilee Steering Committee Meeting
- 5/27/15 – To'hajiilee Resource Meeting
- 5/27/15 – To'hajiilee Steering Committee Meeting
- 6/10/15 – Meeting with Office of Diné Youth for services
- 6/19/15 – Alamo Resource Meeting
- 6/19/15 – Alamo Alcohol and Drug Prevention Task Force Meeting
- 6/26/15 – To'hajiilee Resource Meeting

Topics discussed at these meetings include the Wingate High School Homeless Youth Apprenticeship Program, establishing a Navajo Nation traditional veterans group, potential points of contact for veterans in the community, a reentry program, and need for services for tribal members who are exiting the prison system.

Local Collaborative 16. Local collaboratives are state-funded behavioral health coalitions in New Mexico. There are five Native American local collaboratives. Veterans Justice Outreach coordinator Robertson Yazzie, Jr., and court administrator Regina Roanhorse attended a meeting on June 12, 2015, to introduce the specialty court project and to establish future partnerships for grants and funding for coordinated

projects. LC 16 covers portions of Sandoval County including Torreon, Pueblo Pintado, and Cuba where there is a definite need for coordination of services for veterans and other justice-involved Navajos.

Multi-Disciplinary Team Meetings for Specialty Courts. The specialty court team met on May 5 and 7, 2015, to work on coordinating schedules for activities and events for the next month including a presentation to the Law and Order Committee in Flagstaff, Arizona. The new Veterans Justice Outreach coordinator Robertson Yazzie, Jr., was hired and was provided orientation on the coordination of activities and services that is provided to the judicial district. The team met again on May 19 and May 27, 2015, to go over the men's wellness day, meetings with law enforcement and Law and Order Committee, and other matters.

Criminal Justice Summit Planning. A tour of the Sheraton Albuquerque Airport was completed in early May 2015. The tentative date of the Summit was changed to September 8-10, 2015.

Native American Subcommittee. The specialty court team met with participants of the Native American Subcommittee of the New Mexico Governor's Behavioral Health Planning Council to introduce the concepts of restorative justice using Healing to Wellness (drug courts) and Teen Courts to outreach to justice-involved Native Americans in New Mexico state jurisdictions. For sustainability purposes, the district is working to promote the idea of restorative justice in the care and treatment of alcohol-addicted individuals involved in the justice systems. The chair of the subcommittee is Secretary of Indian Affairs for New Mexico Christine Zunie who is very supportive of our efforts.

Desk Audit for the Veteran's Justice Outreach Project. The court administrator attended a desk audit on May 12, 2015, with the USDOJ BJA program manager on the Veteran's Justice Outreach Project to review procedures for expenditure of funds for the purpose of supporting the veterans justice outreach project and development of a tribal action plan.

Judicial Branch Salary Study. The Judicial Branch salary study kick-off meeting was held April 9, 2015, at Tuba City, Arizona, for court administrators, Administrative Office of the Courts, Judicial Branch Human Resources, and staff of the National Center for State Courts. The purpose of the meeting was to identify goals and projected dates to complete the entire study. The first round was to get surveys completed and job descriptions reviewed by the class of employees affected. The next step after that is to review the surveys with the court administrators. A coordination meeting for reviewing the surveys with the consultants was held on June 11, 2015.

3. Objectives to be accomplished in the next quarter

To collaborate with the Healing to Wellness coordinator and district probation officer in sponsoring a men's or women's wellness day.

To finalized plans for and hold the 2015 Criminal Justice Summit in September 2015.



## VIII. Judicial Branch Statistical Caseload Reports

### FY2015 THIRD QUARTER OVERALL STATISTICS BY LOCATION

LOCATION	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Supreme Court	64	0.3%	41	0.5%	105	0.3%	30	0.4%	75	0.3%
Alamo	175	0.7%	71	0.9%	246	0.8%	57	0.7%	189	0.8%
Aneth	369	1.6%	170	2.2%	539	1.7%	172	2.1%	367	1.6%
Chinle	2,176	9.3%	526	6.9%	2,702	8.7%	808	10.0%	1,894	8.2%
Crownpoint	1,432	6.1%	720	9.5%	2,152	6.9%	671	8.3%	1,481	6.5%
Dilkon	1,168	5.0%	323	4.3%	1,491	4.8%	410	5.1%	1,081	4.7%
Dził Yijiin	912	3.9%	133	1.8%	1,045	3.4%	246	3.1%	799	3.5%
Kayenta	1,241	5.3%	505	6.7%	1,746	5.6%	490	6.1%	1,256	5.5%
Pueblo Pintado	120	0.5%	58	0.8%	178	0.6%	86	1.1%	92	0.4%
Ramah	2,004	8.6%	336	4.4%	2,340	7.5%	235	2.9%	2,105	9.2%
Shiprock	3,433	14.7%	741	9.8%	4,174	13.5%	868	10.8%	3,306	14.4%
To'hajiilee	321	1.4%	44	0.6%	365	1.2%	43	0.5%	322	1.4%
Tuba City	1,957	8.4%	825	10.9%	2,782	9.0%	936	11.6%	1,846	8.0%
Window Rock	4,936	21.1%	844	11.1%	5,780	18.6%	859	10.7%	4,921	21.4%
Probation Services	2,687	11.5%	2,022	26.6%	4,709	15.2%	1,849	23.0%	2,860	12.5%
Peacemaking	413	1.8%	233	3.1%	646	2.1%	281	3.5%	365	1.6%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23,408</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>7,592</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>31,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>8,041</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>22,959</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### FY2015 THIRD QUARTER OVERALL STATISTICS BY CASE TYPE

CASE TYPE	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	1,502	6.4%	333	4.4%	1,835	5.9%	284	3.5%	1,551	6.8%
Criminal	8,537	36.5%	1,343	17.7%	9,880	31.9%	1,607	20.0%	8,273	36.0%
Civil Traffic	4,508	19.3%	1,710	22.5%	6,218	20.1%	2,160	26.9%	4,058	17.7%
Criminal Traffic	2,083	8.9%	235	3.1%	2,318	7.5%	277	3.4%	2,041	8.9%
Family Civil	1,867	8.0%	510	6.7%	2,377	7.7%	477	5.9%	1,900	8.3%
Domestic Violence	1,125	4.8%	1,020	13.4%	2,145	6.9%	976	12.1%	1,169	5.1%
Dependency	345	1.5%	73	1.0%	418	1.3%	42	0.5%	376	1.6%
Delinquency	177	0.8%	31	0.4%	208	0.7%	33	0.4%	175	0.8%
CHINS	100	0.4%	41	0.5%	141	0.5%	25	0.3%	116	0.5%
Supreme Court	64	0.3%	41	0.5%	105	0.3%	30	0.4%	75	0.3%
Probation/Parole	2,687	11.5%	2,022	26.6%	4,709	15.2%	1,849	23.0%	2,860	12.5%
Peacemaking	413	1.8%	233	3.1%	646	2.1%	281	3.5%	365	1.6%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23,408</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>7,592</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>31,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>8,041</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>22,959</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### SUPREME COURT OF THE NAVAJO NATION

