

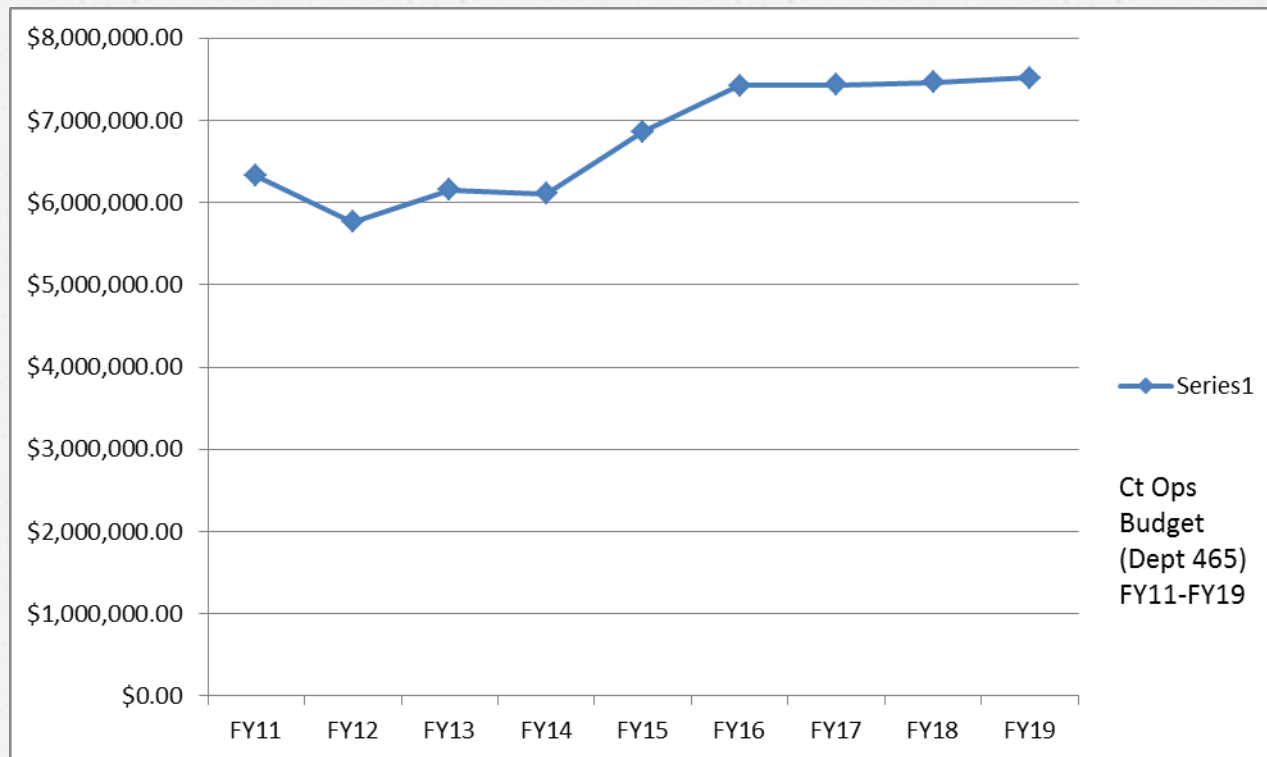
# FY 2019 Courts Budgets

Montgomery County Office of Court Administration

# Court Operations

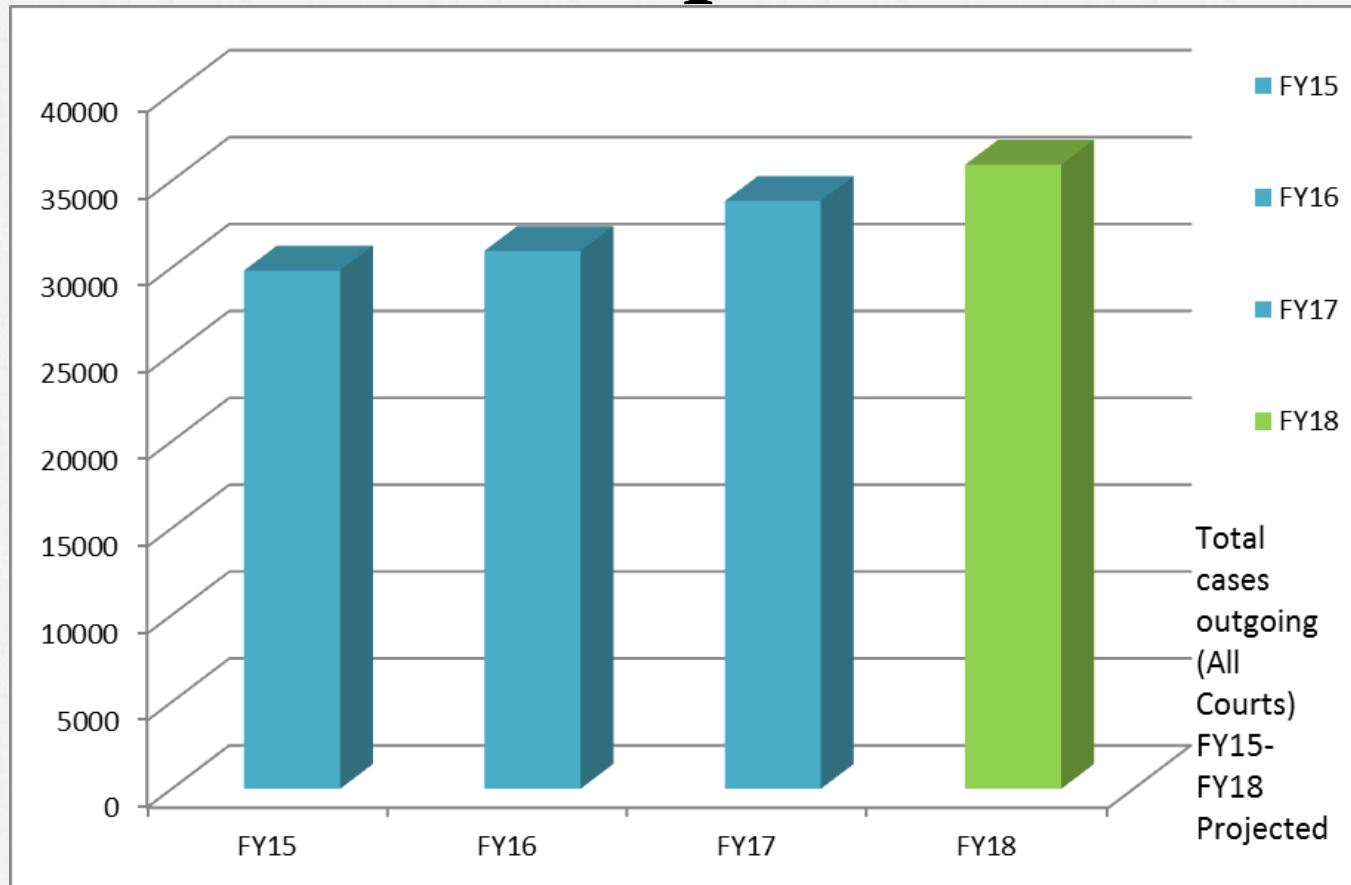
- Usage department vs. traditional department
- Overall 0.73% increase from \$7,462,796 to \$7,518,340
- \$5,682,000 or 75.6% of that is Indigent Defense related
- Remaining 24.4% is jury costs, interpreters, visiting court reporters, visiting judges and other costs

