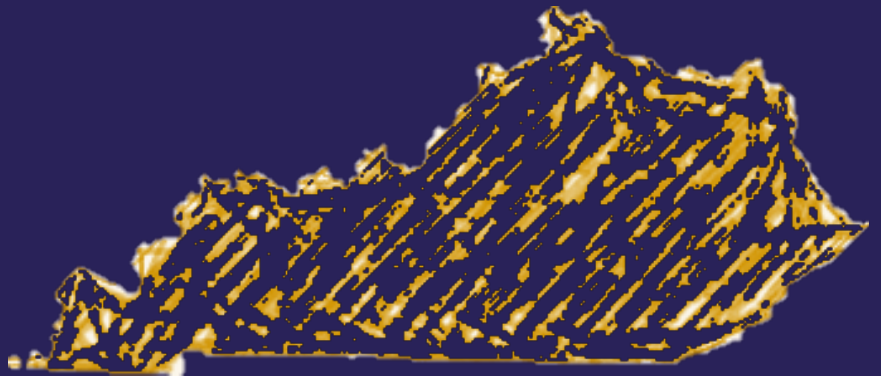


DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ADVOCACY

2020



OVERVIEW OF THE REPORT

Despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic in FY2020, DPA employees provided client-centered services with efficiency, professionalism, and distinction. This report highlights the work of Department staff members to serve and protect clients and the Commonwealth through the statewide public defender system.



FY2020 Trial Caseload Report

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ABOUT DPA

337 PUBLIC DEFENDERS

85 DEFENDER SUPPORT STAFF

55 INVESTIGATORS

48 ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING WORKERS

20 OPERATIONS EMPLOYEES

18 PROTECTION & ADVOCACY ATTORNEYS AND STAFF

7 EDUCATION ATTORNEYS AND STAFF

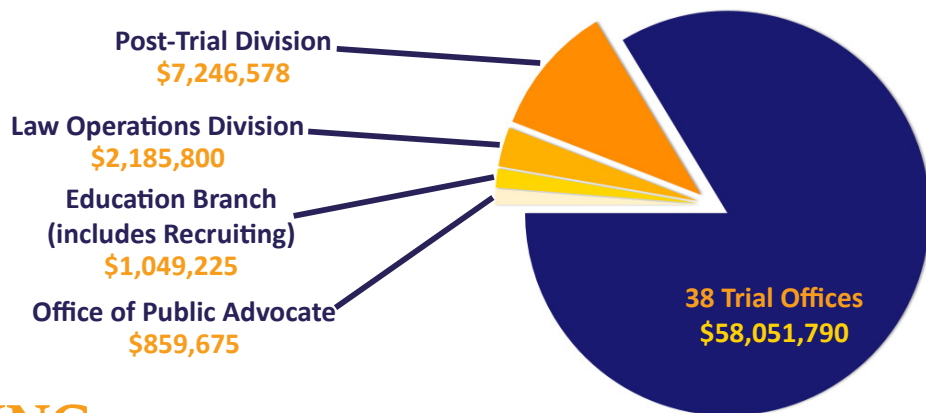
5 OFFICE OF PUBLIC ADVOCATE LEADERS AND STAFF

Serving indigent citizens across the Commonwealth through court appointed trial and post-trial legal representation

FY20 FISCAL HIGHLIGHTS



Jason Cloyd
Law Operations
Division Director



DPA FUNDING

\$64,811,700
Defender General Funds

\$4,581,368
Defender Non-General Funds*

\$2,561,524
Protection & Advocacy

**Non-General Funds include federal and state grants, court-ordered client fees, and a portion of collected DUI service fees and court costs.*

FROM THE PUBLIC ADVOCATE

Defenders, Friends, and Kentuckians,

The tribulations of 2020 have impacted the Department of Public Advocacy profoundly. On top of the already-stressful work of public defense, DPA employees contended with threats to their health and the health of their families, a court system struggling to function safely, and a justice system confronting racial disparities. Through it all, the men and women of DPA maintained their service to the Commonwealth with commitment and distinction.

Whether in a virtual courtroom or a risky in-person appearance at a courthouse, DPA attorneys ensure that the indigent accused receive fair and impartial justice and are treated with respect and dignity. It is during unpredictable and tumultuous times that protectors of the most vulnerable are the most important. I am proud that the employees of the Department of Public Advocacy are there as “first responders for justice” to stand with those who need our help.