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Reconsiderations	Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	61	95%	24	59%	0	85	81%	16	53%	69	92%
Criminal	1	2%	1	2%	0	2	2%	0	0%	2	3%
NNBA	1	2%	16	39%	0	17	16%	14	47%	3	4%
Special Proceedings	1	2%	0	0%	0	1	1%	0	0%	1	1%
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>100%</b>

**ALAMO COURT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	18	10.3%	23	32.4%	41	16.7%	3	5.3%	38	20.1%
Criminal	95	54.3%	5	7.0%	100	40.7%	14	24.6%	86	45.5%
Civil Traffic	23	13.1%	6	8.5%	29	11.8%	4	7.0%	25	13.2%
Criminal Traffic	8	4.6%	2	2.8%	10	4.1%	0	0.0%	10	5.3%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>144</b>		<b>36</b>		<b>180</b>		<b>21</b>		<b>159</b>	
Family Civil	21	12.0%	9	12.7%	30	12.2%	17	29.8%	13	6.9%
Domestic Violence	3	1.7%	17	23.9%	20	8.1%	17	29.8%	3	1.6%
Dependency	1	0.6%	1	1.4%	2	0.8%	1	1.8%	1	0.5%
Delinquency	1	0.6%	0	0.0%	1	0.4%	0	0.0%	1	0.5%
CHINS	5	2.9%	8	11.3%	13	5.3%	1	1.8%	12	6.3%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>31</b>		<b>35</b>		<b>66</b>		<b>36</b>		<b>30</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**ANETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	36	9.8%	6	3.5%	42	7.8%	7	4.1%	35	9.5%
Criminal	154	41.7%	29	17.1%	183	34.0%	19	11.0%	164	44.7%
Civil Traffic	46	12.5%	79	46.5%	125	23.2%	76	44.2%	49	13.4%
Criminal Traffic	57	15.4%	0	0.0%	57	10.6%	12	7.0%	45	12.3%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>293</b>		<b>114</b>		<b>407</b>		<b>114</b>		<b>293</b>	
Family Civil	63	17.1%	20	11.8%	83	15.4%	19	11.0%	64	17.4%
Domestic Violence	11	3.0%	35	20.6%	46	8.5%	39	22.7%	7	1.9%
Dependency	2	0.5%	1	0.6%	3	0.6%	0	0.0%	3	0.8%
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>76</b>		<b>56</b>		<b>132</b>		<b>58</b>		<b>74</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**CHINLE JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	70	3.2%	39	7.4%	109	4.0%	37	4.6%	72	3.8%
Criminal	1,507	69.3%	111	21.1%	1,618	59.9%	373	46.2%	1,245	65.7%
Civil Traffic	213	9.8%	200	38.0%	413	15.3%	240	29.7%	173	9.1%
Criminal Traffic	160	7.4%	8	1.5%	168	6.2%	22	2.7%	146	7.7%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>1,950</b>		<b>358</b>		<b>2,308</b>		<b>672</b>		<b>1,636</b>	
Family Civil	106	4.9%	58	11.0%	164	6.1%	49	6.1%	115	6.1%
Domestic Violence	94	4.3%	101	19.2%	195	7.2%	79	9.8%	116	6.1%
Dependency	15	0.7%	7	1.3%	22	0.8%	3	0.4%	19	1.0%
Delinquency	8	0.4%	2	0.4%	10	0.4%	5	0.6%	5	0.3%
CHINS	3	0.1%	0	0.0%	3	0.1%	0	0.0%	3	0.2%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>226</b>		<b>168</b>		<b>394</b>		<b>136</b>		<b>258</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>2,176</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,702</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,894</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**CROWNPOINT JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	72	5.0%	58	8.1%	130	6.0%	55	8.2%	75	5.1%
Criminal	601	42.0%	136	18.9%	737	34.2%	103	15.4%	634	42.8%
Civil Traffic	307	21.4%	276	38.3%	583	27.1%	284	42.3%	299	20.2%
Criminal Traffic	171	11.9%	69	9.6%	240	11.2%	21	3.1%	219	14.8%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>1,151</b>		<b>539</b>		<b>1,690</b>		<b>463</b>		<b>1,227</b>	
Family Civil	113	7.9%	56	7.8%	169	7.9%	59	8.8%	110	7.4%
Domestic Violence	66	4.6%	100	13.9%	166	7.7%	135	20.1%	31	2.1%
Dependency	65	4.5%	17	2.4%	82	3.8%	10	1.5%	72	4.9%
Delinquency	6	0.4%	6	0.8%	12	0.6%	2	0.3%	10	0.7%
CHINS	31	2.2%	2	0.3%	33	1.5%	2	0.3%	31	2.1%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>281</b>		<b>181</b>		<b>462</b>		<b>208</b>		<b>254</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>1,432</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,152</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,481</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**DILKON JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	55	4.7%	7	2.2%	62	4.2%	9	2.2%	53	4.9%
Criminal	725	62.1%	78	24.1%	803	53.9%	74	18.0%	729	67.4%
Civil Traffic	93	8.0%	143	44.3%	236	15.8%	214	52.2%	22	2.0%
Criminal Traffic	86	7.4%	1	0.3%	87	5.8%	8	2.0%	79	7.3%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>959</b>		<b>229</b>		<b>1,188</b>		<b>305</b>		<b>883</b>	
Family Civil	139	11.9%	43	13.3%	182	12.2%	43	10.5%	139	12.9%
Domestic Violence	27	2.3%	49	15.2%	76	5.1%	53	12.9%	23	2.1%
Dependency	22	1.9%	2	0.6%	24	1.6%	9	2.2%	15	1.4%
Delinquency	21	1.8%	0	0.0%	21	1.4%	0	0.0%	21	1.9%
CHINS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>209</b>		<b>94</b>		<b>303</b>		<b>105</b>		<b>198</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>1,168</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,491</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,081</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**DZİŁ YJIIN JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	13	1.4%	14	10.5%	27	2.6%	11	4.5%	16	2.0%
Criminal	492	53.9%	16	12.0%	508	48.6%	135	54.9%	373	46.7%
Civil Traffic	207	22.7%	8	6.0%	215	20.6%	24	9.8%	191	23.9%
Criminal Traffic	44	4.8%	0	0.0%	44	4.2%	5	2.0%	39	4.9%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>756</b>		<b>38</b>		<b>794</b>		<b>175</b>		<b>619</b>	
Family Civil	50	5.5%	28	21.1%	78	7.5%	7	2.8%	71	8.9%
Domestic Violence	95	10.4%	62	46.6%	157	15.0%	62	25.2%	95	11.9%
Dependency	5	0.5%	5	3.8%	10	1.0%	0	0.0%	10	1.3%
Delinquency	4	0.4%	0	0.0%	4	0.4%	1	0.4%	3	0.4%
CHINS	2	0.2%	0	0.0%	2	0.2%	1	0.4%	1	0.1%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>156</b>		<b>95</b>		<b>251</b>		<b>71</b>		<b>180</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>912</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,045</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**KAYENTA JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	46	3.7%	30	5.9%	76	4.4%	36	7.3%	40	3.2%
Criminal	627	50.5%	50	9.9%	677	38.8%	125	25.5%	552	43.9%
Civil Traffic	139	11.2%	260	51.5%	399	22.9%	162	33.1%	237	18.9%
Criminal Traffic	134	10.8%	14	2.8%	148	8.5%	25	5.1%	123	9.8%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>946</b>		<b>354</b>		<b>1,300</b>		<b>348</b>		<b>952</b>	
Family Civil	91	7.3%	32	6.3%	123	7.0%	38	7.8%	85	6.8%
Domestic Violence	178	14.3%	111	22.0%	289	16.6%	100	20.4%	189	15.0%
