



***FY2018 Budget
Presentation**

Montgomery County District Courts and
County Courts at Law

*Highlights in FY2017

- * Publication of OCA State Reports
- * Completion of an Access and Fairness Survey for the Courts in Montgomery County
- * Continuing moves toward specialization
- * Contract defender pilot program

- * Court Operations - Dept 465 - Decrease of \$57,710
- * County Court at Law No. 2 - Decrease of \$733
- * County Court at Law No. 3 - Decrease of \$1,075
- * 9th District Court - Decrease of \$1,004
- * 435th District Court - Decrease of \$39,678

* Budget Reductions

* This creates a total reduction in the Judicial Departments (not counting Drug Court/DWI Court or Mental Health Court Services) of \$100,200.

* Budget Reductions

- * Much discussion regarding zero based budgeting
- * Funding should be tied to mission objectives and performance associated with those objectives
- * Government performance measures should inform budget decisions

* Evidence Based vs. Zero Based Budgeting

* The District Courts and County Courts at Law are committed through their Strategic Plan to

* Efficiency

* Data driven management

* Access to Justice

* Fairness

* Transparency

* Judicial expertise

* **Strategic Plan**

- * 103% clearance rate between Oct. 1, 2016 and May 31, 2017
- * 50.7% of disposed cases were disposed within 90 days of filing, and 91.3% disposed within a year
- * A jury has been selected in 53 cases since October 1
- * Jail population (driven largely by felony pretrial defendants) has maintained in low 70%

* Performance Measures - Felony

- * 101% clearance rate between Oct. 1, 2016 and May 31, 2017
- * 51.8% of dispositions took place within 90 days
- * A jury has been selected in 32 cases since October 1

* Performance Measures - Misdemeanor

- * 96.1% clearance rate between Oct. 1, 2016 and May 31, 2017
- * 79.6% of disposed cases were disposed within a year (state standard for non-jury cases) and 91.5% disposed within 18 months (state standard for jury cases)
- * Jury was selected in 20 cases since October 1

* Performance Measures - Civil

- * 100.3% clearance rate between Oct 1, 2016 and May 31, 2017
- * 43.7% of dispositions were by trial, versus 56.3% by agreement. This is compared to general civil, in which 39% were disposed by trial as opposed to 61% by agreement

* Performance Measures - Family

- * As the branch of government without the sword or the purse, the judiciary relies on you for continued funding
- * Thank you for all that you do to support the Rule of Law in Montgomery County

* **Conclusion**