



PUBLIC DEFENDER



**Michael Breeze,
Public Defender**

To protect the fundamental rights of all individuals by providing effective legal representation for indigent defendants facing criminal charges, juvenile adjudications, and mental health commitments, when appointed by Superior Court in Yuma County and Yuma County Justice Courts.

MAJOR FUNCTIONS

Support Services:

Executes support functions for all divisions. Assignment of staff is made on an as-needed basis.

Trial Division:

Represents defendants who are charged with crimes and who cannot afford a lawyer. Clients are also represented for matters involving their possible mental commitment.

Juvenile Division:

Provides legal representation to eligible minors in criminal matters.

Appeals Division:

Provides legal representation to indigent defendants (1) who have been convicted of criminal offenses at trial, and (2) believe a valid basis exists to challenge the legality of the conviction or sentence.

2013-2018 OBJECTIVES

CR- Handle 30% of Post Conviction Relief (PCR) cases in house by FY2018.

CR- Handle 50% of appeal cases in house by FY2018.

CR- Handle 75% of juvenile adjudications in house by FY2018.

CR- Close 75% of cases within 3 days of final disposition by FY2018.

CR- Open 80% of new cases assigned in house within 24 hours of receiving them by FY2018.

CR- Complete 75% of cases through adjudication in 180 days or less by FY2018.

CR- Handle 75% of serious felony cases (Class 1-3) in house by FY2018.

CR- Retain 75% of non-conflict capital defense cases in house by FY2018.

Strategic Plan: www.yumacountyaz.gov/strategicplan

2014 RESULTS

- ✓ 33% of PCR cases are kept in house.
- ✓ 83% of appeal cases are kept in house.
- ✓ 85% of juvenile adjudications are handled in house.
- ✓ 75% of cases are closed within 3 days of final disposition.
- ✓ 79% of new cases that are assigned in house are opened within 24 hours of receiving it.
- ✓ 75% of cases through adjudication are completed in 180 days or less.
- ✓ 60% of serious felony cases assigned in house are handled.
- ✓ No Capital cases filed.



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PERFORMANCE REPORTING

Significant Accomplishment:

- ✓ The Yuma County Public Defender's Office has successfully completed all current capital cases with non-death dispositions.
- ✓ In FY12/13 the Yuma County Public Defender's Office retained approximately 73% of all felony cases and 71% of serious and complex felonies appointed.

Performance Measure Actuals & Benchmark -Public Defender

The following measures are departmental priorities identified in the County-wide Strategic Plan:

Department Goal:	Target/Benchmark				
Measure:	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018
To continuously search out ways to improve efficiency and reduce taxpayer costs.					
% of PCR cases kept in house.	33%	26%	27%	28%	30%
% of appeal cases kept in house.	83%	35%	40%	45%	50%
% of juvenile adjudication cases kept in house.	85%	55%	60%	65%	75%
% of cases closed within 3 days of final disposition.	57%	60%	65%	70%	75%
% of opened new cases that are assigned in house within 24 hours of receiving it.	79%	72%	75%	78%	80%
% of cases adjudicated within 180 days.	78%	68%	70%	72%	75%
% of serious felony cases assigned in house.	60%	71%	72%	73%	75%
% of non-conflict capital defense cases kept in house.	None Filed	55%	60%	65%	75%

AUTHORIZED FULL TIME EQUIVALENT

Authorized Positions by Major Function

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Public Defender:				
Defender	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Staff Attorneys	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Capital Defense Attorneys	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Appellate Attorneys	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Support	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
Total	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00

There are no staffing changes for fiscal year 2014-2015.



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2015 ANNUAL BUDGET

Revenue: General Fund support is at the level needed for General Fund expenditures. The net decrease in Special Revenues is primarily the result of a projected reduction in Fill The Gap Earned Revenue.

Personnel: There are no substantial changes this fiscal year.

Supplies and Services: There are no substantial changes this fiscal year.

Capital Outlay: The Capital Outlay is in the Duplicating Equipment (\$5,014) and Data Processing Equipment (\$4,229) line items.

Transfers: The increase is for a Transfer Out to the Fill The Gap fund.

Public Defender	Actual 2011-12	Actual 2012-13	Budget 2013-14	Estimate 2013-14	Budget 2014-15	% Change
Sources						
General Revenue	\$ 2,093,714	\$ 2,201,960	\$ 2,302,867	\$ 2,238,498	\$ 2,394,837	3.99%
Special Revenue	75,244	68,711	67,388	67,377	49,221	-26.96%
Balance Forward	98,613	11,769	11,066	(57,180)	(38,345)	-446.51%
Total Sources	\$ 2,267,571	\$ 2,282,440	\$ 2,381,321	\$ 2,248,695	\$ 2,405,713	1.02%
Uses						
Personnel	1,867,008	1,916,522	1,992,492	1,903,736	1,994,990	0.13%
Supplies & Services	388,794	369,275	377,752	381,387	371,848	-1.56%
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	9,243	N/A
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Reserves & Contingencies	-	-	20,237	-	29,632	46.42%
Total Uses	\$ 2,255,802	\$ 2,285,797	\$ 2,390,481	\$ 2,285,123	\$ 2,405,713	0.64%
Other Sources & Uses						
Transfers In	-	23,416	102,424	123,377	188,426	83.97%
Transfers Out	-	(77,239)	(102,424)	(125,294)	(188,426)	83.97%
Total Other Sources & Uses	\$ -	\$ (53,823)	\$ -	\$ (1,917)	\$ -	N/A
Other Restricted	\$ 11,769	\$ (57,180)	\$ (9,160)	\$ (38,345)	\$ -	N/A