Dependency	15	1.2%	8	1.6%	23	1.3%	1	0.2%	22	1.8%
Delinquency	10	0.8%	0	0.0%	10	0.6%	2	0.4%	8	0.6%
CHINS	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%	1	0.2%	0	0.0%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>295</b>		<b>151</b>		<b>446</b>		<b>142</b>		<b>304</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>1,241</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,746</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,256</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**PUEBLO PINTADO COURT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	5	4.2%	2	3.4%	7	3.9%	2	2.3%	5	5.4%
Criminal	59	49.2%	20	34.5%	79	44.4%	39	45.3%	40	43.5%
Civil Traffic	20	16.7%	2	3.4%	22	12.4%	10	11.6%	12	13.0%
Criminal Traffic	5	4.2%	4	6.9%	9	5.1%	2	2.3%	7	7.6%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>89</b>		<b>28</b>		<b>117</b>		<b>53</b>		<b>64</b>	
Family Civil	10	8.3%	11	19.0%	21	11.8%	11	12.8%	10	10.9%
Domestic Violence	13	10.8%	14	24.1%	27	15.2%	22	25.6%	5	5.4%
Dependency	8	6.7%	5	8.6%	13	7.3%	0	0.0%	13	14.1%
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>31</b>		<b>30</b>		<b>61</b>		<b>33</b>		<b>28</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**RAMAH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	37	1.8%	1	0.3%	38	1.6%	0	0.0%	38	1.8%
Criminal	492	24.6%	137	40.8%	629	26.9%	120	51.1%	509	24.2%
Civil Traffic	1,255	62.6%	159	47.3%	1,414	60.4%	77	32.8%	1,337	63.5%
Criminal Traffic	77	3.8%	21	6.3%	98	4.2%	18	7.7%	80	3.8%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>1,861</b>		<b>318</b>		<b>2,179</b>		<b>215</b>		<b>1,964</b>	
Family Civil	60	3.0%	5	1.5%	65	2.8%	9	3.8%	56	2.7%
Domestic Violence	60	3.0%	5	1.5%	65	2.8%	6	2.6%	59	2.8%
Dependency	12	0.6%	2	0.6%	14	0.6%	0	0.0%	14	0.7%
Delinquency	10	0.5%	5	1.5%	15	0.6%	3	1.3%	12	0.6%
CHINS	1	0.0%	1	0.3%	2	0.1%	2	0.9%	0	0.0%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>143</b>		<b>18</b>		<b>161</b>		<b>20</b>		<b>141</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>2,004</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,340</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,105</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**SHIPROCK JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	193	5.6%	47	6.3%	240	5.7%	44	5.1%	196	5.9%
Criminal	1,233	35.9%	240	32.4%	1,473	35.3%	201	23.2%	1,272	38.5%
Civil Traffic	750	21.8%	73	9.9%	823	19.7%	256	29.5%	567	17.2%
Criminal Traffic	773	22.5%	78	10.5%	851	20.4%	75	8.6%	776	23.5%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>2,949</b>		<b>438</b>		<b>3,387</b>		<b>576</b>		<b>2,811</b>	
Family Civil	221	6.4%	74	10.0%	295	7.1%	63	7.3%	232	7.0%
Domestic Violence	194	5.7%	221	29.8%	415	9.9%	215	24.8%	200	6.0%
Dependency	27	0.8%	5	0.7%	32	0.8%	8	0.9%	24	0.7%
Delinquency	23	0.7%	1	0.1%	24	0.6%	3	0.3%	21	0.6%
CHINS	19	0.6%	2	0.3%	21	0.5%	3	0.3%	18	0.5%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>484</b>		<b>303</b>		<b>787</b>		<b>292</b>		<b>495</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>3,433</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>4,174</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,306</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**TO'HAIJILEE COURT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	7	2.2%	0	0.0%	7	1.9%	3	7.0%	4	1.2%
Criminal	179	55.8%	1	2.3%	180	49.3%	25	58.1%	155	48.1%
Civil Traffic	63	19.6%	5	11.4%	68	18.6%	2	4.7%	66	20.5%
Criminal Traffic	23	7.2%	3	6.8%	26	7.1%	2	4.7%	24	7.5%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>272</b>		<b>9</b>		<b>281</b>		<b>32</b>		<b>249</b>	
Family Civil	25	7.8%	18	40.9%	43	11.8%	7	16.3%	36	11.2%
Domestic Violence	4	1.2%	10	22.7%	14	3.8%	2	4.7%	12	3.7%
Dependency	3	0.9%	3	6.8%	6	1.6%	1	2.3%	5	1.6%
Delinquency	6	1.9%	0	0.0%	6	1.6%	0	0.0%	6	1.9%
CHINS	11	3.4%	4	9.1%	15	4.1%	1	2.3%	14	4.3%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>49</b>		<b>35</b>		<b>84</b>		<b>11</b>		<b>73</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**TUBA CITY JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	54	2.8%	17	2.1%	71	2.6%	29	3.1%	42	2.3%
Criminal	1,116	57.0%	392	47.5%	1,508	54.2%	248	26.5%	1,260	68.3%
Civil Traffic	290	14.8%	239	29.0%	529	19.0%	428	45.7%	101	5.5%
Criminal Traffic	230	11.8%	12	1.5%	242	8.7%	45	4.8%	197	10.7%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>1,690</b>		<b>660</b>		<b>2,350</b>		<b>750</b>		<b>1,600</b>	
Family Civil	156	8.0%	23	2.8%	179	6.4%	44	4.7%	135	7.3%
Domestic Violence	48	2.5%	107	13.0%	155	5.6%	109	11.6%	46	2.5%
Dependency	38	1.9%	3	0.4%	41	1.5%	3	0.3%	38	2.1%
Delinquency	19	1.0%	16	1.9%	35	1.3%	16	1.7%	19	1.0%
CHINS	6	0.3%	16	1.9%	22	0.8%	14	1.5%	8	0.4%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>267</b>		<b>165</b>		<b>432</b>		<b>186</b>		<b>246</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>1,957</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,782</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>936</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,846</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**WINDOW ROCK JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Civil	896	18.2%	89	10.5%	985	17.0%	48	5.6%	937	19.0%
Criminal	1,257	25.5%	128	15.2%	1,385	24.0%	131	15.3%	1,254	25.5%
Civil Traffic	1,102	22.3%	260	30.8%	1,362	23.6%	383	44.6%	979	19.9%
Criminal Traffic	315	6.4%	23	2.7%	338	5.8%	42	4.9%	296	6.0%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>3,570</b>		<b>500</b>		<b>4,070</b>		<b>604</b>		<b>3,466</b>	
Family Civil	812	16.5%	133	15.8%	945	16.3%	111	12.9%	834	16.9%
Domestic Violence	332	6.7%	188	22.3%	520	9.0%	137	15.9%	383	7.8%
Dependency	132	2.7%	14	1.7%	146	2.5%	6	0.7%	140	2.8%
Delinquency	69	1.4%	1	0.1%	70	1.2%	1	0.1%	69	1.4%
CHINS	21	0.4%	8	0.9%	29	0.5%	0	0.0%	29	0.6%
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>1,366</b>		<b>344</b>		<b>1,710</b>		<b>255</b>		<b>1,455</b>	
<b>Quarter Caseload</b>	<b>4,936</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>844</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>5,780</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>859</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>4,921</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**NAVAJO NATION PROBATION SERVICES**

