



CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT



**Lynn Fazz,
Clerk**

To provide court related records and financial management, independent court services, and family support services to the Superior Court, the legal community, and the public, thus ensuring effective access to the legal process.

MAJOR FUNCTIONS

Automation:

Implements and maintains the Clerk's case, child support, jury and financial management systems.

Child Support:

Provides domestic forms for "pro per" customers and processes wage assignment and disbursement of child support payments by accessing and updating the state's ATLAS child support data base.

Jury Processing:

Maintains the database and manages jury qualification and selection for all municipal, justice and superior courts in Yuma County.

Legal & Public Services Counter:

Processes all filings and case management payments for the Superior Court in addition to processing marriage licenses and passports.

Court Services:

Attends every session of Superior Court, generating and distributing minute entries, and marking and receiving evidence. In addition, Court Services has the duty of ensuring that the issuance and quashing of certain arrest warrants and release orders are properly executed, entered into the database, and provided to the appropriate law enforcement agencies.

Finance:

Processes the revenue and disburses all Superior Court monies, including victim restitution, fines, assessments, surcharges, fees and bonds.



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2013-2018 OBJECTIVES

- CS- Annually, that 95% of survey respondents agree that “files are current”.
- CS- That 100% of all filings be scanned within three (3) days of initial filing by FY2017.
- CR- Annually, increase Superior Court collection activity by 20%.
- CR- To decrease the delinquent records eligible to be escheated by 20% per year until current.
- CS- By FY2016, increase to 100% public satisfaction regarding different avenues available to obtain useful information pertaining to their filings.
- CS- Increase the percent of forms available to litigants by case type on our website to 100% by FY2018.
- CS- Increase the percentage of filings that are filed electronically to 100% by FY2018.
- CS- To ensure that 100% of Counter Clerks are providing accurate and quality service to court customers by FY2016.

Strategic Plan: www.yumacountyaz.gov/strategicplan

2014 RESULTS

- ✓ 95% of survey respondents agree that “files are current”.
- ✓ 60% of filings are scanned within three (3) days of initial filing.
- ✓ Superior Court collection activity is at 30%.
- ✓ 90% of delinquent records are eligible to be escheated.
- ✓ Public satisfaction is at 50%, regarding different avenues available to obtain useful information pertaining to their filings.
- ✓ 75% of forms are available on website.
- ✓ 0% of filings are filed electronically.
- ✓ Positive responses on internal customer surveys is 50%.

PERFORMANCE REPORTING

Performance Measure Actuals & Benchmark - Clerk of the Superior Court

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

Department Goal:	Target/Benchmark				
Measure:	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018
To provide swift and accurate management and disposition of all court records.					
% of survey respondents who agree that "files are current".	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%
% of filings scanned within three (3) days of initial filling.	60%	75%	95%	95%	95%
To provide effective accounting and collection activity for Superior Court.					
% of Superior Court collection activity.	30%	40%	60%	80%	100%
% of delinquent records eligible to be escheated.	90%	70%	50%	30%	10%
To provide easy access to Superior Court records, services and resources.					
% of public satisfaction.	50%	75%	100%	100%	100%
% of forms available on website.	75%	90%	100%	100%	100%
% of filings that are filed electronically.	0%	10%	25%	75%	100%
% of positive responses on internal customer surveys.	50%	75%	100%	100%	100%



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AUTHORIZED FULL TIME EQUIVALENTS

Authorized Positions by Major Function				
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Clerk and Deputy	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Automation	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50
Child Support	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Jury Processing	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Legal & Public Service	14.00	14.00	14.00	15.00
Court Services	12.00	12.00	11.80	12.00
Finance	5.20	5.20	5.20	5.00
Total	39.70	39.70	39.50	40.50

The department has increased by 1 FTE due to a transfer of the Receptionist/Clerk from Superior Court.

2015 ANNUAL BUDGET

The Clerk of Superior Court is primarily funded through the General Fund's general resources. The department does have funding from a number of other funding sources, but they only account for approximately 6% of the total sources in fiscal year 2014/15.

Revenue: General Fund support is at the level needed for General Fund expenditures. There are no significant changes in Special Revenue.

Personnel: The net increase is primarily due to the transfer of a Receptionist/Clerk position from Superior Court and increases in the Arizona State Retirement and Other Employee Benefits line items. A position funded by the Local Court Assistance fund was transferred to Superior Court.

Supplies and Services: The net decrease is primarily due to the elimination of the Supplies & Services budget in the Spousal Maintenance fund.

Capital Outlay: There is no Capital Outlay budget this fiscal year.

Clerk of Superior Court	Actual 2011-12	Actual 2012-13	Budget 2013-14	Estimate 2013-14	Budget 2014-15	% Change
Sources						
General Revenue	\$ 1,898,145	\$ 1,885,100	\$ 1,998,830	\$ 1,964,317	\$ 2,050,559	N/A
Special Revenue	157,409	157,454	159,132	158,705	158,115	-0.64%
Balance Forward	253,972	255,909	188,013	266,280	192,088	2.17%
Total Sources	\$ 2,309,526	\$ 2,298,463	\$ 2,345,975	\$ 2,389,302	\$ 2,400,762	2.34%
Uses						
Personnel	1,899,016	1,899,209	2,004,727	1,978,402	2,038,916	1.71%
Supplies & Services	182,453	161,868	255,858	245,406	165,774	-35.21%
Capital Outlay	-	-	10,564	-	-	-100.00%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Reserves & Contingencies	-	-	107,828	-	117,190	8.68%
Total Uses	\$ 2,081,469	\$ 2,061,077	\$ 2,378,977	\$ 2,223,808	\$ 2,321,880	-2.40%
Other Sources & Uses						
Transfers In	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Transfers Out	-	-	-	(1,917)	-	N/A
Total Other Sources & Uses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,917)	\$ -	N/A
Other Restricted	\$ 228,057	\$ 237,386	\$ (33,002)	\$ 163,577	\$ 78,882	-339.02%

* Unbalanced amounts due to shared funds 02213 and 02221 with Superior Court.