



ACTIVITIES AND EXPENDITURES REPORT
July 1 – December 31, 2018

The following report of activities and expenditures of the State Public Defender is submitted in accordance with Miss. Code §§ 99-18-1 and 99-18-15. A docket of potential death penalty eligible cases in the circuit courts and rosters of all death penalty cases in the state are available on our webpage at <http://www.ospd.ms.gov/CapDefInfo.htm>.

STATE DEFENDER

In July OSPD submitted a revised 5-Year Strategic Plan and FY 2020 Budget Request.

The State Defender serves on the Corrections and Criminal Justice Oversight Taskforce, the Sentencing Disparity Taskforce, is working with the Parent Representation Taskforce of the Supreme Court's Children's Justice Commission and worked with the Public Defender Taskforce.

The State Defender drafted the Public Defender Taskforce Final Report and Recommendations for reorganization of the felony indigent defense system in Mississippi. This plan has been submitted to the Legislature and it is anticipated that OSPD will be working throughout the 2019 session to see the plan adopted.

The State Defender submitted recommendations to the Oversight Taskforce and Sentencing Disparity Taskforce. We have also updated our report on [racial disparities](#) in the criminal justice system. The State Defender was principle drafter of the Oversight Task Force Report to the Legislature.

Effective July 1, OSPD began oversight of two additional parent defender programs, Hinds County and Bolivar County.

CAPITAL DEFENSE

Capital Defense is currently staffed to handle a mix of 10-12 new trial level cases per year and/or two new appeals per year. This assumes local counsel will be appointed. Currently the division is representing 14 clients at the trial level including two clients sentenced to death and pending on motion for new trial. Capital Defense is representing three clients at the direct appeal stage. These are all of the direct appeal cases pending. The division has tried two cases this year. One is pending on motion for new trial the other was sentenced to life. A third case closed after a guilty plea and life sentence.

OSPD staff continues to be recognized as innovators and trainers. The State Defender was invited to present at the capital defense seminar in Salt Lake City in November. In December he presented to new Circuit Court Judges at the Mississippi Judicial College new judge training. Mitigation Specialist Lela Hubbard presented at the national mitigation training in Tampa, Florida.

INDIGENT APPEALS

Since July 1, 2018, IAD has filed 59 briefs and participated in one oral argument and one bail hearing. IAD currently has 209 open cases including 40 awaiting the filing of the record and briefing schedule and ten assigned to the Criminal Appeals Clinic at UM Law School. The remaining 159 cases are divided between the six attorneys on staff.

The staff attorneys of IAD rotate responsibility for summarizing appellate court decisions to be disseminated to county level public defenders and routinely answer questions for these defenders in the field and provide updates at the semi-annual public defender training seminars.

IAD attorneys also serve on the Supreme Court committees and Mississippi Bar committees.

DEFENDER TRAINING

Since July 1, Defender Training conducted three Youth Court programs. In August a parent defender program was provided in Oxford for North Mississippi practitioners and in October a public defender program in Hancock. Also in October the Division coordinated a multi-disciplinary training for Child Welfare System practitioners. In September a juvenile defender program was conducted in Jackson. The semi-annual felony defender program was held with 81 participants.

In addition to providing support to the State Defender in developing the Parent Representation program and system reorganization plan, the Training Division is assisting with the development of a mental health cases resource project and defender data project. The Division is providing on-going technical assistance to trial level defenders.

OSPD through the Training Division continues to provide technical assistance to attorneys handling cases for juvenile offenders facing life without parole sentences (JLWOP) through the Juvenile Parole Resource Counsel project. The project is funded through a grant from the Southern Poverty Law Center.

STATE DEFENDER
YTD Detailed Cash Expenses as of December 31, 2018

SALARIES,WAGES & FRINGE BENEFITS	-122,269.36
TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE - IN STATE TRAVEL AND SUBSI	-992.52
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	-530.00
COMMODITIES	-33.26
TOTAL	-123,825.14

OFFICE OF CAPITAL DEFENSE
YTD Detailed Cash Expenses as of December, 2018

SALARIES,WAGES & FRINGE BENEFITS	-347,305.26
TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE - IN STATE TRAVEL AND SUBSI	-15,842.07
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	-49,816.22
COMMODITIES	-5,731.52
TOTAL	-418,695.07

OFFICE OF INDIGENT APPEALS
YTD Detailed Cash Expenses as of December, 2018

SALARIES,WAGES & FRINGE BENEFITS	-483,868.07
TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE - IN STATE TRAVEL AND SUBSI	-660.37
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	-10,201.52
COMMODITIES	-1,022.08
TOTAL	-495,752.04

OFFICE OF TRAINING
YTD Detailed Cash Expenses as of December 31, 2018

SALARIES,WAGES & FRINGE BENEFITS	-102,057.25
TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE - IN STATE TRAVEL AND SUBSI	-6,941.96
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	-100,097.03
COMMODITIES	-10,665.67
TOTAL	-219,761.91

PARENT REP
YTD Detailed Cash Expenses as of December 31, 2018

TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE - IN STATE TRAVEL AND SUBSI	-98.68
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	-267.25
SUBSIDIES, LOANS AND GRANTS	-112,174.50

AGENCY TOTAL	-1,370,574.59
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