Looking ahead, DPA faces its most challenging year ever. Caseloads are projected to skyrocket as the court system accelerates in recovery from delays and closures. Investigations, client communications, and court proceedings will continue to be inefficient – and at times, impossible – in an era of social distancing. At the same time, when additional resources are critical, a possible budget crisis looms as state revenues drop.

Fortunately, we are not alone as we face this daunting future. DPA is blessed to have excellent public servants on staff and faithful friends throughout the Commonwealth. We appreciate the support and leadership of Governor Andy Beshear, Justice Mary Noble, Secretary of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, and the leaders of the General Assembly. Through the coming trials (figuratively and literally) in FY21, we look forward to continued service to the great Commonwealth of Kentucky.



Damon L. Preston
Public Advocate

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC ADVOCATE



B. Scott West
Deputy Public Advocate



Melanie Lowe
General Counsel



Cara Lane Cape
Executive Staff Advisor

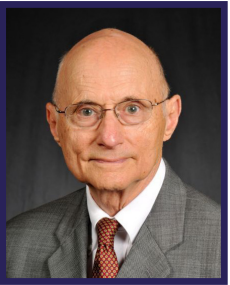


Melanie A. Foote
Education and Strategic
Planning Branch

FROM THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC ADVOCACY COMMISSION



Cortney Lollar
Chair
Rosenberg College of Law
Lexington



John M. Rosenberg
Vice-Chair
Pillersdorf, DeRossett & Lane
Prestonsburg

Friends,

The global pandemic has brought unprecedented challenges for Kentucky public defenders and staff. Yet DPA continues to excel in responding to these challenges, always putting their clients' well-being in the foreground. Ever since COVID-19's arrival in Kentucky, DPA staff have continued to zealously advocate for their clients while balancing the competing demands of family care-taking obligations and taking steps to stay healthy. They have engaged in heroic efforts to obtain the release of thousands of pre-trial and post-conviction clients, undoubtedly saving countless lives, given the institutional outbreaks. Notably, crime rates for those released pre-trial have not changed.

As courts begin to open back up, the backlog of cases awaiting DPA staff threatens to overwhelm the high caseload numbers that pre-dated the pandemic. DPA has received support from both the previous and current administrations, but the importance of this continued financial support cannot be emphasized enough. Due to overwhelming caseloads and inadequate compensation, defender turnover remains exceedingly high. Investing in increased public defender salaries and retention on the front-end will result in significant cost savings over time. In these economically challenging times, this long-term investment is the only approach that makes financial sense.

Sincerely,

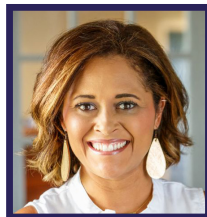
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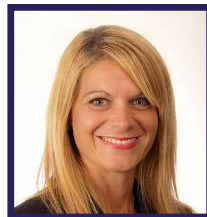
Daniel T. Goyette
Former Chief Defender
Louisville



LaCosta Beane-Hays
McConnell
Insurance Agency
Murray



Chynna Hibbitts
Attorney
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Highland Heights



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Sloan & Cassidy
Crestview Hills

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Jury Empowerment Bill

The jury is the voice of the community in the criminal justice system. If the members of a jury consider the facts of a case or the situation of a defendant and unanimously want to show mercy, they should have that chance. Unfortunately, under current law, the jury has no ability to say that a defendant may technically be guilty, but should not be sentenced as harshly as the law allows. To fix this, DPA proposes a Jury Empowerment Bill that would allow the members of the community who serve on a jury to find a defendant guilty of a crime, but then recommend a lower sentence based on the circumstances of the defendant or the offense. When the defendant and offense do not deserve mercy, the same punishments available today would still be available.



