



# **2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ADVOCACY  
FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY**

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**THROUGH THIS REPORT, ENJOY THE PHOTOS OF ALL THE MANY DPA OFFICES THAT SERVE KENTUCKY**

## PUBLIC ADVOCACY COMMISSION



Top Row Pictured L-R: Chair Cortney Lollar, Vice-Chair John M. Rosenberg, Roula Allouch, LaCosta Beane-Hays, Daniel T. Goyette, Chynna Hibbitts; Bottom Row Pictured L-R: Jennifer Kinsley, Whitney True Lawson, Luke M. Milligan, Frederick W. Moore III, Lewis G. Paisley, and David B. Sloan



**COLUMBIA**



**LONDON**



**LAGRANGE  
POST-CONVICTION**

# DPA LEADERSHIP TEAM



Pictured L-R: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Director Cheyla Bush, General Counsel Melanie Lowe, Deputy Public Advocate B. Scott West, Executive Staff Advisor Cara Lane Cape, Public Advocate Damon Preston, Law Operations Division Director Jason Cloyd, Conflict Services Division Director Brad Holajter, Education and Strategic Branch Manager Melanie Foote, Protection & Advocacy Division Director Jeff Edwards, Trial Division Director Samuel Cox, and Post-Trial Division Director Tim Arnold

# LOUISVILLE METRO PUBLIC DEFENDER



Defender services in Jefferson County are provided by the independently-operated Louisville Metro Public Defender's Office under the Leadership of Chief Defender Leo G. Smith and Deputy Chief Defender Beth McMahon. The Louisville Office is a non-profit corporation funded jointly by the Department of Public Advocacy and the Louisville Metro Government.



**BELL COUNTY**



**SHELBYVILLE**



**KENTUCKY INNOCENCE PROJECT**

# DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION AT DPA

In October of 2021, to further its commitment to equal and fair treatment, both in the justice system and in the workplace, DPA established a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Director position. Cheyla Bush, former staff attorney in Frankfort, Shelbyville, and LaGrange, was selected as DPA's first DEI Director.

DEI DIRECTOR CHEYLA BUSH



## DEI MISSION STATEMENT

To carry out the DPA's mission of providing high-quality legal defense for our clients by creating a diverse, equitable, accessible, and inclusive environment at all levels. We will achieve this mission through diversifying hiring practices, building culturally competent office communities, and continuing the fight for justice for all indigent clients throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky. (Adopted May 2022)

## FY22: ALL ABOUT OUR CULTURAL COMPETENCY

The DEI Director, assisted by the DEI Workgroup, furthered the agency's efforts towards a more diverse and inclusive environment within the workplace in FY22. With a primary focus on Cultural Competency, the Director and Workgroup led the agency in the celebration of different Heritage and Diversity Months through interactive calendars and self-reflective surveys to promote further growth and understanding of each other and our clients. Additionally, the Annual Conference included sessions to advance DPA's diversity, equity, and inclusion mission.



Top Row Pictured L-R: Sarah Aagard, Latrese Bryant, Jaye Bryant-Hayes, Cara Lane Cape, Ches Clark; Bottom Row Pictured L-R: Shaleesa Clayton, Patti Heying, Ray Ibarra, Haley Johnson, and Robert Yang.

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DANVILLE



MOREHEAD



HOPKINSVILLE

# EDUCATING THE WORKFORCE



**EDUCATION BRANCH**



**NEW ATTORNEY TRAINING 2022**



**ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2022**



**LITIGATION PERSUASION INSTITUTE - MARCH 2022**



**INTERN APPRECIATION 2022**



**MAYSVILLE**



**MADISONVILLE**



**PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

# 50 YEARS OF DPA - CELEBRATING IN 2022



## PUBLIC DEFENDER DAY - MARCH 18TH

## DPA HOMECOMING AUGUST 12TH



LEARN MORE ON THE HISTORY OF THE DPA AND THE  
LOUISVILLE METRO PUBLIC DEFENDER @ [WWW.KYHISTORY.COM](http://WWW.KYHISTORY.COM)



**BOWLING GREEN SOUTH**



**BOWLING GREEN NORTH**



**HARLAN**

# 50 YEARS OF DPA - THE PIONEERS, THE LEADERS



**ANTHONY WILHOIT** "...started with Bill Ayer and David Murrell, me, and two great secretaries."  
(‘72-’74)

**JACK FARLEY** "...full-time public defenders were what was needed in order to get a more systematic approach, a more professional approach, a better trained approach..."  
(‘75-’83)

