

What we accomplished in FY 2014-15



» Opened the Superior Court Service Center in Mission Viejo to serve over 600,000 residents living in South Orange County

» Launched a new Appeals Webpage to improve the public's access and understanding of the appeal process

» Improved jury summons by sending juror notifications via postcard rather than mailing them in an envelope

» Developed and launched the on-line Small Claims Triage tool in collaboration with five other courts



» Implemented courtroom video conferencing in select courtrooms to allow participants, with the Court's permission, to appear by video

» Received the 2014 Court Information Technology Officers Consortium (CITOC) Innovation in Business Process Award for creation and implementation of a completely electronic environment for criminal cases

» Launched a mobile-friendly version of all Court public website

» Implemented electronic issuance of warrants (eWarrants) to eliminate the transmission of hard copy warrants between the Court and the Orange County Sheriff's Department Central Warrant Repository

» Chosen by the Center for Court Innovation—one of only four in the entire nation—to serve as a mentor community court

For questions regarding the Court's budget or information contained in this report, please contact the Financial Planning Office at FinancialPlanningOffice@occourts.org.

November 5, 2015

Dear Orange County Residents,

I am pleased to present to you the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-16 Approved Budget for the Superior Court of California, County of Orange.

FY 2015-16 represents the third consecutive year of funding restoration for the Judicial Branch. The reinvestment in the Judicial Branch is encouraging. However, California courts are grossly underfunded at an average of 72% of workload funding need. In other words, courts are funded to handle, on average, only three out of four cases. Unfortunately, the 2015 Budget Act contains no indication that there will be future funding restoration for courts in the years to come.

Locally, the Court faces the additional challenge of losing historical base funding and receiving a smaller share of statewide funding due to the new Workload-based Allocation Funding Methodology (WAFM). Under WAFM, the Court loses 15 cents per base funding dollar and 30 cents on the dollar on all new money. This reduction in funding forces the Court to use reserves to balance the budget for the fourth consecutive year.

The approved budget for the Court includes revenues of \$200.9 million and expenses of \$202.0 million, resulting in the use of \$1.1 million in reserves to balance the budget. By the end of FY 2015-16, the Court anticipates an ending fund balance of only \$7.8 million—most of which will be restricted and cannot be used to balance the budget. In addition to advocating for increased funding for all courts in California, the Court will continue to look for ways to reduce expenditures in order to balance the budget, especially in light of known future funding reductions as a result of WAFM.

Sincerely,

Darren Dang
Chief Financial & Administrative Officer

Superior Court of California County of Orange

Fiscal Year 2015-16 BUDGET AT A GLANCE



Presiding Judge
Hon. Glenda Sanders

Assistant Presiding Judge
Hon. Charles Margines

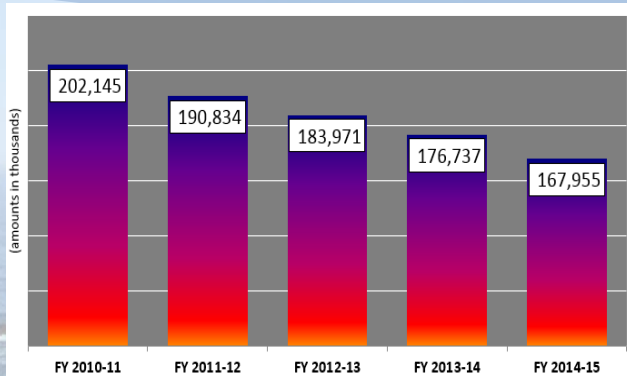
Chief Executive Officer
Alan Carlson

How much revenue was collected...

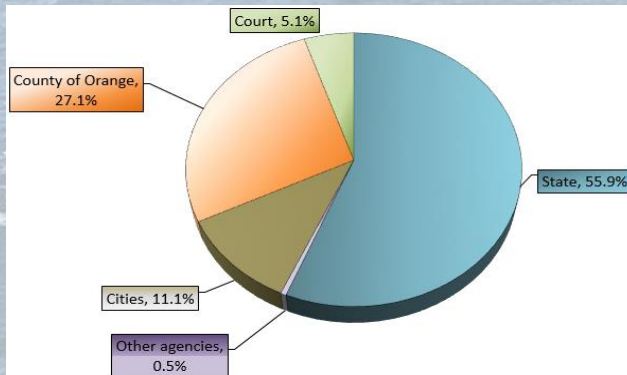
The Court collects various fines and fees from sources such as traffic citations and filing fees. These fines and fees are then distributed according to applicable legislation. Typically, less than five percent of collections are retained locally by the Court.

The following charts illustrate the total fines and fees collected during the last five fiscal years and the distribution of those revenues.

REVENUE COLLECTED FROM FINES AND FEES



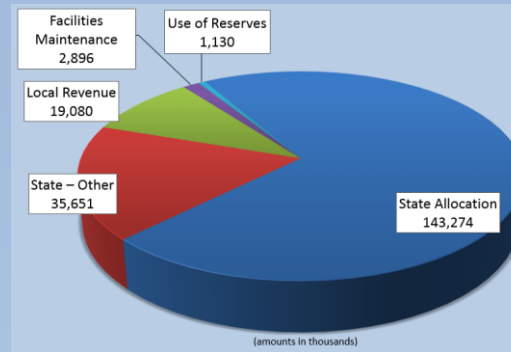
DISTRIBUTION OF FINES AND FEES



Note: Components may not sum to totals due to rounding

Where our funding comes from...

FY 2015-16 REVENUE SOURCES



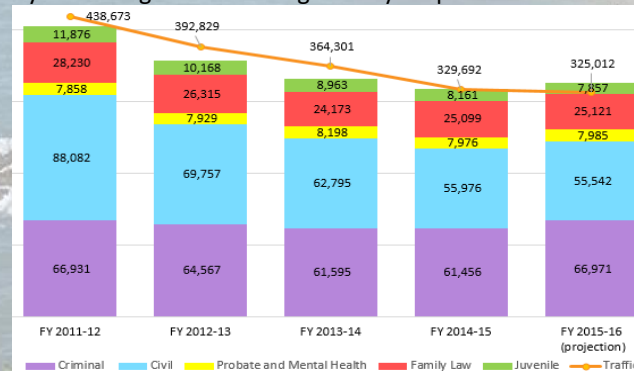
REVENUE TREND

(amounts in thousands)

	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 BUDGET
State Allocation	129,823	132,496	143,274
State - Other	33,825	34,960	35,651
Local Revenue	19,069	21,969	19,080
Facilities Maintenance	3,232	3,796	2,896
TOTAL REVENUE	185,949	193,221	200,901
Use of Reserves	23,542	1,416	1,130
TOTAL FINANCING	209,491	194,637	202,032

CASE FILINGS

The basis of the calculation to determine each court's share of the total State Allocation is workload, which is measured by case filings over a rolling three-year period.



How we will use the funds...

FY 2015-16 BUDGETED EXPENSES



EXPENDITURE TREND

(amounts in thousands)

	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 BUDGET
Salaries and Benefits	161,694	158,216	163,138
Services and Supplies	32,709	26,609	28,261
Security	1,082	728	-
Technology	9,307	5,826	7,370
CMS Replacement	2,663	846	1,446
Facilities Maintenance	2,157	2,412	1,817
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	209,612	194,637	202,032

BUDGETED STAFFING