# Budget History

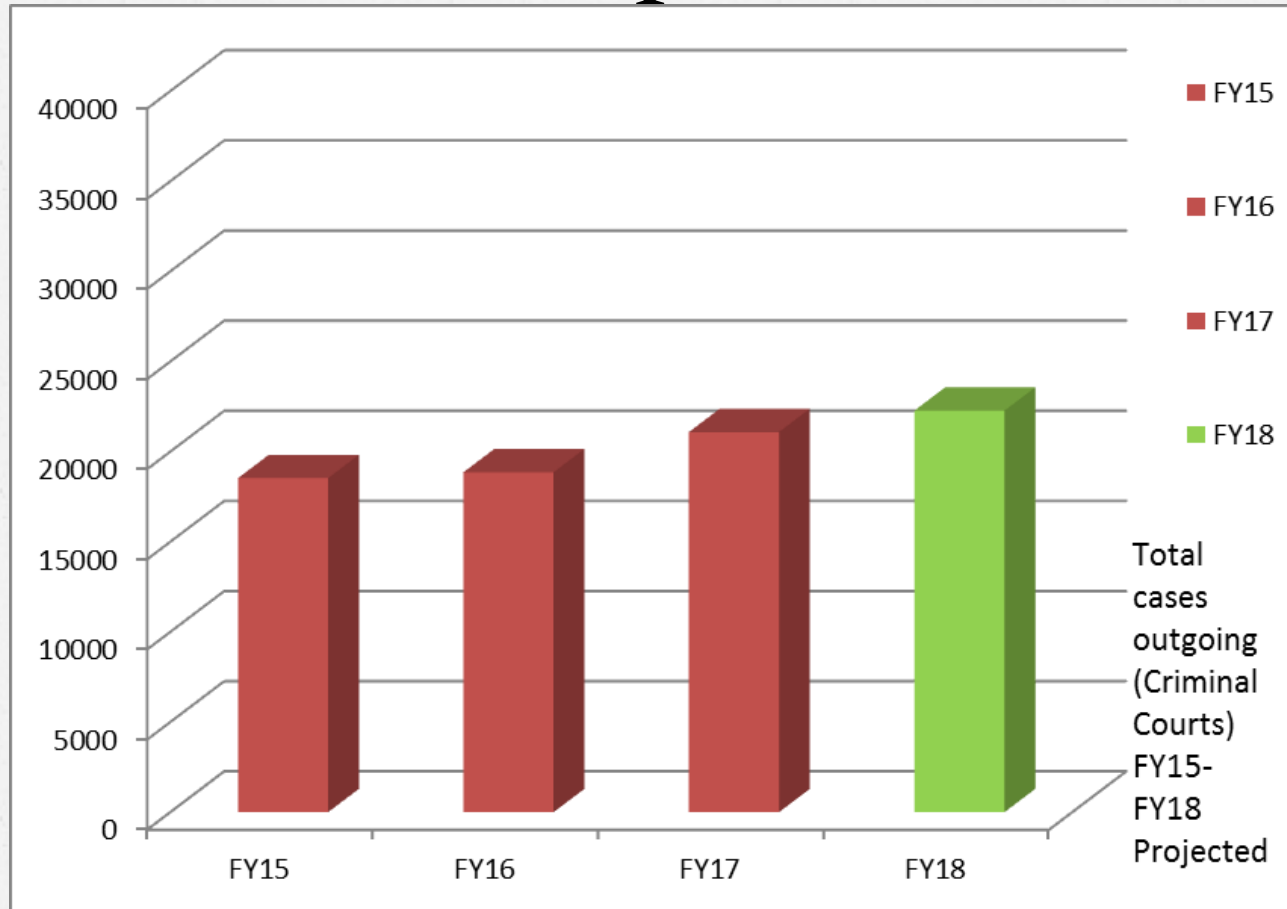




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# Special Revenue Funds

- o The District and County Courts access three special funds: District/County Court Technology, Court Reporter Service and Law Library.
- o Through competition between providers, OCA has been able to decrease online research costs by 11%
- o Through planning efforts, OCA has worked with the Court Reporters to reduce budget of the Court Reporter Service Fund by 10%

# Special Revenue Funds

- Additionally, we are proposing built in budgets of \$1,000 per court in the District/County Court Technology Fund.
- This budget will help the Courts access the fund more easily for hardware and software purchases, new AV tech, and AV fixes not covered by IT's agreement with their vendor.



# Court Administration/Indigent Defense

- o Indigent Defense screening occurs both in the jail and in court;
- o With 7 full time criminal courts, Indigent Defense staff is stretched thin, leading to damaging delays in court time;
- o If one of the three interviewers is out, court business processes are substantially disrupted.



# Court Administration/Indigent Defense

	Total FELONY FILINGS	Total MISD FILINGS	TOTAL CRIMINAL FILINGS			
2007	3895	12693	16588			
2011	6903	12541	19444	17% increase		
2018	8704	13756	22460	15% increase (projected)		
				35% increase in 11 years		

# Court Administration/Indigent Defense

- o Two requests:
- o One new Jail Liaison/Compliance Monitor position; and
- o Parity between the existing two Jail Liaison/Compliance Monitor positions



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- o CCL2 is requesting to reclassify an Assistant Court Coordinator position into Court Coordinator
- o CCL2 is also requesting to change 1 Probate Coordinator position to a Probate Auditor. This is expected to take place after retirement of an individual and not October 1st.