**PAUL ISAACS** "...for the system to work you have to have good attorneys on both sides, who are dedicated to the pursue of justice. You can only have that when both sides have resources."  
(‘83-’91)

**TO ALL THE ONES THAT CAME BEFORE US... WE THANK YOU!**



**ALLISON CONNELLY** "...because you’ve got people, not only the clients depending on you but you’ve got all these employees depending on you, too."  
(‘92-’96)

**ERNE LEWIS** "...our developing the full-time system and completing that in 2005...we became a more professional agency...we became more client-centered..."  
(‘96-’08)

**EDWARD MONAHAN** "...a culture where we treat each other, internally, with high professionalism and respect."  
(‘08-’17)

**DAMON PRESTON** "...standing up for clients and in doing so, shining light on injustices, unfairness, and disproportionalities that are often hidden unless we uncover them."  
(‘17-PRESENT)



**FRANKFORT POST-CONVICTION**



**STANTON**



**CAPITAL TRIAL BRANCH EAST**

# DPA TRIAL DIVISION FY22 ASSIGNMENTS BY COUNT

County	Total Cases	Circuit Court	District Court	Family Court	County	Total Cases	Circuit Court	District Court	Family Court
Adair	678	253	425	0	Edmonson	377	214	156	7
Allen	554	337	207	10	Elliott	232	97	127	8
Anderson	606	201	372	33	Estill	608	185	423	0
Ballard	323	144	179	0	Fayette	7,669	1,386	6,252	31
Barren	1,665	749	911	5	Fleming	390	127	263	0
Bath	530	192	338	0	Floyd	2,130	554	1,535	41
Bell	1,895	699	1,196	0	Franklin	1,650	622	966	62
Boone	2,439	824	1,610	5	Fulton	351	133	218	0
Bourbon	731	278	433	20	Gallatin	451	212	236	3
Boyd	1,566	713	853	0	Garrard	448	134	301	13
Boyle	991	388	524	79	Grant	585	170	415	0
Bracken	190	69	121	0	Graves	1,771	571	1,200	0
Breathitt	558	125	432	1	Grayson	956	436	520	0
Breckinridge	470	242	228	0	Green	261	88	173	0
Bullitt	2,136	481	1,508	147	Greenup	577	211	364	2
Butler	365	211	134	20	Hancock	144	56	82	6
Caldwell	508	188	320	0	Hardin	4,379	1,278	2,969	132
Calloway	943	332	609	2	Harlan	1,785	356	1,429	0
Campbell	1,526	543	968	15	Harrison	414	183	225	6
Carlisle	180	87	93	0	Hart	516	216	300	0
Carroll	761	296	465	0	Henderson	2,071	576	1,366	129
Carter	1,096	312	712	72	Henry	771	257	509	5
Casey	564	254	310	0	Hickman	107	39	68	0
Christian	5,372	1,117	4,065	190	Hopkins	1,871	616	1,240	15
Clark	1,337	310	1,017	10	Jackson	416	97	318	1
Clay	651	95	556	0	Jefferson*	21,542	4,995	16,406	141
Clinton	442	147	287	8	Jessamine	1,256	368	873	15
Crittenden	195	66	129	0	Johnson	449	145	304	0
Cumberland	329	161	168	0	Kenton	4,689	1,942	2,520	227
Daviess	4,880	1,359	3,458	63	Knott	346	113	230	3

\*The Louisville Metro Public Defender Office is a non-profit organization that contracts with DPA for defender services in Jefferson County.