Updates to DPA Authorizing Statute

KRS Chapter 31, which established and defined the responsibilities and authorities of DPA, was written in 1972 and remains mostly unchanged, despite almost fifty years of evolution from an unorganized network of local private attorneys to a full-time statewide system. DPA proposes the following changes to strengthen the authorizing statutes:

- A) Exempt DPA attorney/client files from the Kentucky Open Records Act. Defender files should be treated the same as private attorney and prosecutor files, exempt from the Act;
- B) Clarify the authority for DPA to represent a poor person who is suspected of, but not yet charged with, a crime. That person has a constitutional right to an attorney and there is no other mechanism to uphold that right, but the law is unclear whether DPA can provide that attorney;
- C) Limit and clarify the expenditures authorized under KRS 31.185, which establishes a fund for defense expert witnesses and other direct expenses; and
- D) Clearly establish that expert evaluation and testimony in a court case do not constitute the “practice” of a profession under professional licensing statutes.

All four of these changes are consistent with current practice and caselaw, but are necessary to ensure ongoing stability in the system moving forward.

KENTUCKY PUBLIC DEFENDERS

SERVE IN
120
COUNTIES



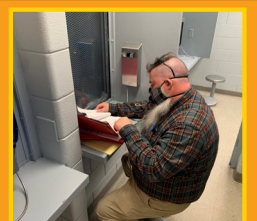
ACROSS ALL
154
COURTS
DISTRICT, FAMILY,
CIRCUIT, & APPELLATE



APPEAR BEFORE
286
JUDGES



MEET CLIENTS IN
104
JAILS, PRISONS,
& DETENTION
CENTERS



AND
EDUCATE
AND SERVE
THE
COMMUNITY



DPA DURING COVID-19

DPA took many steps during the COVID-19 Pandemic to continue to provide high-quality representation, while maintaining staff and client safety. Through extraordinary efforts that included virtual communication, online education, and creative in-person solutions, defenders across the Commonwealth overcame the obstacles that threatened to impair our mission. Efforts by DPA Staff included:

- Carried out a statewide effort to get as many clients as possible safely released at the beginning of the pandemic
- Advocated for safe release of clients in prison through a letter to the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet Secretary and the Chair of the Parole Board
- Weekly statewide online meetings, led by DPA leadership to keep all employees informed of COVID and other developments
- Regular online webinars with all DPA leaders
- Assisted many court systems in quickly implementing video dockets
- Helped field staff identify and implement virtual solutions
- Tracked the status of trial courts during closing and then reopening
- Created a workgroup to focus on options for seeking release of clients in prison
- Filed appeals of bond decisions on pandemic motions
- Tracked commutation orders and releases
- Education Branch held:
 - » Virtual Annual Conference with 43 separate sessions
 - » 18 Virtual Educational Webinars
 - » Virtual New Attorney Training
 - » First Virtual Intern Class with Eight-Part Webinar Series



TRIAL DIVISION



Samuel Cox
Trial Division Director

DPA's Trial Division consists of 38 trial offices covering 119 counties representing court-appointed clients in District, Circuit, Family and Juvenile court cases. From arraignment to sentencing, the Trial Division strives to provide high-quality, client-centered representation. With the assistance of investigators, alternative sentencing workers, and support staff, attorneys in the Trial Division focus on ensuring that all clients are treated fairly and receive the best defense possible and that incarceration is truly the last resort of the criminal justice system.