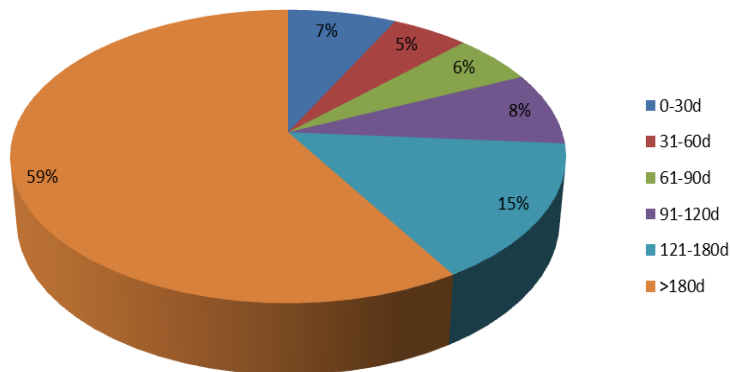
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- CCL3 is seeking to address a disparity in Court Reporter compensation, by bringing up Kimberly Holzwarth to parity in salary with every other County Court at Law Court Reporter.

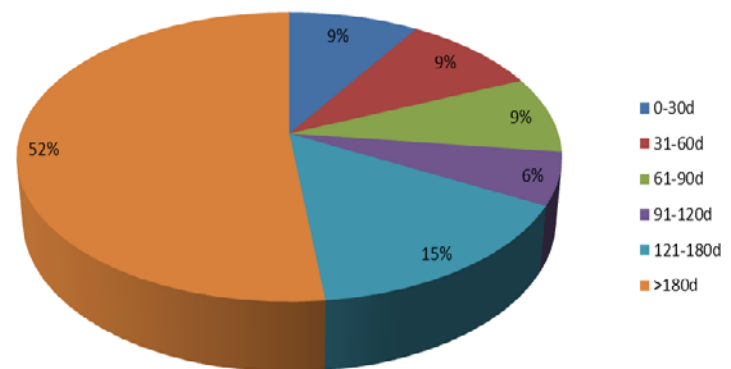
# Other Considerations

- CPS cases and method of appointing counsel.