Case Type	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Adult Probation	901	33.5%	347	17.2%	1,248	26.5%	316	17.1%	932	32.6%
Adult Parole	17	0.6%	26	1.3%	43	0.9%	8	0.4%	35	1.2%
Adult Short-Term Probation	1,669	62.1%	1,584	78.3%	3,253	69.1%	1,520	82.2%	1,733	60.6%
<b>Adult Probation Total</b>	<b>2,587</b>		<b>1,957</b>		<b>4,544</b>		<b>1,844</b>		<b>2,700</b>	
Juvenile Probation	10	0.4%	11	0.5%	21	0.4%	1	0.1%	20	0.7%
Juvenile Short-Term Probation	90	3.3%	54	2.7%	144	3.1%	4	0.2%	140	4.9%
<b>Juvenile Probation Total</b>	<b>100</b>		<b>65</b>		<b>165</b>		<b>5</b>		<b>160</b>	
<b>Annual Caseload</b>	<b>2,687</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,022</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>4,709</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,849</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,860</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**NAVAJO NATION PEACEMAKING PROGRAM**

District	Brought Forward		Filed		Caseload		Closed Cases		Pending	
Alamo	6	1.5%	0	0.0%	6	0.9%	0	0.0%	6	1.6%
Aneth	30	7.3%	14	6.0%	44	6.8%	0	0.0%	44	12.1%
Chinle	50	12.1%	0	0.0%	50	7.7%	21	7.5%	29	7.9%
Crownpoint	37	9.0%	17	7.3%	54	8.4%	37	13.2%	17	4.7%
Dilkon	109	26.4%	65	27.9%	174	26.9%	100	35.6%	74	20.3%
Dził Yijiin	14	3.4%	18	7.7%	32	5.0%	22	7.8%	10	2.7%
Kayenta	8	1.9%	22	9.4%	30	4.6%	9	3.2%	21	5.8%
Shiprock	88	21.3%	0	0.0%	88	13.6%	0	0.0%	88	24.1%
Ramah	9	2.2%	8	3.4%	17	2.6%	5	1.8%	12	3.3%
To'hajiilee	14	3.4%	0	0.0%	14	2.2%	0	0.0%	14	3.8%
Tuba City	10	2.4%	22	9.4%	32	5.0%	17	6.0%	15	4.1%
Window Rock	38	9.2%	67	28.8%	105	16.3%	70	24.9%	35	9.6%
<b>Caseload</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## IX. Judicial Branch Budgets and Expenditures

The Judicial Branch receives operating funds from two main sources of continual appropriations to provide court services within the Navajo Nation.