**JUVENILE  
POST-DISPOSITION BRANCH**



**PROTECTION & ADVOCACY  
REPRESENTATIVE PAYEES**



**BOYD COUNTY**



# DPA TRIAL DIVISION FY22 ASSIGNMENTS BY COUNTY

County	Total Cases	Circuit Court	District Court	Family Court	County	Total Cases	Circuit Court	District Court	Family Court
Knox	774	200	567	7	Nicholas	223	97	105	21
Larue	455	181	274	0	Ohio	986	437	545	4
Laurel	1,245	399	824	22	Oldham	772	370	402	0
Lawrence	560	200	317	43	Owen	194	57	137	0
Lee	254	65	189	0	Owsley	127	16	111	0
Leslie	261	73	188	0	Pendleton	381	157	209	15
Letcher	954	411	543	0	Perry	1,322	393	929	0
Lewis	232	26	201	5	Pike	3,092	711	2,372	9
Lincoln	765	194	564	7	Powell	886	333	552	1
Livingston	199	96	103	0	Pulaski	1,255	651	537	67
Logan	1,089	574	515	0	Robertson	38	24	14	0
Lyon	291	166	125	0	Rockcastle	426	136	278	12
Madison	3,188	1,057	2,031	100	Rowan	894	339	555	0
Magoffin	345	51	277	17	Russell	590	251	319	20
Marion	778	361	417	0	Scott	1,255	265	982	8
Marshall	754	331	408	15	Shelby	1,123	387	608	128
Martin	227	120	102	5	Simpson	809	571	233	5
Mason	876	344	532	0	Spencer	227	85	122	20
McCracken	3,153	1,420	1,714	19	Taylor	914	377	537	0
McCreary	403	210	193	0	Todd	287	99	188	0
McLean	234	79	155	0	Trigg	497	172	325	0
Meade	555	254	301	0	Trimble	334	128	204	2
Menifee	268	51	217	0	Union	788	322	424	42
Mercer	431	180	213	38	Warren	3,733	1,546	2,167	20
Metcalfe	248	134	111	3	Washington	340	152	188	0
Monroe	324	166	158	0	Wayne	899	328	532	39
Montgomery	1,087	479	608	0	Webster	462	132	325	5
Morgan	502	165	280	57	Whitley	806	280	526	0
Muhlenberg	1,186	503	683	0	Wolfe	417	135	280	2
Nelson	1,237	446	791	0	Woodford	344	109	168	67

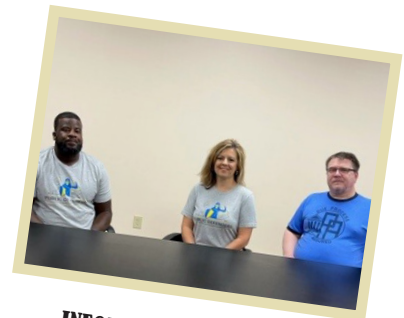
Note - Numbers above does not include parole or supervised placement cases. For more information, find us online at [www.dpa.ky.gov](http://www.dpa.ky.gov)



**GLASGOW**



**SOMERSET**



**INFORMATION RESOURCES  
BRANCH**

# TRIAL DIVISION



Pictured L-R: Bluegrass Region Manager Chris Tracy, Southern Region Manager Shanda West-Stiles, Trial Division Director Sam Cox, Trial Division Administrator Jennifer Morrow, Assistant Trial Division Director Jennifer Wittmeyer, Western Region Manager Eric Stovall, Central Region Manager James Rhorer, Northern Region Manager Brian Hewlett, and Eastern Region Manager Traci Hancock

**142,749**  
**Total New**  
**Trial Cases**

**375.5**  
**Average Caseload**  
**Per Attorney**

**\$435**  
**Funding Per**  
**New Trial Case**

## BREAKDOWN OF REPRESENTATION TYPE

- 29,585 Circuit Court Felony Cases (Non-Revocations)**
- 34,964 District Court Felony Cases**
- 39,862 District Court Misdemeanor Cases**
- 18,293 Court Revocation Cases**
- 3,845 Juvenile Cases**

- 4,899 Involuntary Commitment Cases**
- 3,357 Contempt Cases**
- 6,081 Conflict Cases**
- 1,800 Parole Revocation Cases**
- 63 Other Types of Cases**

Caseloads **136%** of National Standards \*

\*Neither Total New Trial Cases nor the comparison of DPA caseloads to National Standards take into account the backlog of tens of thousands of cases that are still pending because they were not able to be resolved during the pandemic.



**HENDERSON**



**PRINCETON**



**HUMAN RESOURCES  
 BRANCH**

# DEFENDER SERVICES BRANCH



**INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES  
PROGRAM LEADERS**

## ASW PROGRAM

**6,022**  
Total New  
Assignments

**4,377**  
ASW Plans  
Presented to Court

**2,866**  
Clients with Alternative  
Sentencing Plan Approved

**\$41,958,669**  
Potential State Savings from  
Approved Plans in First Year



**ASW PROGRAM LEADERS**



**DPA's Alternative Sentencing Worker Conference 2022**



**DPA's INVESTIGATOR INSTITUTE 2022**



**LAGRANGE**



**APPEALS UNIT A**



**BULLITT COUNTY**

# LAW OPERATIONS DIVISION

**FY22**  
**OVERALL**  
**PUBLIC**  
**DEFENSE**  
**BUDGET**  
**\$74,530,056**

LAW OPERATIONS DIVISION



**DIRECTOR JASON CLOYD AND ASSISTANT TERRA HARPER**

## DPA FUNDING

**\$68,344,200**  
Defender General Funds

**\$6,185,856**  
Defender Non-General Funds\*

**\$2,678,988**  
Protection & Advocacy

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

# CONFLICT SERVICES DIVISION

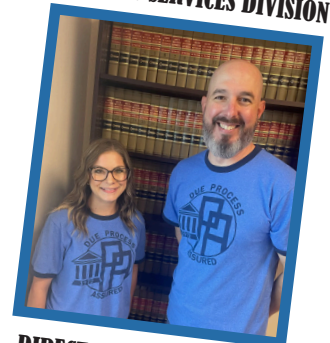
**Thank You to Our FY22**  
**Conflict Attorneys!**

