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Judicial Budget Request

In 2020 Pennsylvania Courts . . .



Spearheaded a virtual listening tour through partnership with the Department of Human Services and Drexel University focused on examining **access to justice issues for people with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)** and educating judges and the public to help encourage better understanding of and communication with individuals with an ASD.

As of December 2020, there were

18,585

active guardianship cases with assets totaling \$1,530,117,466 under court supervision in these cases.



Produced first animated videos on filing a protection order and launched digital social media ad campaign on domestic violence funded by the federal STOP grant.

Continued to implement the **Clean Slate Act** through a system that automatically removed certain criminal history record information from public view. **Over**

36 million cases

have been sealed (June 28, 2019 - December 15, 2020).



There were

18,242

family/lay guardians

and

410
professional
guardians

serving in the Commonwealth.

Court Technology



Selected as a two-time winner of the National Association for Court Management (NACM) and Court Information Technology Officers Consortium (CITOC) 2020 Technology Awards in recognition of improved communications, operational efficiencies and access to justice using technology in Court Management: Cross Boundary – Clean Slate and Court Management: Court Process Innovations – Language Access System.



666
law enforcement agencies are now electronically filing traffic/parking citations and criminal complaints – **31 of which started e-filing in 2020.**

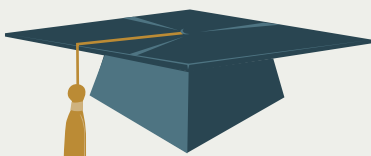
A record
\$156
million

in fines, fees and restitution was paid online through **PAePay** – an **8% increase** in a year with lower overall revenue.



Over **1.9 million cases** were docketed in 2020.
Over **100 million docket sheets** were viewed in 2020.

Problem-Solving Courts



1,604
participants graduated successfully from problem-solving court programs.



522
became employed between admission and discharge.



260

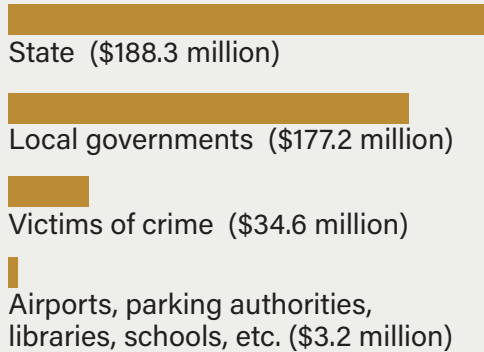
of the participants discharged in 2019 improved their level of education between time of admission and discharge.

Collections

Over the past 10 years, the judiciary has collected over

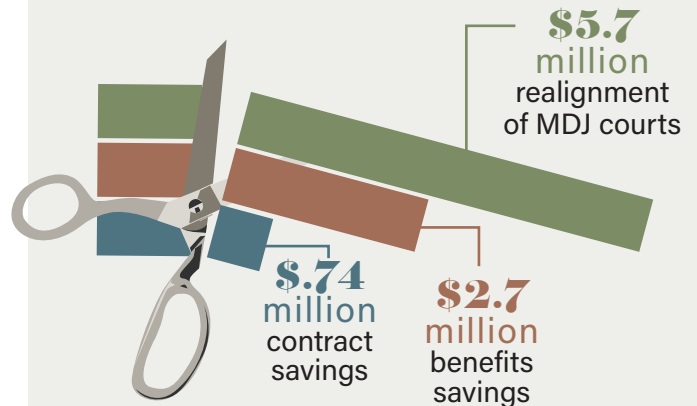
\$4.6 billion.

Collecting fines, fees, costs and restitution is a priority for the judiciary – with **\$403.3 million collected in 2020** alone. These dollars flow back into the state budget and Pennsylvania communities, and to victims of crime.



Saving Tax Dollars

Saving tax dollars through various cost saving measures remains a priority through renegotiating leases and contracts, containing benefit costs and the right sizing of the judiciary including the realignment of Pennsylvania's magisterial district courts.

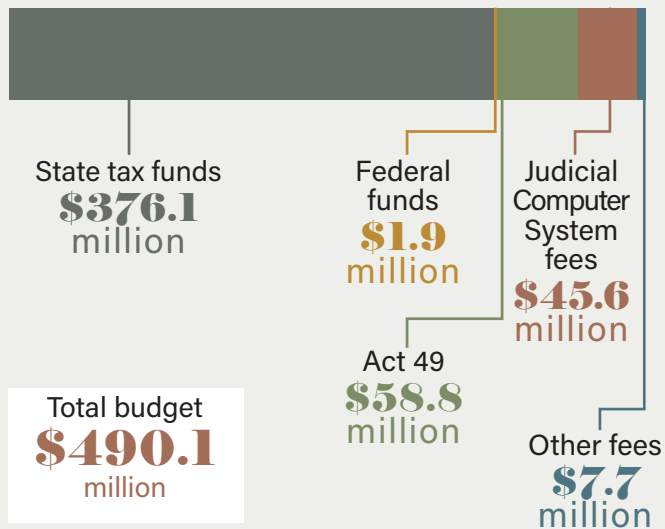


Over the past 13 years, the judiciary has saved a combined

\$103 million.

Funding

Proposed 2021-2022 Funding



The judiciary receives about

0.5% of the state budget.

Fee revenue has been used to fund a portion of the judiciary's annual general fund budget, currently about

14%

Breaking New Ground in Judicial Education

Funded through the STOP Grant, judicial education programs heavily focused on understanding, recognizing and addressing human trafficking. Workshops and trainings on the topic were offered to magisterial district and trial judges, court reporters and court interpreters.

620 Pennsylvania judges attended

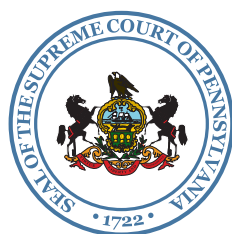
10,325½

total hours of continuing education
in 2020.



Some topics of judicial education:

- Building Resiliency in a Time of Change
- Economics for Judges
- Justice Reinvestment Initiative Part 2
- Medically Assisted Treatments for Opioid Use Disorders
- Mental Health in the Courts: Autism is not a Label
- Mindfulness, Personal Wellbeing and Judicial Decision Making
- The Neuroscience of Judicial Decision-Making: Accuracy, Excellence and Equity
- Recent Trends in Judicial Ethics
- Third Party Litigation Funding
- SCOTUS Update with Professor Karlan
- Understanding the Lexicon of Text Emoji's.



Chief Justice Thomas G. Saylor
Justice Max Baer
Justice Debra Todd
Justice Christine Donohue
Justice Kevin M. Dougherty
Justice David N. Wecht
Justice Sallie Updyke Mundy