

19th Judicial Circuit Court



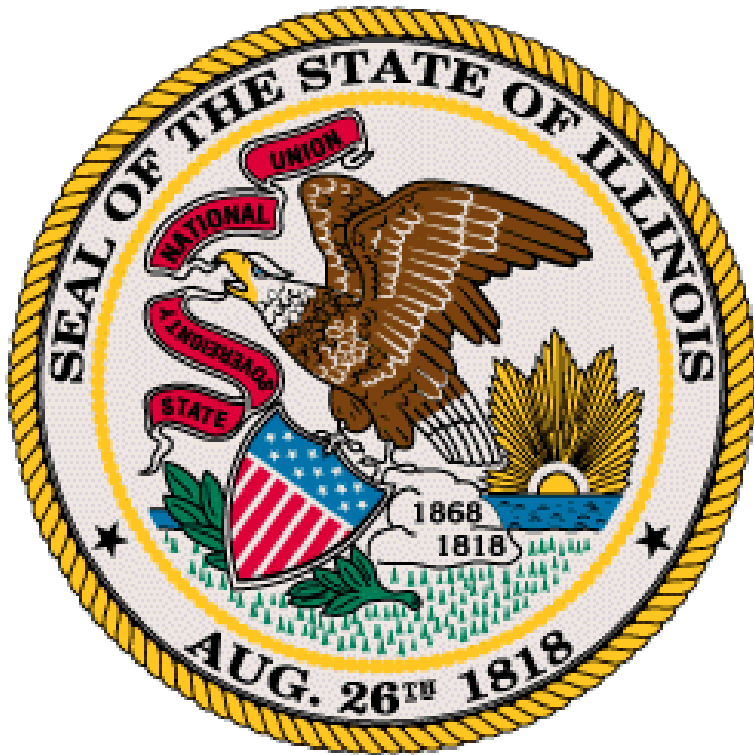
Annual Update

Law & Judicial Committee

May 2023



Nineteenth Judicial Circuit - Mission



To serve the public by providing a fair and efficient system of justice committed to excellence, fostering public trust, understanding and confidence



Nineteenth Judicial Circuit – Governance



- **19th Judicial Circuit** - 1 of 26 judicial circuits in the state and is an independent branch of government whose authority vests in the IL Constitution and Illinois Supreme Court, Statutes, IL Supreme Court Rules and 19th Circuit Court Rules.
- **Chief Judge** – responsible for administration of entire court organization, the assignment of judges, and is employer for all non-judicial staff. Serves as liaison to the Illinois Supreme Court and the Illinois Conference of Chief Circuit Judges.
- **Presiding Judges of Court Divisions** – oversight of court activities within division.
- **Executive Director** – oversight of day-to-day administration of operations, budget, human resources, technology and court programs, including probation and detention services. Also serves as liaison to the Lake County Board and county departments.



Funding and Staffing



Total Fiscal Year 2023 Budget - \$22 Million

Revenue Sources:

- \$ 7.6 M (Property Taxes)
- \$ 9.0 M (State Reimbursements)
- \$ 2.0 M (Government Transfers)
- \$ 0.6 M (Grants)
- \$ 3.0 M (Charges for Services)
- \$ 0.02 M (Miscellaneous)

Staffing:

- 309 Total Circuit Court Employees
 - 41 Judges (Fully State-Funded)
 - 22 Court Staff (Fully State-Funded)
 - 241 Full-Time Court Staff (22 Vacancies)
 - 5 Part-Time (2 Vacancies)
(162 FTE positions reimbursed by the AOIC)