137,418

Total New Trial Cases

363.4

Average Caseload Per Attorney

172

Jury Trials

0

Clients
Sentenced to
Death

\$422

Funding Per
New Trial Case

\$441

Funding Per
Conflict Case



DPA TRIAL DIVISION ASSIGNMENTS BY COUNTY

County	Total Cases	Circuit Court	District Court	Family Court	County	Total Cases	Circuit Court	District Court	Family Court
Adair	636	213	423	0	Edmonson	232	116	116	0
Allen	662	317	316	29	Elliott	166	78	84	4
Anderson	544	155	365	24	Estill	627	199	428	0
Ballard	360	135	225	-	Fayette	8401	1545	6836	20
Barren	1542	741	791	10	Fleming	444	142	302	0
Bath	476	124	352	-	Floyd	1447	253	1178	16
Bell	1461	531	930	-	Franklin	1424	504	832	88
Boone	2671	895	1771	5	Fulton	249	93	156	-
Bourbon	544	163	371	10	Gallatin	622	214	390	18
Boyd	1828	847	981	-	Garrard	442	123	314	5
Boyle	1125	353	737	35	Grant	536	240	296	0
Bracken	188	71	117	-	Graves	1595	409	1186	-
Breathitt	707	174	533	0	Grayson	845	301	544	0
Breckinridge	448	178	270	-	Green	217	77	140	-
Bullitt	2091	668	1266	157	Greenup	650	189	402	59
Butler	372	245	126	1	Hancock	149	70	71	8
Caldwell	459	139	320	0	Hardin	4487	1233	3111	143
Calloway	726	298	427	1	Harlan	979	289	690	-
Campbell	1608	629	959	20	Harrison	429	159	266	4
Carlisle	108	42	66	-	Hart	604	254	350	-
Carroll	628	244	384	0	Henderson	1443	420	1020	3
Carter	1111	301	652	158	Henry	732	183	454	95
Casey	467	200	267	0	Hickman	57	21	36	0
Christian	4300	1132	2962	206	Hopkins	1576	471	1090	15
Clark	1503	364	1131	8	Jackson	732	99	312	321
Clay	794	98	696	-	Jefferson*	26789	4246	22543	-
Clinton	394	94	300	0	Jessamine	1452	345	1101	6
Crittenden	236	72	161	3	Johnson	504	205	292	7
Cumberland	259	93	166	0	Kenton	4588	2037	2548	3
Daviess	3818	1312	2394	112	Knott	387	104	253	30

*Case assignments in Jefferson County are handled and reported by the Louisville-Metro Public Defender's Office. Jefferson Family Court cases are reported as a part of Jefferson Circuit Court.

DPA TRIAL DIVISION ASSIGNMENTS BY COUNTY

County	Total Cases	Circuit Court	District Court	Family Court	County	Total Cases	Circuit Court	District Court	Family Court
Knox	585	199	380	6	Nicholas	212	82	88	42
Larue	321	102	219	-	Ohio	796	374	414	8
Laurel	740	254	439	47	Oldham	784	336	446	2
Lawrence	494	189	284	21	Owen	235	70	165	-
Lee	359	51	308	0	Owsley	192	12	180	0
Leslie	274	81	193	-	Pendleton	425	116	251	58
Letcher	701	315	386	0	Perry	1724	353	1371	0
Lewis	264	38	206	20	Pike	1602	505	1070	27
Lincoln	550	128	421	1	Powell	722	169	524	29
Livingston	278	105	173	-	Pulaski	1504	564	929	11
Logan	824	336	488	0	Robertson	24	9	15	0
Lyon	325	189	136	-	Rockcastle	692	179	420	93
Madison	3310	1133	2168	9	Rowan	984	311	673	0
Magoffin	276	32	176	68	Russell	610	228	367	15
Marion	671	321	350	0	Scott	1190	303	833	54
Marshall	916	294	593	29	Shelby	986	304	676	6
Martin	363	101	216	46	Simpson	735	332	359	44
Mason	629	177	452	-	Spencer	261	50	153	58
McCracken	2490	1132	1356	2	Taylor	1106	447	659	0
McCreary	306	91	215	-	Todd	230	71	159	-
McLean	177	65	112	0	Trigg	215	48	167	0
Meade	560	199	361	-	Trimble	287	106	162	19
Menifee	176	27	149	0	Union	439	152	279	8
Mercer	491	167	308	16	Warren	3473	1463	1967	43
Metcalfe	182	79	103	0	Washington	214	99	115	0
Monroe	245	103	142	-	Wayne	774	264	508	2
Montgomery	1179	430	749	0	Webster	354	109	242	3
Morgan	354	123	223	8	Whitley	678	285	393	-
Muhlenberg	849	342	507	0	Wolfe	335	117	218	0
Nelson	1199	478	719	2	Woodford	303	102	200	1

For more information, find us online at www.dpa.ky.gov

POST-TRIAL DIVISION

The Post-Trial Division serves the critical function of reviewing cases where someone has been convicted to ensure that each conviction is supported by the evidence and the law. With the assistance of investigators, mitigation specialists, paralegals, and administrative specialists, Post-Trial attorneys bring to bear their expertise in post-trial litigation to ensure that the rights of defendants have been honored. Whether it is handling appeals, litigating cases for juvenile clients who are in state custody, representing adult inmates in post-conviction challenges to their incarceration, or helping persons who have been wrongfully convicted prove their innocence, the Post-Trial Division provides a necessary check on the powers of the state to convict and incarcerate Kentuckians. The Post-Trial Division exists to protect freedom and stand up for those the justice system has failed to protect.



