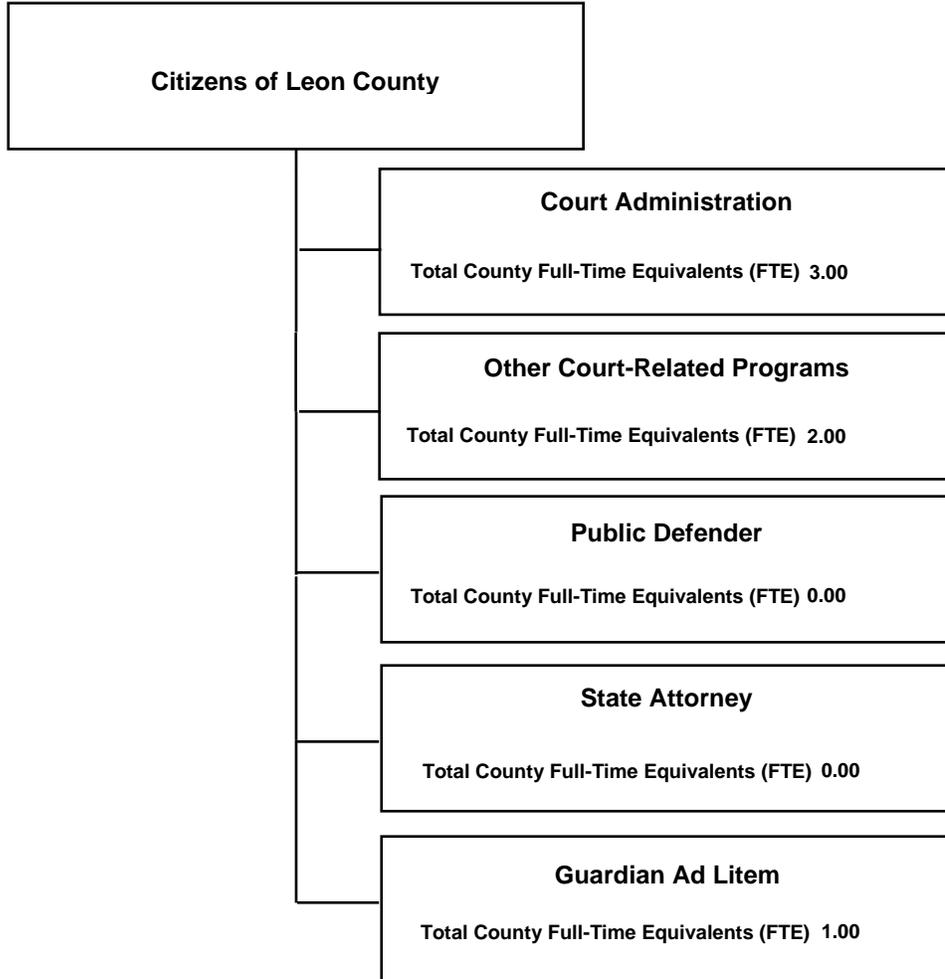


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Executive Summary

The Judicial section of the Leon County FY 2005/2006 Annual Budget is comprised of Court Administration & Other Court Related Programs, the State Attorney, and the Public Defender.

Court Administration protects right and liberties, upholds and interprets the law, and provides for the peaceful resolution of disputes for citizens of Leon County and other surrounding counties in the 2nd Judicial Circuit. Additionally, Court Administration is responsible for court reporting, Guardian Ad Litem, the law library, family law assistance program, family visitation program, mediation, teen court, conflict attorneys, non-conflict attorney, and indigent probate services. The State Attorney prosecutes all criminal cases in the 2nd Judicial Circuit for the punishment of crimes and the safety and protection of the public. The Public Defender's office provides quality legal representation to all indigents charged with criminal offenses.

HIGHLIGHTS

The implementation of Article V/Revision 7 on July 1, 2004 requires the state to fund all essential elements of the court system. The impact of this legislation is contemplated in the various judicial budgets.

In FY 2003/2004 Court Administration established a bi-weekly forensic screening meeting, where attorneys, service providers, and MHC meet to assist each other in the faster resolution of cases involving mentally ill defendants. Additionally, Court Administration established relationships with court ordered experts in an effort to decrease any and all delays associated with the competency evaluation process.

During the State fiscal year of 2004 the State Attorney received and handled nearly 5,300 felony cases, 6,150 misdemeanor cases, and 1,700 juvenile cases (during the State Attorney's Office fiscal year). Additionally, the State Attorney's office diverted almost 2,500 worthless check cases, with the goal of achieving 3,500 by 2006.

The Public Defender's Office continues to handle all of the indigent appeals in the First District Court of Appeal, representing juveniles charged with delinquency, and representing indigent persons in civil commitment proceedings in Circuit Court.

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Budgetary Costs	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Adopted	FY 2006 Continuation	FY 2006 Issues	FY 2006 Budget	FY 2007 Budget
Personal Services	1,228,988	294,121	288,258	0	288,258	307,196
Operating	2,713,916	231,315	216,140	22,955	239,095	237,295
Capital Outlay	19,356	90,053	55,000	2,100	57,100	36,225
Grants-in-Aid	0	118,750	54,150	0	54,150	54,150
Total Budgetary Costs	<u>3,962,260</u>	<u>734,239</u>	<u>613,548</u>	<u>25,055</u>	<u>638,603</u>	<u>634,866</u>

Funding Sources	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Adopted	FY 2006 Budget	FY 2007 Budget
001 General Fund	1,123,993	183,347	197,625	206,393
110 Fine and Forfeiture	2,474,342	171,351	170,542	166,642
112 Legal Aid Trust	44,101	0	0	0
113 Law Library Trust	10,262	35,688	20,000	0
114 Family Law Legal Services	309,562	51,528	98,354	104,338
117 Judicial Programs	0	292,325	152,082	157,493
Total Revenues	<u>3,962,260</u>	<u>734,239</u>	<u>638,603</u>	<u>634,866</u>

Staffing Summary	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Adopted	FY 2006 Continuation	FY 2006 Issues	FY 2006 Budget	FY 2007 Budget
Court Administration	3.00	3.00	3.00	0.00	3.00	3.00
Other Court-Related Programs	4.00	4.00	3.00	0.00	3.00	3.00
Total Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)	<u>7.00</u>	<u>7.00</u>	<u>6.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>6.00</u>	<u>6.00</u>

OPS Staffing	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Adopted	FY 2006 Continuation	FY 2006 Issues	FY 2006 Budget	FY 2007 Budget
Other Court-Related Programs	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)	<u>1.00</u>	<u>1.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>