### A. Navajo Nation General Fund

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Navajo Nation Council approved Resolution CS-46-14 for the Fiscal Year 2015 Comprehensive Budget from October 01, 2014 to September 30, 2015. The Judicial Branch General Fund budget allocation was \$14,697,495 plus Indirect Cost Recovery of \$83,230 totaling \$14,780,725 (Original Budget); the General Fund Allocation includes Supplemental funding of \$300,000 for AOC - JUD Operating Cost; \$100,000 for the Judicial Conduct Commission; and \$500,000 for Supreme Court (Judges Salaries). The General Fund Original Budget was revised to include \$463,746.31 in Prior Year Carry Over; \$13,554 in IDC; and \$383,677 for a 3% COLA increase, totaling \$15,641,702.31 (Revised Budget). The Judicial Branch's FY 2015 General Fund budgets consist of eighteen (18) Business Units plus one (1) NN Integrated Justice - Fixed Cost Budget 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>						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	(388,018.29)	0.00	0.00	(388,018.29)	0.00%
	1992	IDC Recovery	(83,230.00)	(83,230.00)	(50,622.52)	0.00	(32,607.48)	60.82%
	1996	Allocation	(1,649,423.00)	(1,688,530.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,688,530.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(1,732,653.00)	(2,159,778.29)	(50,622.52)	0.00	(2,109,155.77)	2.34%
	2000	Personnel Expenses	1,302,655.00	1,350,439.59	990,259.11	0.00	360,180.48	73.33%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	429,998.00	463,969.84	190,255.65	6,254.00	267,460.19	42.35%
	9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	345,368.86	295,518.56	45,451.30	4,399.00	98.73%
	2000	Expenses	1,732,653.00	2,159,778.29	1,476,033.32	51,705.30	632,039.67	70.74%
<b>2</b>	<b>102002</b>	<b>Chinle Judicial District</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	585,308.00	611,922.11	450,780.82	0.00	161,141.29	73.67%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	95,652.00	86,589.89	44,565.00	0.00	42,024.89	51.47%
	2000	Expenses	680,960.00	698,512.00	495,345.82	0.00	203,166.18	70.91%
<b>3</b>	<b>102003</b>	<b>Crownpoint Judicial District</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	460,904.00	474,715.00	367,835.14	0.00	106,879.86	77.49%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	100,564.00	100,564.00	44,889.66	0.00	55,674.34	44.64%
	2000	Expenses	561,468.00	575,279.00	412,724.80	0.00	162,554.20	71.74%
<b>4</b>	<b>102004</b>	<b>Window Rock Judicial District</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	508,860.00	524,106.00	378,772.18	0.00	145,333.82	72.27%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	85,341.00	85,341.00	36,988.42	0.00	48,352.58	43.34%
	2000	Expenses	594,201.00	609,447.00	415,760.60	0.00	193,686.40	68.22%
<b>5</b>	<b>102005</b>	<b>Shiprock Judicial District</b>						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	(46,027.70)	0.00	0.00	(46,027.70)	0.00%
	1996	Allocation	(668,192.00)	(684,305.00)	0.00	0.00	(684,305.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(668,192.00)	(730,332.70)	0.00	0.00	(730,332.70)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	537,352.00	553,465.00	426,247.75	0.00	127,217.25	77.01%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	130,840.00	130,840.00	45,003.71	0.00	85,836.29	34.40%
	9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	46,027.70	46,027.70	0.00	0.00	100.00%
	2000	Expenses	668,192.00	730,332.70	517,279.16	0.00	213,053.54	70.83%
<b>6</b>	<b>102006</b>	<b>Tuba City Judicial District</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	441,440.00	454,683.00	342,624.32	0.00	112,058.68	75.35%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	85,400.00	85,400.00	58,003.69	1,507.79	25,888.52	69.69%
	2000	Expenses	526,840.00	540,083.00	400,628.01	1,507.79	137,947.20	74.46%
<b>7</b>	<b>102007</b>	<b>Ramah Judicial District</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	249,616.00	257,119.00	197,779.33	0.00	59,339.67	76.92%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	72,468.00	72,468.00	27,289.48	740.10	44,438.42	38.68%
	2000	Expenses	322,084.00	329,587.00	225,068.81	740.10	103,778.09	68.51%

No.	Business Unit/Object Code	Program/Description	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Actuals - YTD	Encumbrances	Budget Available	% Expensed of Total
<b>8</b>	<b>102008</b>	<b>Supreme Court</b>						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	(14,666.42)	0.00	0.00	(14,666.42)	0.00%
	1996	Allocation	(4,256,506.00)	(4,380,453.00)	0.00	0.00	(4,380,453.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(4,256,506.00)	(4,395,119.42)	0.00	0.00	(4,395,119.42)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	4,153,992.00	4,279,931.89	2,389,844.12	0.00	1,890,087.77	55.84%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	102,514.00	108,521.11	54,904.11	14,972.00	38,645.00	64.39%
	9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	6,666.42	6,666.42	0.00	0.00	100.00%
	2000	Expenses	4,256,506.00	4,395,119.42	2,451,414.65	14,972.00	1,928,732.77	56.12%
<b>9</b>	<b>102009</b>	<b>Peacemaking Program</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	1,102,032.00	1,134,977.00	796,687.88	0.00	338,289.12	70.19%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	133,896.00	133,896.00	91,301.15	0.00	42,594.85	68.19%
	2000	Expenses	1,235,928.00	1,268,873.00	887,989.03	0.00	380,883.97	69.98%
<b>10</b>	<b>102010</b>	<b>Kayenta Judicial District</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	488,590.00	503,238.00	366,190.88	0.00	137,047.12	72.77%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	101,090.00	101,090.00	41,160.50	0.00	59,929.50	40.72%
	2000	Expenses	589,680.00	604,328.00	407,351.38	0.00	196,976.62	67.41%
<b>11</b>	<b>102011</b>	<b>Dilkon Judicial District</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	393,484.00	405,292.00	295,765.68	0.00	109,526.32	72.98%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	97,155.00	97,155.00	46,153.13	0.00	51,001.87	47.50%
	2000	Expenses	490,639.00	502,447.00	341,918.81	0.00	160,528.19	68.05%
<b>12</b>	<b>102012</b>	<b>Aneth Judicial District</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	249,616.00	257,119.00	193,947.71	0.00	63,171.29	75.43%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	85,243.00	85,243.00	48,927.67	0.00	36,315.33	57.40%
	2000	Expenses	334,859.00	342,362.00	242,875.38	0.00	99,486.62	70.94%
<b>13</b>	<b>102013</b>	<b>Tohajilee Judicial District</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	249,616.00	257,119.00	194,656.44	0.00	62,462.56	75.71%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	85,043.00	85,043.00	64,909.32	0.00	20,133.68	76.33%
	2000	Expenses	334,659.00	342,162.00	259,565.76	0.00	82,596.24	75.86%
<b>14</b>	<b>102014</b>	<b>Alamo Judicial District</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	124,404.00	128,145.00	88,571.81	0.00	39,573.19	69.12%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	68,447.00	68,447.00	40,731.14	0.00	27,715.86	59.51%
	2000	Expenses	192,851.00	196,592.00	129,302.95	0.00	67,289.05	65.77%
<b>15</b>	<b>102015</b>	<b>Dzil Yijjn Judicial District</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	221,124.00	227,760.00	172,688.98	0.00	55,071.02	75.82%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	70,156.00	70,156.00	32,166.64	0.00	37,989.36	45.85%
	2000	Expenses	291,280.00	297,916.00	204,855.62	0.00	93,060.38	68.76%
<b>16</b>	<b>102017</b>	<b>Pueblo Pintado Circuit Court</b>						
	1942	Prior Year Carry Over	0.00	(28,587.90)	0.00	0.00	(28,587.90)	0.00%
	1996	Allocation	(247,004.00)	(252,744.00)	0.00	0.00	(252,744.00)	0.00%
	1000	Revenues	(247,004.00)	(281,331.90)	0.00	0.00	(281,331.90)	0.00%
	2001	Personnel Expenses	191,824.00	197,564.00	93,447.60	0.00	104,116.40	47.30%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	55,180.00	55,180.00	29,119.75	0.00	26,060.25	52.77%
	9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	28,587.90	28,587.90	0.00	0.00	100.00%
	2000	Expenses	247,004.00	281,331.90	151,155.25	0.00	130,176.65	53.73%
<b>17</b>	<b>102018</b>	<b>Probation Services</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	1,469,890.00	1,516,521.00	1,145,213.90	0.00	371,307.10	75.52%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	151,031.00	151,031.00	78,420.06	0.00	72,610.94	51.92%
	2000	Expenses	1,620,921.00	1,667,552.00	1,223,633.96	0.00	443,918.04	73.38%
<b>18</b>	<b>102019</b>	<b>Judicial Conduct Commission</b>						
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00	0.00	100,000.00	0.00%
	2000	Expenses	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00	0.00	100,000.00	0.00%