**128**  
Conflict  
Attorneys

**6,081**  
Cases Assigned to  
Private Attorneys

**\$566**  
Funding Per  
Conflict Case

CONFLICT SERVICES DIVISION



**DIRECTOR BRAD HOLAJTER AND ASSISTANT ALEXIS NEWTON**



**CAPITAL TRIAL BRANCH WEST**



**CYNTHIANA**



**PROTECTION & ADVOCACY CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

# POST-TRIAL DIVISION



Pictured L-R: Post-Conviction Branch Manager Sam Potter, Appeals Supervisor Roy Durham, Post-Trial Division Director Tim Arnold, Post-Conviction Frankfort Supervisor Kieran Comer, Kentucky Innocence Project Supervisor Suzanne Hopf, Appeals Supervisor Steve Buck, Post-Conviction LaGrange Supervisor Kara Lewis, Post-Trial Division Administrative Specialist Jackie Knarr, Appeals Branch Manager Kathleen Schmidt, and Juvenile Post-Disposition Supervisor Laura Karem

**121**

**Appellate Briefs  
Filed**

**238**

**Post-Conviction  
Appointments**

**32**

**Juvenile  
Post-Disposition Cases**

**0**

**Executions**

# PROTECTION & ADVOCACY DIVISION



Pictured L-R: CAP Administrator Beth Metzger, PADD Specialist Camille Collins-Dean, Grant Specialist Nicole Newton, Legal Services Branch Manager Heidi Schissler, Protection & Advocacy Division Director Jeff Edwards, PAIMI Specialist Rachel Petit, Administrative Specialist Teresa Cochran, and Representative Payee Coordinator Kevin Fleming