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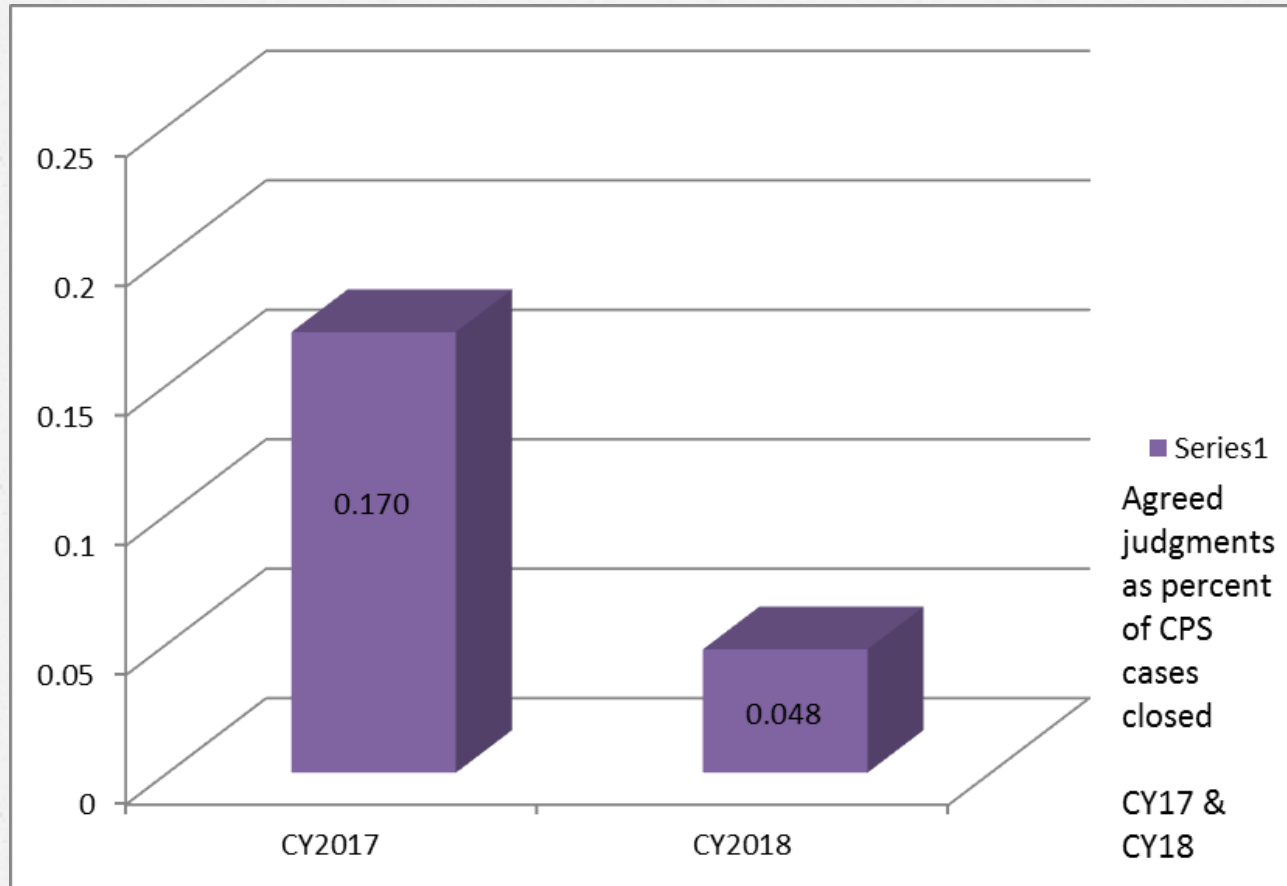


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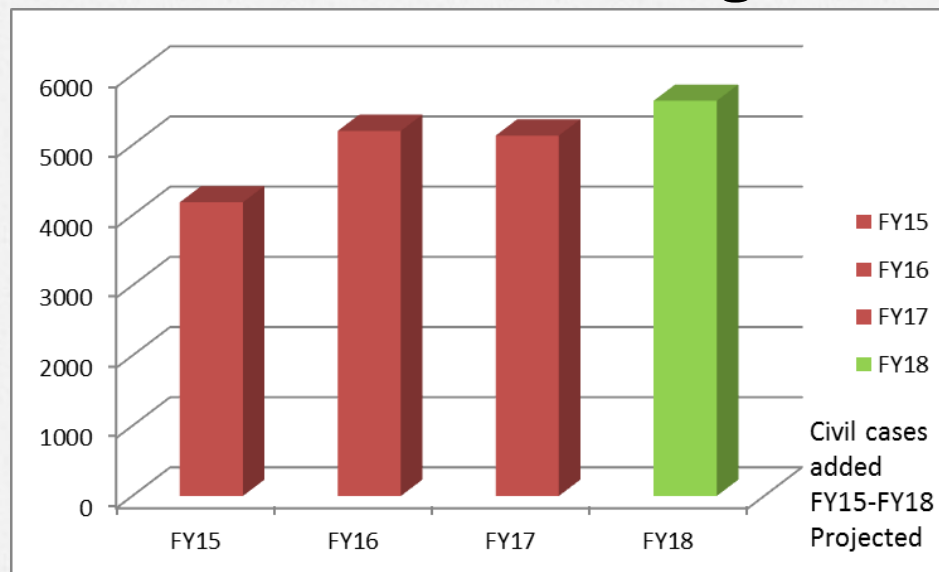
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- Civil cases have been increasing;



- With the 284th changing hands, expect more discussions about ways in which to expedite civil matters.

# Other Considerations

- Montgomery County uses individual interpreters at a general rate of \$300/day, \$150/half-day.
- Last time this rate was raised was in 2010.
- Interpreters have requested an increase from the Judges, though ultimate approval (at least on the District Court side) is Commissioners Court (152.903 Tex. Local Govt. Code)



# Thank You!

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