**Judicial Branch General Fund Total:** 14,780,725.00 15,641,702.31 10,242,903.31 68,925.19 5,329,873.81 65.93%

Overall Breakdown of General Funds:							
2000	Personnel Expenses	12,730,707.00	13,134,116.59	8,891,313.65	0.00	4,242,802.94	67.70%
3000-7000	Operating Expenses	2,050,018.00	2,080,934.84	974,789.08	23,473.89	1,082,671.87	47.97%
9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	426,650.88	376,800.58	45,451.30	4,399.00	98.97%
2000	Expenses	14,780,725.00	15,641,702.31	10,242,903.31	68,925.19	5,329,873.81	65.93%

No.	Business Unit/Object Code	Program/Description	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Actuals - YTD	Encumbrances	Budget Available	% Expended of Total
19	118019	NN Integrated Justice (Fixed Costs)						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	72,652.00	74,831.00	0.00	0.00	74,831.00	0.00%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	457,348.00	993,015.07	445,303.05	238,559.10	309,152.92	68.87%
	9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	58,398.00	0.00	0.00	58,398.00	0.00%
	2000	Expenses	530,000.00	1,126,244.07	445,303.05	238,559.10	442,381.92	60.72%

Overall Breakdown of General Funds & Fixed Costs:							
2000	Personnel Expenses	12,803,359.00	13,208,947.59	8,891,313.65	0.00	4,317,633.94	67.31%
3000-7000	Operating Expenses	2,507,366.00	3,073,949.91	1,420,092.13	262,032.99	1,391,824.79	54.72%
9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	485,048.88	376,800.58	45,451.30	62,797.00	87.05%
2000	Expenses	15,310,725.00	16,767,946.38	10,688,206.36	307,484.29	5,772,255.73	65.58%

## B. External Funds

The Judicial Branch currently has fifteen (15) External Fund Budgets (1) K120801 Alamo/Tohajiilee Youth Court - Substance Abuse Prevention Initiative, Contract Term, 10/1/11 - 9/30/15; (2) K120802 Aneth/Alamo/Tohajiilee - Community Wellness Courts, Contract Term, 10/1/11 - 9/30/15; (3) K1205113 DHHS Peacemaking Toward Asset - Building in Navajo Nation Rural Communities, Contract Term, 10/1/12 - 9/30/13 - extended to 9/30/15; (4) K130591 DHHS Peacemaking Toward Asset - Building in Navajo Nation Rural Communities, Contract Term, 10/1/13 - 9/30/14; (5) K1405102 DHHS Peacemaking Toward Asset - Building in Navajo Nation Rural Communities, Contract Term, 10/1/14 - 9/30/15; (6) K100803 Peacemaker Youth Education Apprentice Program, Contract Term, 10/01/09 - 9/30/15; (7) K110801 NNIJISP Tribal Court - Navajo Nation Integrated Justice Sharing Project, Contract Term 10/1/10 - 9/30/15; (8) K120810 JAG-Juvenile Peacemaking Project, Contract Term, 10/1/11 - 9/30/15; (9) K140801 Healing to Wellness Veteran, Contract Term 10/1/13 - 9/30/16; (10) K140802 FY '13 Edward Byrne Memorial; JAG, Contract Term 10/1/12 - 9/30/16; (11) K140803 CTAS 2014 TJSP, Contract Term 10/01/14 - 03/31/16; (12) K140804 CTAS 2014 VAW, Contract Term 10/01/14 - 3/31/16; (13) K140805 CTAS 2014 TVAP, Contract Term, 10/01/14 - 9/30/17; (14) K120725 CY 12 Tribal Courts - Public Law 93-638 Indian Self-Determination Act, Contract Term 1/1/12 - 12/31/16; and (15) K150735 CY 15 Tribal Courts - Two multi year 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	% Expended of Total
<b>1</b>	<b>K120801</b>	<b>Alamo/Tohajiilee Youth Court</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	188,437.00	287,890.00	76,561.30	0.00	211,328.70	26.59%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	228,646.00	131,526.00	25,946.07	44,415.00	61,164.93	53.50%
	9000	Capital Outlay	6,000.00	78,950.00	0.00	0.00	78,950.00	0.00%
	9500	Matching & Indirect Cos	75,283.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	2000	Expenses	498,366.00	498,366.00	102,507.37	44,415.00	351,443.63	29.48%
<b>2</b>	<b>K120802</b>	<b>Aneth/Alamo/Tohajiilee Comm</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	318,998.00	326,584.00	197,921.27	0.00	128,662.73	60.60%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	103,110.00	99,334.00	21,257.03	44,415.00	33,661.97	66.11%
	9500	Matching & Indirect Cos	76,190.00	72,380.00	38,969.44	0.00	33,410.56	53.84%
	2000	Expenses	498,298.00	498,298.00	258,147.74	44,415.00	195,735.26	60.72%
<b>3</b>	<b>K1205113</b>	<b>DHHS Peacemaking Bldg.</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	60,403.00	17,739.14	17,739.14	0.00	0.00	100.00%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	64,898.00	6,245.45	6,245.45	0.00	0.00	100.00%
	9500	Matching & Indirect Cos	21,301.00	4,065.39	4,065.39	0.00	0.00	100.00%
	2000	Expenses	146,602.00	28,049.98	28,049.98	0.00	0.00	100.00%



