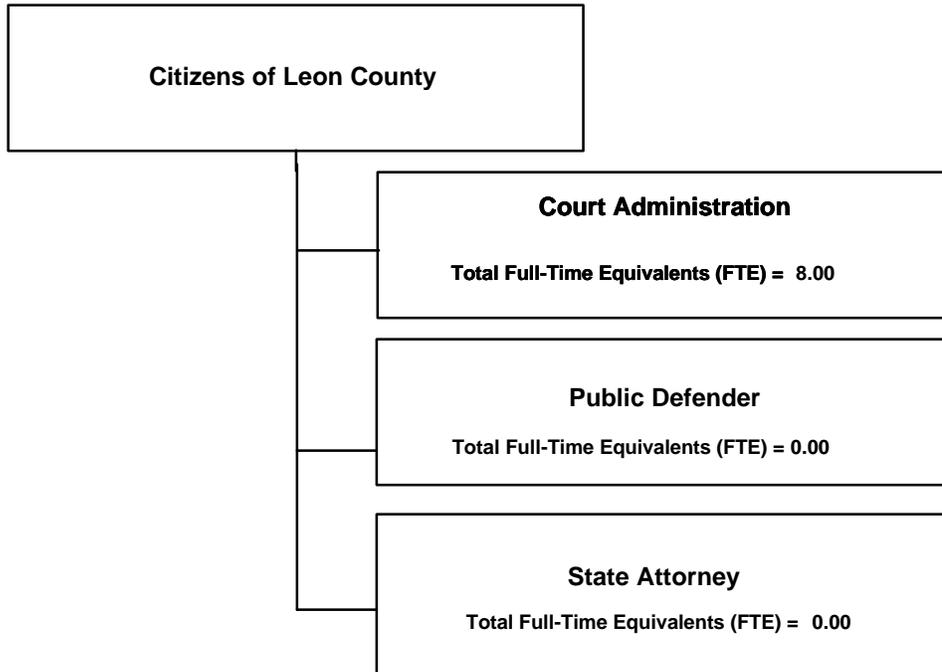


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Note: Leon County is only responsible for the funding of 8 Court Administration employees. The remaining Court Administration, Public Defender, and State Attorney employees are funded through the State of Florida.

The **Judicial** section of the Leon County FY 2004/2005 Annual Budget is comprised of Court Administration, 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** reduced the length of time for disposition or release from jail for those inmates eligible for bond by 34 days, purchased on-line subscriptions to JARA and Westlaw, and established a monthly "Tribunal," where trained attorneys preside over cases as justice, without a jury.

Last year the **State Attorney** received and handled nearly 7,000 felony referrals, 24,000 misdemeanor referrals, and 2,263 juvenile referrals (during the State Attorney's Office fiscal year). Additionally, disposition by jury verdicts (as a percentage of all dispositions) are among the highest of the 20 judicial circuits statewide.

During FY 2003/2004 the **Public Defender's Office** handled 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.



**Leon County Government
Fiscal Year 2005 Budget**

Judicial

Budgetary Costs	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Adopted	FY 2005 Continuation	FY 2005 Issues	FY 2005 Budget	FY 2006 Budget
Personal Services	1,414,408	1,349,925	294,121	0	294,121	310,109
Operating	2,276,201	1,848,400	231,315	0	231,315	234,420
Capital Outlay	81,535	50,310	87,553	2,500	90,053	50,733
Grants-in-Aid	0	0	118,750	0	118,750	118,750
Total Budgetary Costs	<u>3,772,144</u>	<u>3,248,635</u>	<u>731,739</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>734,239</u>	<u>714,012</u>

Funding Sources	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Adopted	FY 2005 Budget	FY 2006 Budget
001 General Fund	1,401,816	1,218,766	183,347	190,063
110 Fine and Forfeiture	1,934,414	1,640,528	171,351	174,824
112 Legal Aid Trust Fund	94,372	22,171	0	0
113 Law Library Trust Fund	50,908	34,315	35,688	0
114 Family Law Legal Services	290,634	332,855	51,528	0
117 Judicial Programs Special Revenue Fund	0	0	292,325	349,125
Total Revenues	<u>3,772,144</u>	<u>3,248,635</u>	<u>734,239</u>	<u>714,012</u>

Staffing Summary	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Adopted	FY 2005 Continuation	FY 2005 Issues	FY 2005 Budget	FY 2006 Budget
Court Administration	5.50	6.00	3.00	0.00	3.00	3.00
Guardian Ad Litem	1.50	1.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Court-Related Programs	18.00	18.00	5.00	0.00	5.00	5.00
Total Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.50</u>	<u>8.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>8.00</u>	<u>8.00</u>

OPS Staffing	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Adopted	FY 2005 Continuation	FY 2005 Issues	FY 2005 Budget	FY 2006 Budget
Other Court-Related Programs	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	1.00
Total Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)	<u>1.00</u>	<u>1.00</u>	<u>1.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1.00</u>	<u>1.00</u>