Tim Arnold
Post-Trial
Division Director

131 Clients Obtained
Post-Trial Relief



230 Appellate
Briefs Filed

196 Post-Conviction
Appointments

118 Juvenile Post-
Disposition Cases

1,277 Years of Prison Time
Potentially Saved

0 Executions



Founded in 2001, the Kentucky Innocence Project (KIP) provides investigative and legal assistance to Kentucky prisoners with legitimate claims of actual innocence. KIP has been one of the nation's most successful programs of its size, averaging more than one exoneration per year. In FY2020, KIP opened 157 cases for evaluation and selected 71 for investigation. Additionally, 4 clients were granted full and unconditional pardons after evidence of their innocence was presented to the Governor. In each of these 4 cases, the courts had refused to grant a new trial in spite of evidence raising significant doubts about each person's guilt. In FY20, the KIP applied for and was awarded \$861,650 in federal grants, allowing KIP to expand its important work of freeing the innocent from Kentucky's prisons.

LOUISVILLE METRO DEFENDER

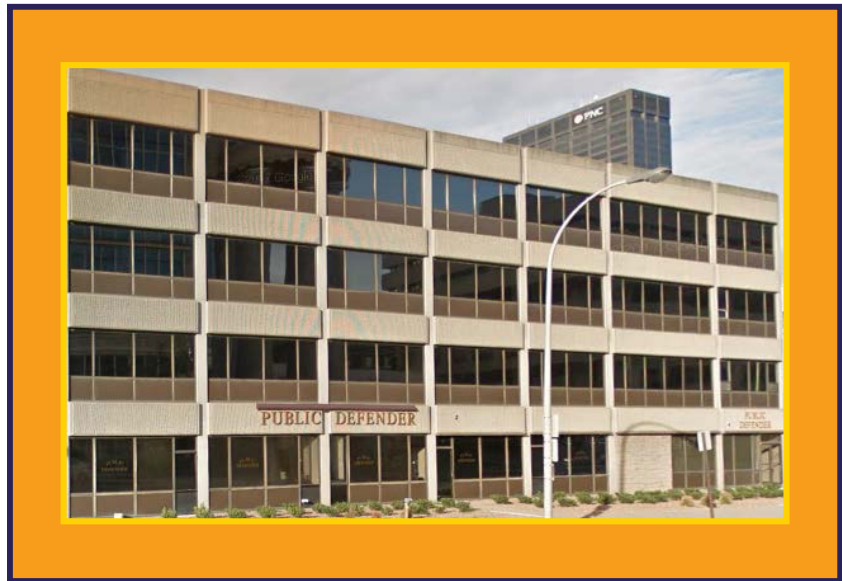


Leo G. Smith
Chief Defender

Defender services in Jefferson County are provided by the independently-operated Louisville Metro Public Defender's Office, a non-profit corporation funded jointly by the Department of Public Advocacy and the Louisville Metro Government. Founded in 1971, the Louisville Metro Public Defender's Office has a distinguished history and well-deserved reputation for effective client-centered advocacy.



Beth McMahon
Deputy Chief Defender



DPA'S STATEMENT ON RACIAL JUSTICE

JUNE 11, 2020



COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ADVOCACY

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The Department of Public Advocacy is proud of the many public defenders and others who marched this week in support of racial justice and in opposition to police violence, especially that which is unjustly targeted against communities of color. To public defenders, who have dedicated their careers to standing against injustice, the circumstances of the deaths of George Floyd – brutality against a Black man suspected of a minor crime – and Breonna Taylor – senseless and unnecessary invasion of a Black person's home – are horrifying, but not unprecedented.

In courtrooms around the Commonwealth, DPA attorneys regularly stand with Black clients who experience every part of the justice system differently because of their race:

Suspected, when others are not;
Approached and Stopped, when others are ignored;
Searched, often Forcibly, when others are simply questioned;
Charged, when others are given a warning;
Violently Arrested, when others are cited and released;
Jailed and Detained, when others are able to post bail;
Convicted, when others are dismissed;
Made Felons, when others are given misdemeanors;
Sent to Prison, when others are probated;
and in too many cases, including George Floyd,
Killed, when others live.



