

# 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court



## Annual Update

**Law & Judicial Committee**

**April 2022**



# Circuit Court Overview



- **19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit** - 1 of 25 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 19<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court Rules.
- **Mission** - To serve the public by providing access to a fair and efficient system of justice that is committed to excellence, fostering public trust, understanding and confidence.
- **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.



# Organizational Overview



- **Court Facilities**

- Waukegan
- Vernon Hills
- Mundelein
- Park City
- Round Lake

- **Total FY22 Budget - \$28 M**

**Revenue Sources:**

- \$ 15 M (Property taxes)
- \$ 8.7 M (State reimbursements)
- \$ 1.3 M (Other gov't transfers)
- \$ 1.6 M (Grants)
- \$ 1.2 M (Charges for services)
- \$ 0.15 M (Miscellaneous)

- **Staffing – 313 Total Circuit Court Employees**

- 40 Judges – fully state-funded
- 273 Non-Judicial Staff
  - 24 fully state-funded (4 Court Reporter vacancies)
  - 237 FTE (21 vacancies)
    - 162 positions - state reimburses salary
  - 12 PTE (2 vacancies)



# 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

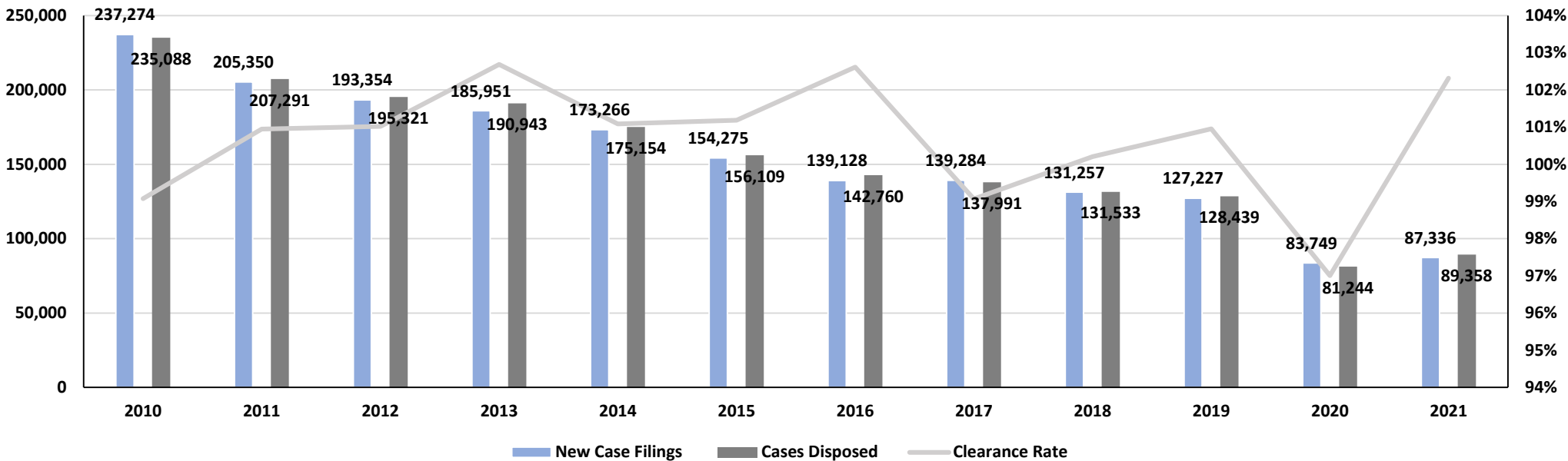


# Cases Filed, Disposed and Clearance Rates



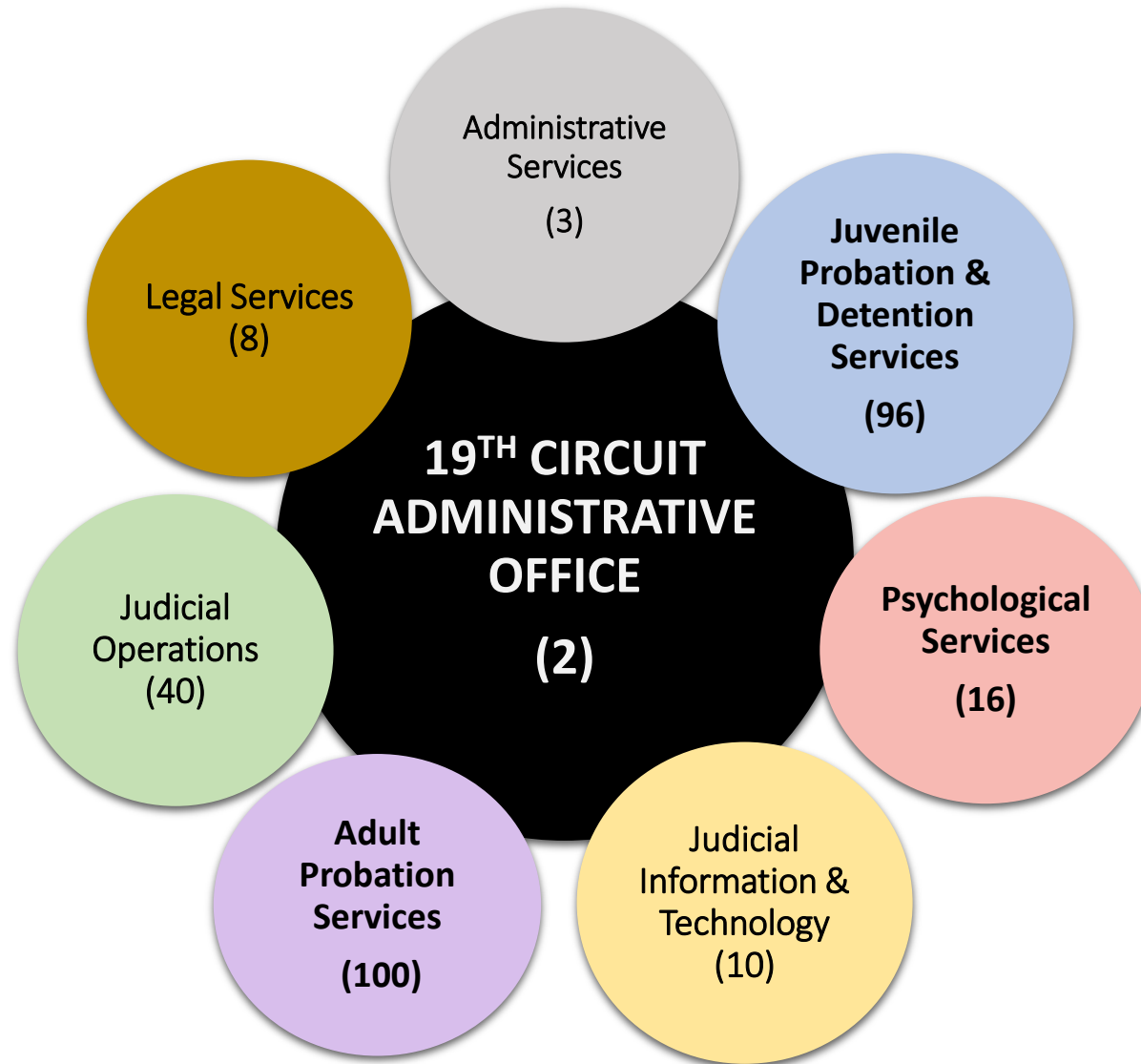
Calendar Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
New Case Filings	237,274	205,350	193,354	185,951	173,266	154,275	139,128	139,284	131,257	127,227	83,749	87,336
Cases Disposed	235,088	207,291	195,321	190,943	175,154	156,109	142,760	137,991	131,533	128,439	81,244	89,358
Clearance Rate	99%	101%	101%	103%	101%	101%	103%	99%	100%	101%	97%	102%

19th Circuit New Case Filings, Case Dispositions, and Clearance Rates Between 2010-2021





