



Prosecuting Attorney - Operations 00100.841.

Mission Statement

Seek the just result.

Function

The Prosecuting Attorney's Office prosecutes virtually all felonies committed in Clallam County, all gross misdemeanor and misdemeanor offenses committed in unincorporated Clallam County and the incorporated Cities of Port Angeles and Sequim, provides legal advice to the County acting by and through its duly authorized officials, and appears for and represents the County in criminal and civil proceedings in which the County is a party. Additional duties are set forth in RCW 36.27.020.

Trends/Events

Office-Wide

- Greater interest from outside agencies to provide reports electronically.
- An unprecedented increase in homicidal violence and steady increase in felony violent crimes, and to a lesser extent felony property and drug crimes, has resulted in an increase in workload and created a significant resource challenge within the office.
- In areas where we have been able to move from paper to electronic medium, we have encountered new challenges due to limitation in the county's technology infrastructure.
- With the departure of several support staff who have left for higher paying jobs with new employers, we have experienced an increase in the number of employment applications to fill these positions. At the same time, the number of applicants for Deputy Prosecutor positions across the state has significantly reduced.
- Lack of childcare resources within the community has emerged as a significant challenge for employees of the PAO.

Criminal

- Marked increase in the number of felony violent offenses being prosecuted in Clallam County.
- Increased need to combat CSI effect in relation to sexual assault cases and overcome challenges stemming from mixed public sentiment regarding the law enforcement profession.
- Law enforcement, prosecutors and criminal justice and related disciplines are moving towards trauma informed investigation and prosecution.

- The juvenile division has seen an increase in Minor in Possession of Alcohol and Possession of Marijuana cases in 12-13 year olds, as well as a marked increase in violent behavior at the hands of kids ages 10 and 11 years.

Civil

- The Civil Division has processed 30% more requests in 2019 than it did by this time in 2018. We anticipate requests for advice from county departments will continue to rise in 2020.
- Clallam County has experienced a marked increase in the number of petitions for 14 day involuntary commitments over the last several years.
- The Code Enforcement continues as a hot topic in Clallam County. We anticipate that more time and resource will be expended on Code Enforcement in 2020 and beyond.

Goals

Office-Wide

- All staff trained and proficient in Legal Files by the end of 2020.
- Coordinate with IT and law enforcement to develop plan to receive all reports electronically.
- Update processes for monitoring and reporting statistics using Legal Files.
- Destruction of all records that are beyond retention requirements.

Criminal

- Timely review all felony referrals made to the county Prosecutor’s Office.
- See that justice is served in relation to the 5 murder cases (involving 8 victims) currently pending in superior court.
- Attract, retain, and support employees of the PAO to advance career service.
- Expand the scope of prosecutor trainings afforded to all branches of federal, state, and local law enforcement operating on the North Olympic Peninsula.
- Work with the county to address budget shortfalls without compromising the quality of justice for the citizens of Clallam County.

Civil

- Expand tracking of informal legal action requests, formal legal action requests, and time spent on litigation.
- Conduct trainings on open government issues for county offices, departments, boards, and committees.
- Maximize support of the county and departments involved in current and upcoming litigation.

Workload Indicators

	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	6/30/19 Actual
Felonies Filed	485	548	302
Felony Hearings	7527	5642	2884
Felony Trials (Bench & Jury)	31	34	8
Juvenile Offenses Filed	127	138	61
Juvenile Offenses Referred	235	252	132
Juvenile Hearings	1,580	1,392	679

Juvenile Truancy Hearings	758	692	467
Juvenile Drug Court Hearings	312	447	237
District Court Crimes Filed and Citations	2381	2050	866
District Court Prefile Diversion Returns/Declines	70	72	108
District Court Prefile Diversion Completions	55	63	24
Public Record Requests	90	83	50
Legal Action Requests - Excluding Public Works	320	309	172
Legal Action Requests - Public Works	46	48	48
Forfeitures	10	1	0

Grant Funding Sources

1. Washington State Legislature and Its Committees
2. Department of Justice (Federal)

Revenues

	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	6/30/19 Actual	2020 Budget
Taxes	0	0	0	0
Licenses and Permits	0	0	0	0
Intergovernmental Revenues	83,488	85,157	73,143	97,665
Charges for Goods and Services	208,848	148,234	26,616	168,485
Fines and Forfeits	198	7,716	10,616	10,201
Miscellaneous Revenues	400	675	1,454	3,200
Other Financing Sources	0	0	0	0
Transfers In	0	0	0	0
General Tax Support	1,993,406	2,237,021	1,181,302	2,838,315
Total	2,286,340	2,478,803	1,293,131	3,117,866

Expenditures

	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	6/30/19 Actual	2020 Budget
Salaries and Wages	1,636,227	1,710,704	863,679	1,980,958
Personnel Benefits	546,013	613,351	340,782	776,456
Supplies	45,483	56,684	5,278	48,750
Other Services and Charges	58,617	83,984	47,381	311,702
Intergovernmental Services	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlays	0	14,080	36,011	0
Interfund Payments for Services	0	0	0	0
Transfers Out	0	0	0	0
Total	2,286,340	2,478,803	1,293,131	3,117,866

Staffing

	2017 Budget	2018 Budget	2019 Budget	2020 Budget
Full Time Equivalents	24.58	24.58	24.10	24.10