The Department of Public Advocacy is committed to fighting for justice for our clients and seeking systemic change to address racial inequities and law enforcement misconduct and violence. Beyond the justice system, we strive to recognize the pain and anger of our Black colleagues and friends and to combat the societal obstacles to true equality. We are also committed to personal and collective growth by listening to the voices of people of color and humbly examining our own behavior, beliefs, and language to ensure that we are not merely pointing to others, but seeking to be a part of the solution ourselves. Through the addition of a number of sessions at this month's Annual Conference on many topics relating to the role of race within the justice system, we have sought to begin this process. Moving forward, we invite anyone who wants to contribute to DPA's conversation on these matters to contact us at DPA.RacialJustice@ky.gov.

Both collectively and individually, the employees of the Department of Public Advocacy are devoted to the truth that Black Lives Matter.

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ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING WORKER PROGRAM



Dawn Gasser
ASW Program Supervisor

The Alternative Sentencing Worker (ASW) Program provides services to clients who suffer from substance abuse and/or mental health disorders. ASWs develop specific individualized plans that offer a sentencing court alternatives to sending a client to detention, jail, or prison. The value of these services is enhanced through the use of Motivational Interviewing which engages the individuals' willingness to start treatment, thus improving the odds that treatment will be beneficial.

In FY2020, ASW Emily Garrison of the Paducah Trial Office worked with "Paula," who was facing a Probation Violation charge in three felony drug-related cases, across three counties. After meeting, Emily assisted Paula with an alternative sentencing plan to present to the court. Through the plan, Paula agreed to attend long-term treatment. After collaboration with the Murray Trial Office to handle the cases in its service area, Emily's plan was accepted by all three courts and Paula was released on shock probation to attend long-term treatment. Almost one year later, Paula is still sober and working through the program.

5,626
Total New
Assignments

4,461
ASW Plans
Presented to Court

2,906
Clients with Alternative
Sentencing Plan Approved

\$39,616,772
Potential State Savings from
Approved Plans in First Year

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES



Shane Beaubien
Investigative Services
Supervisor

The Investigative Services Program provides statewide support to DPA investigators through high-quality, defense-focused investigative training, education, and assistance. In addition to reviewing the resource needs of investigators in the field, the Program also arranges consultations to suggest new avenues of investigation improving services to clients.

CONFLICT SERVICES DIVISION

Every year, thousands of cases cannot be handled by a full-time DPA trial office because of a conflict of interest. Most of these cases are assigned to a network of generous private bar attorneys who have agreed to represent conflict clients. The Conflict Services Division provides organization, oversight, and dedicated training opportunities for these conflict attorneys. Through committed support, the Division seeks to maintain quality, holistic defense while affording increased resources in conflict cases.



Brad Holajter
Conflict
Division Director

5,569

Total Conflict Cases

732

Cases Handled by
Another DPA Office

4,424

Cases Assigned to
Private Bar Attorneys

Thank You to the Private Bar for being our FY20 Conflict Attorneys!

William C. Adams, III
Jeffery Paul Alford
Bobby Amburgey
Elizabeth A. Arrick
Bradley Ashby
Greta Price Atherton
John D. Austin
Kristopher Gerald Bates
Robin Bennett
Phillip Blair
Steven L. Boling
Wesley Boyarski
William Eric Branco
James Paul Brannon
Taylor Broderick
Jeffrey Brunk
Trisha Brunk
Dwight M. Burton
S. Chad Butcher
Jacob Paul Cales
Jessica Campbell
Daniel J. Canon
Sands M. Chewning
Chad Cole
James A. Combs
Max Comley
Harlen R. Compton
Stacy Elizabeth Coontz
Michael Cotthoff

Gregory Coulson
Brent Cox
Brooke N. Cox
James L. Cox
Braxton Crenshaw
David Curlin
Lee Davis
Gerald Derossett
Timothy Despotos
Rebecca Ballard Diloreto
Sandra E. Downs
Jamesa J. Drake
Edward G. Drennen
Ryan Driskill
James A. Drummond
Clay Duvall
Brandon Edwards
Taylor Farley
Jay A. Fleenor
Justin Fortner
Audelia Joann Francis
Kevin A. Francke
Johnathan Clay Gay
Justin T. Genco
Steven Goble
Thomas H. Goff
Michael L. Goodwin
Derek Gordon
Chad A. Graham

