WASHOE COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE

OVERVIEW OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM
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MISSION STATEMENT

 The mission of the Washoe County Public Defender's Office is to protect and defend the rights of indigent people in Washoe County by providing them access to justice through professional legal representation.



HOLISTIC DEFENSE

- Holistic Defense is an innovative model of public defense that achieves better outcomes for clients, their families, and their communities.
- Holistic Defense combines aggressive legal advocacy with a broader recognition that for most poor people arrested and charged with a crime, the criminal case is not the only issue with which they struggle.
- Attorneys must expand the scope of their representation to address both the collateral consequences and penalties of court involvement, as well as the underlying issues that play a part in driving clients into the justice systems in the first place.

WASHOE COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE

- 36 Attorneys
 - "Cat A" Felony Team
 - Felony Team
 - Misdemeanor Team
 - Juvenile Team
 - Family Law
 - Mental Health/Hospital Team
 - Appellate

- Support Staff
 - 16 Support Staff (legal assistants)
 - 9 Investigators
 - 1 Mitigation Specialist
 - Legal Interns
 - Social Work Interns

WHAT DO WE DO?

- The Washoe County Public Defender's Office represents indigent persons in:
 - Criminal Cases in Reno Justice Court, Sparks Justice Court, Incline Justice Court, Wadsworth Justice Court, and the Second Judicial District Court
 - Juvenile Proceedings
 - Involuntary Commitment Hearings
 - *Child-Welfare Cases (Juvenile Dependency & Termination of Parental Rights Actions)
 - Family Drug Court
 - Probation Revocation Hearings/OSC Hearings
 - Parole Grant/Revocation Hearings at NDOC
 - Appellate Review Oral Arguments at NV Sup. Court.

CASE STATISTICS

New Cases	2014	2015	2016	2017
Criminal	5103	5799	5811	6047
Conflicts	-1089	-527	-532	-671
PD criminal cases	4014	5272	5279	5376
Family	575	386	490	399
Hospital	755	1571	2335	2355
Juvenile	804	827	829	848
Appeal	43	47	48	54
Parole	35	115	97	71
Total*	10240	13490	14357	15143
*Excludes JC appeals, Material Witness, and Specialty Courts				
Conflicts	-1579	-829	-870	-955
PD cases	5736	7916	8740	9786

THE PROCESS

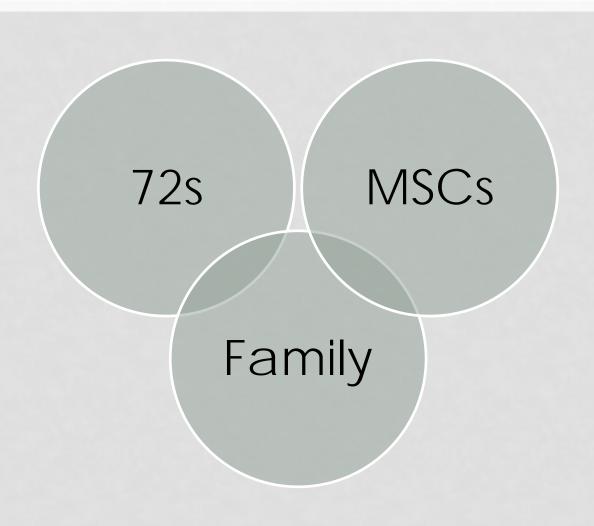
Misdemeanors



Gross Misdemeanors & Felonies



UNIQUE FEATURES



Questions?

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