No.	Business Unit/Object Code	Program/Description	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Actuals - YTD	Encumbrances	Budget Available	% Expensed of Total
<b>4</b>	<b>K130591</b>	<b>DHHS Peacemaking Bldg.</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	65,753.00	67,714.00	37,045.03	0.00	30,668.97	54.71%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	57,980.00	56,019.00	41,934.87	0.00	14,084.13	74.86%
	9500	Matching & Indirect Cos	21,035.00	21,035.00	13,387.09	0.00	7,647.91	63.64%
	2000	Expenses	<u>144,768.00</u>	<u>144,768.00</u>	<u>92,366.99</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>52,401.01</u>	<u>63.80%</u>
<b>5</b>	<b>K1405102</b>	<b>DHHS Peacemaking Bldg.</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	67,121.00	66,221.00	48,404.20	0.00	17,816.80	73.09%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	53,952.00	156,117.00	6,701.53	0.00	149,415.47	4.29%
	9500	Matching & Indirect Cos	20,522.00	37,809.02	8,109.29	0.00	29,699.73	21.45%
	2000	Expenses	<u>141,595.00</u>	<u>260,147.02</u>	<u>63,215.02</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>196,932.00</u>	<u>24.30%</u>
<b>6</b>	<b>K100803</b>	<b>PM Youth Educ/Apprentice</b>						
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	450,000.00	450,000.00	331,351.35	129.60	118,519.05	73.66%
	2000	Expenses	<u>450,000.00</u>	<u>450,000.00</u>	<u>331,351.35</u>	<u>129.60</u>	<u>118,519.05</u>	<u>73.66%</u>
<b>7</b>	<b>K110801</b>	<b>2010 NNIJISP Tribal Court</b>						
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	420,020.00	423,792.00	224,221.17	0.00	199,570.83	52.91%
	9500	Matching & Indirect Cos	75,812.00	72,040.00	35,625.54	0.00	36,414.46	49.45%
	2000	Expenses	<u>495,832.00</u>	<u>495,832.00</u>	<u>259,846.71</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>235,985.29</u>	<u>52.41%</u>
<b>8</b>	<b>K120810</b>	<b>JAG-Juvenile Peacemaking</b>						
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	73,497.00	73,497.00	3,818.53	0.00	69,678.47	5.20%
	2000	Expenses	<u>73,497.00</u>	<u>73,497.00</u>	<u>3,818.53</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>69,678.47</u>	<u>5.20%</u>
<b>9</b>	<b>K140801</b>	<b>Healing to Wellness Veteran</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	205,199.00	205,199.00	4,410.45	0.00	200,788.55	2.15%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	370,558.00	370,558.00	10,929.90	810.87	358,817.23	3.17%
	9500	Matching & Indirect Cos	97,591.00	97,591.00	1,800.13	0.00	95,790.87	1.84%
	2000	Expenses	<u>673,348.00</u>	<u>673,348.00</u>	<u>17,140.48</u>	<u>810.87</u>	<u>655,396.65</u>	<u>2.67%</u>
<b>10</b>	<b>K140802</b>	<b>FY '13 Edward Byrne Memorial JAG</b>						
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	71,121.00	71,121.00	71,121.00	0.00	0.00	100.00%
	9500	Matching & Indirect Cos	7,102.00	7,102.00	7,102.00	0.00	0.00	100.00%
	2000	Expenses	<u>78,223.00</u>	<u>78,223.00</u>	<u>78,223.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
<b>11</b>	<b>K140803</b>	<b>CTAS 2014 TJSP</b>						
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	63,762.00	63,762.00	0.00	0.00	63,762.00	0.00%
	9500	Matching & Indirect Cos	10,808.00	10,808.00	0.00	0.00	10,808.00	0.00%
	2000	Expenses	<u>74,570.00</u>	<u>74,570.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>74,570.00</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
<b>12</b>	<b>K140804</b>	<b>CTAS 2014 VAW</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	55,229.00	55,229.00	0.00	0.00	55,229.00	0.00%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	385,409.00	385,409.00	0.00	0.00	385,409.00	0.00%
	9500	Matching & Indirect Cos	9,362.00	9,362.00	0.00	0.00	9,362.00	0.00%
	2000	Expenses	<u>450,000.00</u>	<u>450,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>450,000.00</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
<b>13</b>	<b>K140805</b>	<b>CTAS 2014 TVAP</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	124,262.00	124,262.00	0.00	0.00	124,262.00	0.00%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	304,675.00	304,675.00	0.00	0.00	304,675.00	0.00%
	9500	Matching & Indirect Cos	21,063.00	21,063.00	0.00	0.00	21,063.00	0.00%
	2000	Expenses	<u>450,000.00</u>	<u>450,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>450,000.00</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Judicial Branch External Funds			<b>4,175,099.00</b>	<b>4,175,099.00</b>	<b>1,234,667.17</b>	<b>89,770.47</b>	<b>2,850,661.36</b>	<b>31.72%</b>

No.	Business Unit/Object Code	Program/Description	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Actuals - YTD	Encumbrances	Budget Available	% Expensed of Total
<b>14</b>	<b>K120725</b>	<b>CY 12 Tribal Courts</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	503,197.00	3,506,491.28	3,509,295.17	0.00	(2,803.89)	100.08%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	846,462.00	1,192,347.52	613,753.83	264,566.03	314,027.66	73.66%
	9000	Capital Outlay	0.00	547,586.20	270,555.00	0.00	277,031.20	49.41%
	2000	Expenses	<u>1,349,659.00</u>	<u>5,246,425.00</u>	<u>4,393,604.00</u>	<u>264,566.03</u>	<u>588,254.97</u>	<u>88.79%</u>
<b>15</b>	<b>K150735</b>	<b>CY 15 Tribal Courts</b>						
	2001	Personnel Expenses	248,709.00	1,279,931.00	110,010.16	0.00	1,169,920.84	8.60%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	36,939.00	161,120.00	0.00	0.00	161,120.00	0.00%
	2000	Expenses	<u>285,648.00</u>	<u>1,441,051.00</u>	<u>110,010.16</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,331,040.84</u>	<u>7.63%</u>
<b>Total CY 14 &amp; CY 15 Tribal Courts</b>			<u>1,635,307.00</u>	<u>6,687,476.00</u>	<u>4,503,614.16</u>	<u>264,566.03</u>	<u>1,919,295.81</u>	<u>71.30%</u>
<b>Judicial Branch External Funds &amp; P.L.</b>								
		<b>93-638 Grand Total:</b>	<u>5,810,406.00</u>	<u>10,862,575.00</u>	<u>5,738,281.33</u>	<u>354,336.50</u>	<u>4,769,957.17</u>	<u>56.09%</u>
<b>Overall Breakdown of External Funds:</b>								
	2000	Personnel Expenses	1,837,308.00	5,937,260.42	4,001,386.72	0.00	1,935,873.70	67.39%
	3000-7000	Operating Expenses	3,531,029.00	3,945,522.97	1,357,280.73	354,336.50	2,233,905.74	43.38%
	9000	Capital Outlay	6,000.00	626,536.20	270,555.00	0.00	355,981.20	43.18%
	9500	Matching & Indirect Cos	436,069.00	353,255.41	109,058.88	0.00	244,196.53	30.87%
	2000	Expenses	<u>5,810,406.00</u>	<u>10,862,575.00</u>	<u>5,738,281.33</u>	<u>354,336.50</u>	<u>4,769,957.17</u>	<u>56.09%</u>
<b>General &amp; External Funds - Grand Totals:</b>			<u>21,121,131.00</u>	<u>27,630,521.38</u>	<u>16,426,487.69</u>	<u>661,820.79</u>	<u>10,542,212.90</u>	<u>61.85%</u>