Courthouse and Facility Locations



**Lake County
Courthouse**
Waukegan



**Lake County
Criminal Court Tower**
Waukegan



**Adult Probation &
Psychological Services**
Waukegan



**Lake County
Arbitration Center**
Waukegan



**Juvenile Court, Probation &
Detention Services**
Vernon Hills



**Mundelein
Branch Court**
Mundelein



**North Branch
Court**
Round Lake Beach



**Park City
Branch Court**
Park City



Judicial Divisions



CHIEF JUDGE

CIVIL

Law & Chancery
Arbitration
Small Claims
Foreclosure
Eviction
Probate

FAMILY

Dissolution
Family
Paternity
Child Support
Adoption

CRIMINAL

Felony
Misdemeanor
Domestic Violence
DUI
Traffic
Mental Health

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

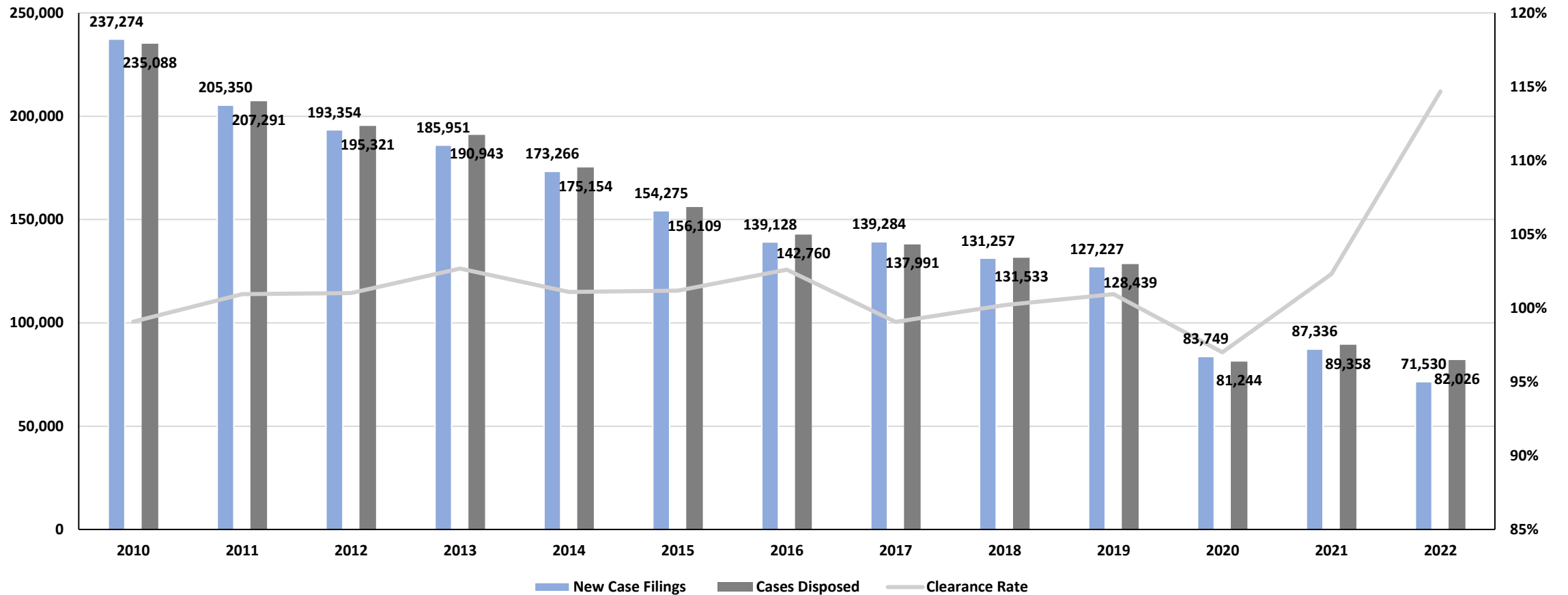
Drug Court
Mental Health Court
Veteran's Court
Juvenile