Peter Gray-Whiteley
James F. Greene
Lester Guier
James Hafley
Bradley Harn
Jason Apollo Hart
Jason C. Hays
Ashlea Hellmann
John C. Helmuth
Chris W. Hodge
Christopher J. Hoerter
Joseph Holbrook
Jason Holland
Jeffrey H. Hoover
Paul Howard
Steven N. Howe
Coleman Michael Hurt
Timothy Jason Jackson
Justin Johnson
Keen W. Johnson
Brandi Lynn Jones
Jonathan Jones
Rick Jones
Rawl Douglas Kazee
Carolyn Keeley
Natasha L. Kinnan
Joshua Kinzer
Marvin Knorr
Patrick Lanham
Kaye L. Leighton
Ramona C. Little
Kevin A. Long
Dennis Lortie

Jeffrey N. Lovely
Danny Lunsford
James Lyon
James Lyon, Jr.
Ameer Elias Mabjish
Scott Marcum
Sean Christopher Marcum
Luke McCall
Kendra McCardle
Dawn L. McCauley
Patrick McClure
Ashley Michael
W. Steven Middleton
Chris Miniard
Jessie Moberg
Kimberly C. Morton
Ryan Mosley
Rebecca Murrell
John Nelson
J. Robert Norris
Margaret O'Donnell
Michael O'Hara
Brian Pack
Kathryn B. Parish
Timothy Parker
Laura A. Phillips
Matthew Pippin
Kevin Poole
James D. Preece
Gregory Price
Jeremy T. Pruitt
Rachel E. Ratliff
Brian T. Reed

Christopher J. Reed
Michelle Rice
Christopher Ring
John Rompf
Karey L. Roy
Mitchell T. Ryan
W. David Rye
Robert Sexton
Deborah Lewis Shaw
Daniel Sherman
Gregory C. Shields
Christina Shively
Robin R. Slater
Kevin David Slone
George R. Sornberger
Lloyd Spear
Bethany Stanziano
Erin Startzman
Daniel C. Thomas
Donald A. Thomas
John Thompson
Levi Turner
Bryan K. Underwood
Thomas Vallandingham
Preston J. Wade
Matthew R. Walter
Scott White
Daniel E. Whitley
Jerry W. Wicker
Erik Jon Wilbekin
Amanda Wills
Stephanie Rose York
Jennifer Zaccheus-Miller

PROTECTION & ADVOCACY



Jeff Edwards
Protection and Advocacy
Division Director

The Protection and Advocacy Division (P&A) has a mission of protecting and promoting the rights of Kentuckians with disabilities. P&A is primarily federally funded and operates independently within DPA.

During COVID-19, P&A has conducted tele-monitoring at 101 facilities, interviewed and provided information and referral services to 637 people with disabilities and program/facility staff since the beginning of the pandemic.

P&A has convened a work group of interested individuals and organizations to address concerns regarding the possible rationing of medical care and devices for Kentuckians with disabilities. The concerns have been shared with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS). CHFS and the P&A work group are involved in ongoing discussions.

P&A has also been collaborating with the Secretary of State's office since the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) passed in 2002. During the pandemic, P&A has been advising the Secretary of State and the State Board of Elections to ensure that every Kentuckian, regardless of disability, has the opportunity to cast their vote.



PADD Advisory Board



PAIMI Advisory Council

DPA ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND AWARDS

The Annual Conference is DPA's most important educational event, but the COVID-19 Pandemic required DPA to rethink how we could deliver a safe and productive conference. Shortly after the start of the pandemic, DPA's Education and Strategic Planning Branch transitioned from planning a traditional in-person conference to DPA's first-ever Virtual Conference. Their extraordinary efforts resulted in a historically successful conference that included 43 sessions spread across 17 days in the month of June. As always, a significant event at the conference was the Defender Recognition Ceremony, at which our annual awards were presented.