## X. Judicial Branch Fines and Fees Collection

### FY 2015 - 3rd Quarter - Budget Status Report as of 6/30/15

Object Code	Description	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Actuals - YTD	Encumbrances	Budget Available	% Expensed of Total
1400	Financial Revenues	0.00	0.00	773.57	0.00	(773.57)	
1600	Fines & Court Fees	(400,000.00)	(400,000.00)	(336,028.13)	0.00	(63,971.87)	84.01%
1850	Other Revenue Sources	0.00	0.00	(420.15)	0.00	420.15	
1000	Revenues	(\$400,000.00)	(\$400,000.00)	(\$335,674.71)	\$0.00	(\$64,325.29)	83.92%

### Court Fines & Fees Collected by Quarter

Object Code	Description	FY 2015 1st Qtr.	FY 2015 2nd Qtr.	FY 2015 3rd Qtr.	FY 2015 4th Qtr.	TOTAL - YTD
<b>1600</b>	<b>Fines &amp; Court Fees</b>					
1611	District Court - Chinle	2,653.80	5,496.41	6,254.05		14,404.26
1612	District Court - Crownpoint	1,444.55	904.95	3,112.80		5,462.30
1613	District Court - Kayenta	3,869.87	2,844.55	1,428.18		8,142.60
1614	District Court - Ramah	584.20	62.70	845.00		1,491.90
1615	District Court - Shiprock	2,475.70	3,354.92	5,403.40		11,234.02
1616	District Court - Tuba City	2,679.15	2,569.05	12,600.78		17,848.98
1617	District Court - Window Rock	3,392.00	3,508.05	6,705.50		13,605.55
1618	District Court - Dilkon	527.20	642.72	1,000.28		2,170.20
1619.02	District Court - Aneth	724.46	359.00	960.00		2,043.46
1619.04	District Court - Dzil Yijin	592.25	1,175.20	1,151.05		2,918.50
<b>1610</b>	<b>Dist. Fines &amp; Court Fees Total:</b>	<b>\$18,943.18</b>	<b>\$20,917.55</b>	<b>\$39,461.04</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$79,321.77</b>
<b>1620</b>	<b>Family</b>					
1621	Family Court - Alamo	146.90	125.00	380.00		651.90
1622	Family Court - Chinle	1,000.00	750.00	1,625.00		3,375.00
1623	Family Court - Crownpoint	1,535.00	530.00	3,431.00		5,496.00
1624	Family Court - Kayenta	685.00	395.00	675.00		1,755.00
1625	Family Court - Ramah	150.00	120.00	265.00		535.00
1626	Family Court - Shiprock	1,177.05	1,795.30	1,726.05		4,698.40
1627	Family Court - Tohajilee	135.00	170.00	380.00		685.00
1628	Family Court - Tuba City	895.50	250.00	1,742.50		2,888.00
1629	Family Court - Window Rock	1,840.00	1,785.00	3,220.00		6,845.00
1630	Family Court - Dilkon	637.80	576.40	1,153.85		2,368.05
1631.02	Family Court - Aneth	395.00	85.00	555.00		1,035.00
1631.04	Family Court - Dzil Yijin	265.00	260.00	575.00		1,100.00
<b>1620</b>	<b>Family Court Total:</b>	<b>\$8,862.25</b>	<b>\$6,841.70</b>	<b>\$15,728.40</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$31,432.35</b>
<b>1640</b>	<b>Circuit</b>					
1642	Circuit Court - Alamo	143.80	72.80	460.95		677.55
1644	Circuit Court - Tohajilee	215.00	120.00	1,274.35		1,609.35
<b>1640</b>	<b>Circuit Court Total:</b>	<b>\$358.80</b>	<b>\$192.80</b>	<b>\$1,735.30</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,286.90</b>
<b>1650</b>	<b>Supreme</b>					
1652	Supreme Court - WR	2,185.00	3,149.91	2,715.00		8,049.91
<b>1650</b>	<b>Supreme Court Total:</b>	<b>\$2,185.00</b>	<b>\$3,149.91</b>	<b>\$2,715.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$8,049.91</b>
<b>1601</b>	<b>Court Total:</b>	<b>\$30,349.23</b>	<b>\$31,101.96</b>	<b>\$59,639.74</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$121,090.93</b>

Object Code	Description	FY 2015 1st Qtr.	FY 2015 2nd Qtr.	FY 2015 3rd Qtr.	FY 2015 4th Qtr.	TOTAL - YTD
<b>1660</b>	<b>Public Safety Fines</b>					
1661	Traffic					
1662	Traffic Fines - Alamo	171.50	87.50	50.00		309.00
1663	Traffic Fines - Chinle	16,430.00	7,440.00	13,507.50		37,377.50
1664	Traffic Fines - Crownpoint	5,934.60	3,061.56	9,061.35		18,057.51
1665	Traffic Fines - Kayenta	6,575.00	8,490.00	11,993.75		27,058.75
1666	Traffic Fines - Ramah	1,237.50	774.50	3,148.83		5,160.83
1667	Traffic Fines - Shiprock	15,465.59	11,387.75	7,992.25		34,845.59
1668	Traffic Fines - Tohajiilee	175.00	487.50	295.50		958.00
1669	Traffic Fines - Tuba City	12,547.50	7,830.00	26,510.00		46,887.50
1670	Traffic Fines - Window Rock	6,470.00	7,461.00	10,406.50		24,337.50
1671	Traffic Fines - Dilkon	895.00	2,672.50	3,252.52		6,820.02
1672.02	Traffic Fines - Aneth	3,300.00	1,600.00	3,950.00		8,850.00
1672.04	Traffic Fines - Dzil Yijjin	2,205.00	825.00	1,245.00		4,275.00
<b>1661</b>	<b>Traffic Total:</b>	<b>\$71,406.69</b>	<b>\$52,117.31</b>	<b>\$91,413.20</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$214,937.20</b>
<b>1600</b>	<b>Fines &amp; Court Fees Totals:</b>	<b>\$101,755.92</b>	<b>\$83,219.27</b>	<b>\$151,052.94</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$336,028.13</b>
<b>Judicial District Court Fines &amp; Fees Summary:</b>						
1600	Fines & Court Fees	18,943.18	20,917.55	39,461.04	0.00	79,321.77
1620	Family	8,862.25	6,841.70	15,728.40	0.00	31,432.35
1640	Circuit	358.80	192.80	1,735.30	0.00	2,286.90
1650	Supreme	2,185.00	3,149.91	2,715.00	0.00	8,049.91
1661	Traffic	71,406.69	52,117.31	91,413.20	0.00	214,937.20
	<b>Grand Totals:</b>	<b>\$101,755.92</b>	<b>\$83,219.27</b>	<b>\$151,052.94</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$336,028.13</b>