Cases Filed, Disposed and Clearance Rates

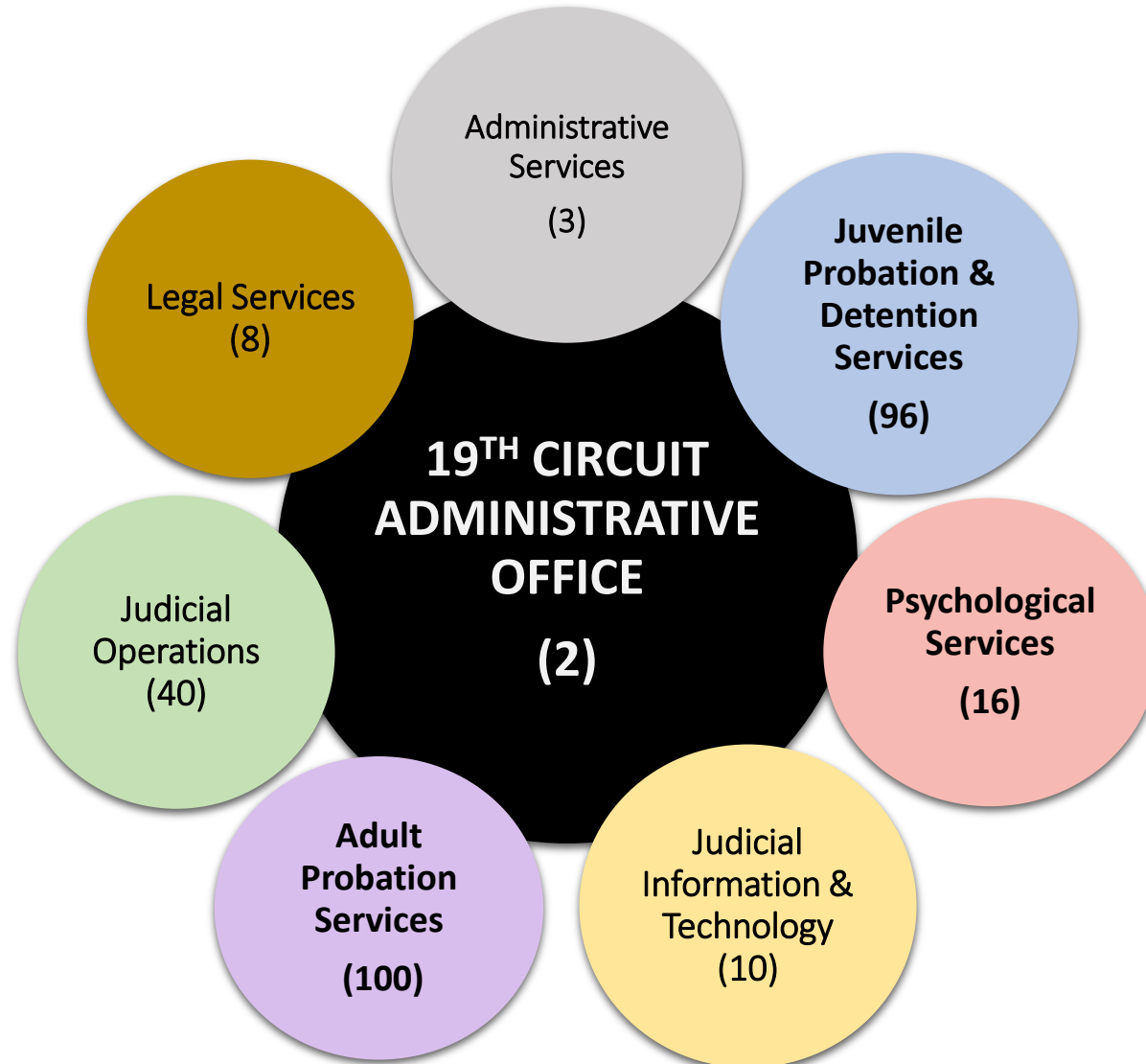


19th Circuit New Case Filings, Case Dispositions, and Clearance Rates Between 2010-2022





Administrative Divisions





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ORGANIZATION SERVICES & PROGRAMS RESOURCES INFORMATION FOR...

COURT FORMS

CENTER FOR SELF-REP
Auto-Representación

REMOTE COURT HEARINGS
(Zoom)

COURT RULES & ORDERS



Community Outreach



- **Courthouse Tours (Lake County Schools and Organizations)**
- **Mock Trial Competition (High schools in Lake County)**
- **One Book/One Judge/One Goal (Judges reading to students at schools)**
- **Law Merit Badge Ceremony (Boy and Girl Scouts of Lake County)**
- **Law Day Events and Essay Contest (Grades K-12)**
- **Veteran's History Project**
- **Juror Appreciation Day**
- **Constitution Day Event**
- **Girl-Wise (Grades 6-12 at CLC)**
- **"Your Courthouse at Work" with LCTV**



Previous 12 Months



- **Judge Levitt elected to serve as Chief Judge for a second year.**
- **Continue to operate courtrooms and programs with permanent use of virtual and hybrid proceedings.**
- **Court's ICMS team continued collaboration with other justice partners in development of "eCourt".**
- **Continued contract negotiations on an initial CBA for 170+ court employees represented by AFSCME.**
- **The circuit welcomed 6 new judges over the past six months. Four judges filled vacancies while 2 were elected to new judgeships created from recent legislation. 41 judges currently assigned to the 19th Circuit.**
- **Adult and Juvenile Redeploy Grants continued and support community-based services to young adults and youth experiencing behavioral health issues.**
- **Foreclosure and Eviction Mediation programs continue with support of housing grants and ARPA funding.**
- **Continued participation in the MacArthur Grant SJC program focused on reducing jail populations while addressing racial disparities in the criminal justice system.**
- **Pretrial Services fully implemented a new PSA risk assessment tool to assist with judicial decisions at Bond Court, while the Committee on Pretrial Reform collaborated for implementation of the SAFE-T Act.**
- **Coordinated with FCS on the repair to 3 courtrooms and chambers from water damaged that occurred last Christmas .**



Next 12 Months



- **Complete development and implementation of ICMS with justice partners.**
- **With help from AOIC, expand Electronic Court Reporting to juvenile and bond courtrooms.**
- **Complete Court Technology Modernization projects related to the \$1M grant from Illinois Supreme Court, which includes infrastructure improvements at the main courthouse.**
- **Complete negotiations on initial AFSCME agreement with non-exempt court employees.**
- **With FCS, implement alternate Capital Improvement Plan at Juvenile Facility (July).**
- **If deemed constitutional, implement new Bail Reform law and no cash bond system.**