CHEYLA BUSH
DEFENDER UPRISING AWARD



SHEILA SEADLER
PROFESSIONALISM AND EXCELLENCE AWARD



SHANNON DUPREE SMITH
PROFESSIONALISM AND EXCELLENCE AWARD

DPA ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND AWARDS



JOHN CHEVES
ANTHONY LEWIS AWARD



NICK HOUSER
EDWARD C. MONAHAN AWARD



LAURA KAREM
IN RE: GAULT AWARD



JOSHUA POWELL
FURMAN AWARD



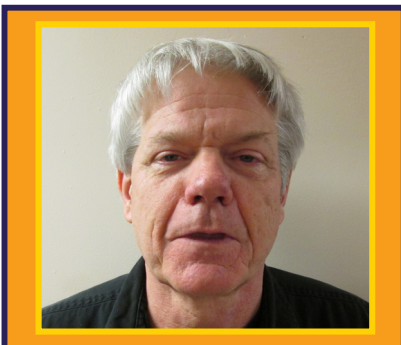
LISA WHISMAN
LEADERSHIP AWARD



RITA EDWARDS
CINDY LOVELL DOWNS AWARD



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AWARD

FY2020 DPA TRIAL OFFICE CASELOADS

Office	Funded Attorney Positions	New Cases Assigned to Office	% Felony Cases	Conflict Cases	Average Caseload (New Cases per Atty)	% of Change from FY19 Caseload
Bell County	4	1,434	56.8%	134	346.5	-21.9%
Boone County	12	4,705	52.9%	258	371.2	-10.6%
Bowling Green	13	5,429	64.9%	297	398.3	-9.5%
Boyd County	11	4,273	44.2%	288	371.1	-22.4%
Bullitt County	8	3,305	48.1%	179	394.9	-16.1%
Columbia	9	3,993	47.9%	326	429.3	-17.6%
Covington	11	4,905	57.4%	390	412.9	-12.0%
Cynthiana	4	1,067	44.4%	134	235.3	-17.5%
Danville	5	2,244	51.5%	191	410.2	-8.5%
Elizabethtown	14	6,662	49.6%	372	451.4	-10.8%
Frankfort	5	1,446	34.9%	57	279.6	-27.2%
Georgetown	6	2,057	50.6%	128	320.7	-18.8%
Glasgow	6	2,587	48.4%	40	426.3	-18.3%
Harlan	4	1,002	45.2%	54	243.8	-36.5%
Hazard	10	2,753	39.5%	115	269.1	-29.9%
Henderson	7	2,661	45.5%	113	365.4	-20.1%
Hopkinsville	11	5,355	40.3%	152	474.0	15.3%
LaGrange	5	1,773	39.5%	56	345.0	-7.1%
Lexington	23	8,360	52.7%	162	357.4	-16.5%
London	9	2,998	65.1%	221	310.4	-36.9%
Louisville*	72	26,789	39.0%	---*	372.1	-23.0%
Madisonville	8	2,601	56.6%	110	311.0	-15.3%
Maysville	4	1,287	49.6%	174	282.5	-22.1%
Morehead	9	3,356	44.0%	296	358.4	-14.4%
Murray	9	3,207	47.9%	112	346.2	-20.1%
Newport	6	1,645	55.0%	69	265.8	-20.9%
Nicholasville	5	1,993	38.0%	115	376.8	-17.4%
Owensboro	12	4,803	50.4%	78	394.7	-19.3%
Paducah	10	3,617	63.5%	76	354.6	-17.2%
Pikeville	5	1,611	50.1%	47	313.6	-28.9%
Prestonsburg	8	2,543	46.3%	102	307.1	-32.4%
Princeton	4	1,040	54.3%	29	253.5	-35.8%
Richmond	12	5,220	52.0%	400	409.2	-14.8%
Shelbyville	5	1,848	43.8%	74	355.4	-11.2%
Somerset	10	3,918	54.3%	70	385.8	-19.9%
Stanton	8	2,931	35.5%	150	358.3	-19.2%
DPA Total	364	137,418	48.0%	5,569	365.4	-18.5%

*The Louisville-Metro Public Defender Office is a non-profit organization that contracts with DPA for defender services in Jefferson County. Conflict cases are tracked and handled differently than in DPA and are not included here to avoid confusion.