**PRESTONSBURG**

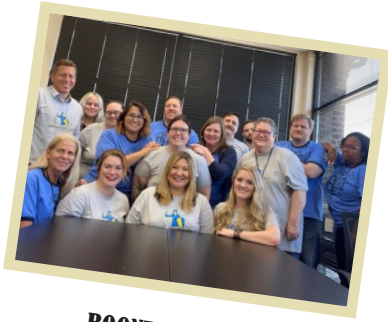


**LEXINGTON NORTH**



**APPEALS UNIT B**

# JOIN THE DPA TODAY!



**BOONE COUNTY**



**FISCAL BRANCH**



**GEORGETOWN**



**RICHMOND**



**OFFICE OF THE  
PUBLIC ADVOCATE**



**PIKEVILLE**

**REGISTER TO RECEIVE JOB ANNOUNCEMENT EMAILS FROM THE DPA RECRUITER**

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**LEXINGTON SOUTH**



**PROTECTION & ADVOCACY  
INFORMATION, TRAINING, AND OUTREACH**



**APPEALS UNIT C**



**ELIZABETHTOWN**

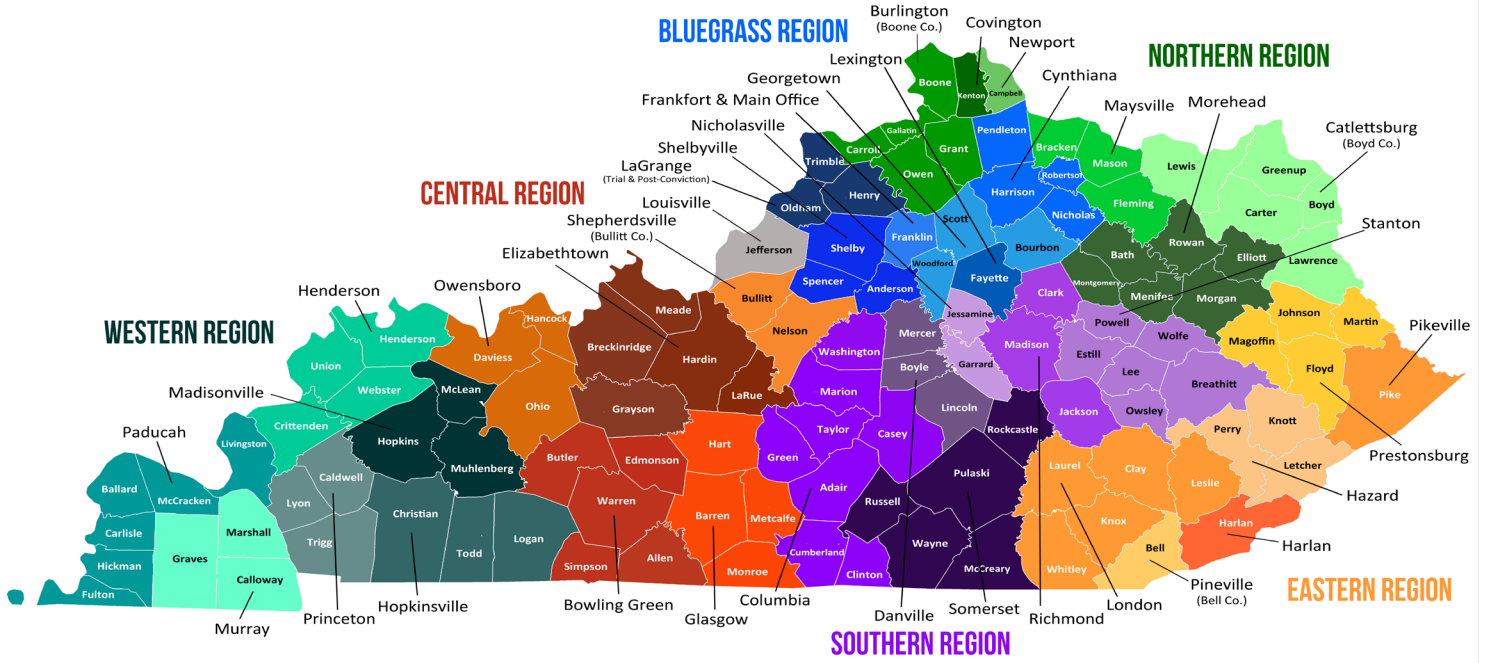


**FRANKFORT**



**OWENSBORO**

# PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE MAP



**PROTECTION & ADVOCACY  
ADULT TEAM**



**COVINGTON**



**NICHOLASVILLE**



**MURRAY**



**PADUCAH**



**HAZARD**



**NEWPORT**



**TO ANOTHER 50 YEARS!**

# 2022 CELEBRATION AND RECOGNITION CEREMONY



**ELANA SAMUELS**  
**DEFENDER UPRISING AWARD**

## ANTHONY LEWIS MEDIA AWARD



**JONATHAN BULLINGTON**  
**CHRIS KENNING**  
**MATT MENCARINI**  
**THE COURIER-JOURNAL**



**WHITNEY BROWNING**  
**DEFENDER UPRISING AWARD**

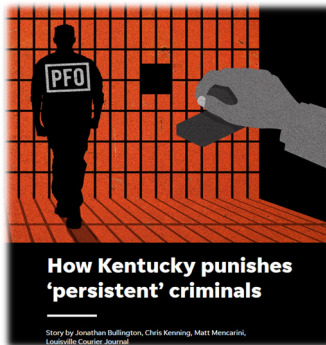


**DAWN JENKINS**  
**FURMAN AWARD**

**CHRISTOPHER KIPPLEY**  
**PROFESSIONALISM & EXCELLENCE AWARD**



**EMILY SWINTOSKY**  
**ROSA PARKS AWARD**



**JESSICA BEARD**  
**DEFENDER LEADERSHIP AWARD**



**LANA FAZIO**  
**IN RE: GAULT AWARD**

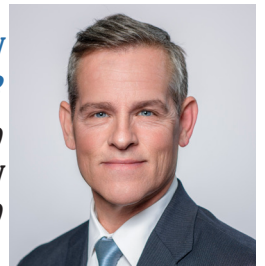
## PUBLIC ADVOCATE AWARD

### LEGISLATIVE CHAMPIONS OF FAIR JUSTICE



**SEN. CHRISTIAN MCDANIEL**  
**REP. JASON PETRIE**  
**SEN. DANNY CARROLL**  
**REP. BRANDON REED**

**GLENN MCCLISTER**  
**EDWARD MONAHAN AWARD**



**LATRESE BRYANT**  
**CINDY LOVELL DOWNS AWARD**

## PUBLIC ADVOCATE AWARD



**ARIAH FAULKNER**  
**KENTUCKY STATE POLICE**

**KAREN NIEMIEC**  
**CINDY LOVELL DOWNS AWARD**



**DOUG MOORE**  
**CLARENCE EARL GIDEON AWARD**

**TIM ARNOLD**  
**NELSON MANDELA AWARD**