# Administrative Divisions





## Previous 12 Months



- Operated courtrooms and programs during pandemic with strong reliance on virtual practices. Resumed limited jury trials using social distancing.
- Court's ICMS Team collaborated with other justice partners in development of new ICMS.
- Initiated use of Electronic Court Reporting (ECR) in select courtrooms at Court Tower.
- Non-exempt court employees (164 employees) certified AFSCME to represent them in collective bargaining. Negotiations began on initial agreement.
- Elected new Chief Judge and created new alignment of judicial divisions and judge assignments.
- Applied and received Juvenile Redeploy Planning and Implementation Grants to expand community-based services to youth.
- Received CARES Act funds to expand Eviction Mediation Program.
- Participated in MacArthur Grant SJC program. Implemented new PSA risk assessment tool for Bond Court and expanded upon text notification to offenders.
- Shared information for research into the elimination of juvenile court fees.
- Coordinated with FCS on relocation and return of Adult Probation staff for roof repair at facility.



## Next 12 Months



- Continue to reconstitute all courts and services in post-pandemic environment incorporating continued use of virtual hearings, meetings and services where appropriate. 🙌
- Complete development and implementation of ICMS with justice partners.
- With help from AOIC, expand ECR to juvenile and bond courtrooms.
- Implement Court Technology Modernization projects related to the \$1M grant from Illinois Supreme Court.
- Continue and/or complete negotiations on initial AFSCME agreement with non-exempt court employees.
- With FCS, implement alternate Capital Improvement Plan at Juvenile Facility.
- Add revenue by housing minors from other counties.
- Implement new Bail Reform law and no cash bond.