

Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy

Annual Report - Fiscal Year 2024



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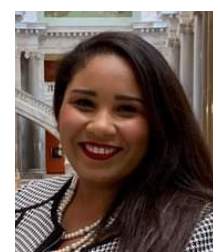
Roula Allouch



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Funding and Expenditures

\$83,516,200 Defender General Funds

\$4,683,448 Defender Non-General Funds*

\$3,597,871 Protection & Advocacy

**Non-General Funds include funding from federal grant funds, court-ordered client fees, a portion of collected DUI service fees, and a small percentage of collected court costs.*

Operating Expenses
\$9,785,008

Personnel
Expenses
\$78,414,640

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2024 Celebration and Recognition Ceremony



Emily M. Croucher
Defender Uprising Award

Elizabeth K. Roseman
Defender Uprising Award

Adair YDC Advocacy Team:
Lauren Bieger Hunter, Stephen Bratcher, and Bethany Steenbergen
In Re: Gault Award

John R. Keough
Professionalism & Excellence Award

Brandy Troxell
Rosa Parks Award

Danielle Lively
Cindy Lovell Downs Award

Lisa Fuson-Evans
Nelson Mandela Lifetime Achievement Award

Kathleen Kallaher Schmidt
Nelson Mandela Lifetime Achievement Award

Heather Rae Estes
Clarence Earl Gideon Award

Mary E. Rohrer
Defender Leadership Award

Capital Team:
Tom Griffiths, Wesley Boyarski, Ty Howorth, Kristin Pendley, and Holly Harrison-Hawkins (Not Pictured)
Furman Award

B. Scott West (Not Pictured)
Edward C. Monahan Award



Jason R. Cloyd
(posthumously)
Public Advocate's Award

DPA Trial Division FY24 Assignments by County

County	Total Cases	Circuit Court	District Court	Family Court
Adair	623	181	442	-
Allen	802	390	344	68
Anderson	455	117	307	31
Ballard	175	73	102	-
Barren	1,426	683	738	5
Bath	528	151	377	-
Bell	1,957	511	1,446	-
Boone	3,079	927	2,126	26
Bourbon	656	228	401	27
Boyd	1,738	653	1,085	-
Boyle	995	419	484	92
Bracken	146	51	95	-
Breathitt	481	128	353	0
Breckinridge	528	253	275	-
Bullitt	1,730	416	1,229	85
Butler	352	201	134	17
Caldwell	376	120	256	-
Calloway	1,014	351	661	2
Campbell	1,743	575	1,095	73
Carlisle	153	63	90	-
Carroll	511	220	291	0
Carter	1,044	279	702	63
Casey	498	188	310	-
Christian	5,460	1,208	3,906	346
Clark	1,343	349	991	3
Clay	1,096	129	967	0
Clinton	386	54	332	-
Crittenden	236	97	133	6
Cumberland	240	81	159	-
Daviess	4,621	1,193	3,327	101

County	Total Cases	Circuit Court	District Court	Family Court
Edmonson	389	191	198	0
Elliott	173	91	78	4
Estill	419	128	291	-
Fayette	8,716	1,727	6,941	48
Fleming	350	141	209	-
Floyd	2,066	502	1,497	67
Franklin	1,242	417	787	38
Fulton	299	136	163	-
Gallatin	591	200	389	2
Garrard	422	116	295	11
Grant	655	209	446	0
Graves	1,531	621	910	-
Grayson	826	407	419	-
Green	199	75	124	-
Greenup	611	202	409	0
Hancock	49	24	23	2
Hardin	3,651	1,056	2,489	106
Harlan	2,073	507	1,566	-
Harrison	510	197	295	18
Hart	566	242	324	-
Henderson	2,154	652	1,421	81
Henry	597	271	324	2
Hickman	104	40	64	-
Hopkins	1,849	591	1,245	13
Jackson	506	97	409	0
Jefferson*	20,865	5,290	15,335	240
Jessamine	1,448	392	1,003	53
Johnson	452	163	289	0
Kenton	4,333	1,704	2,362	267
Knott	432	115	296	21

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Knox	641	131	503	7	Nicholas	218	104	87	27
Larue	293	128	165	-	Ohio	899	351	543	5
Laurel	1,268	338	917	13	Oldham	866	365	500	1
Lawrence	474	153	309	12	Owen	337	152	185	0
Lee	430	63	367	-	Owsley	275	21	254	-
Leslie	319	85	234	0	Pendleton	295	128	148	19
Letcher	874	437	437	-	Perry	1,444	357	1,087	-
Lewis	351	54	291	6	Pike	3,389	740	2,591	58
Lincoln	936	260	670	6	Powell	658	263	390	5
Livingston	221	95	126	-	Pulaski	1,269	435	700	134
Logan	1,168	426	742	-	Robertson	36	23	13	0
Lyon	268	124	144	-	Rockcastle	482	130	344	8
Madison	2,974	847	2,060	67	Rowan	869	303	566	-
Magoffin	279	52	220	7	Russell	653	198	348	107
Marion	531	192	339	-	Scott	1,482	430	1,037	15
Marshall	946	368	575	3	Shelby	1,216	400	743	73
Martin	347	103	236	8	Simpson	871	491	349	31
Mason	858	261	597	-	Spencer	281	75	176	30
McCracken	4,923	1,895	2,949	79	Taylor	968	394	574	-
McCreary	452	256	196	-	Todd	364	120	244	-
McLean	196	73	123	-	Trigg	228	84	144	-
Meade	546	210	336	-	Trimble	247	105	142	0
Menifee	250	77	173	-	Union	473	137	308	28
Mercer	601	172	382	47	Warren	3,551	1,507	1,967	77
Metcalfe	236	104	110	22	Washington	238	83	155	-
Monroe	311	148	163	-	Wayne	1,019	291	596	132
Montgomery	985	438	547	-	Webster	485	136	340	9
Morgan	363	130	232	1	Whitley	767	304	463	-
Muhlenberg	1,244	522	722	-	Wolfe	389	112	272	5
Nelson	816	455	361	-	Woodford	282	75	175	32

Note - Numbers above does not include parole or supervised placement cases.

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DPA By the Numbers

Trial Division

141,714

Total New
Trial Cases



372.4

Average Caseload
Per Attorney



\$521

Funding Per
New Trial Case



27,224 Circuit Court Felony Cases (Non-Revocations)

32,618 District Court Felony Cases

39,607 District Court Misdemeanor Cases

19,528 Court Revocation Cases

5,595 Juvenile Cases

5,346 Involuntary Commitment Cases

3,685 Contempt Cases

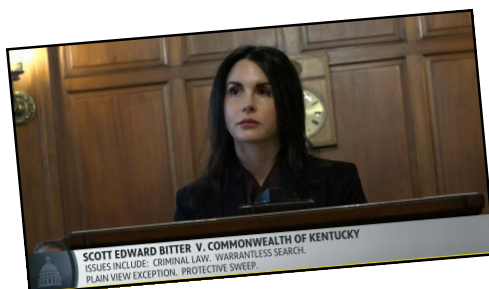
802 Parole Revocation Cases

44 Other Types of Cases

7,265 Conflict Cases

Caseloads
133%
of National
Standards

Post-Trial Division



156 Appellate Briefs Filed

281 New Post-Conviction Appointments

250 New Juvenile Post-Disposition Cases

161 New Kentucky Innocence Project Cases



DPA CASELOAD REPORT - FISCAL YEAR 2024

Office	Funded Attorney Positions	Funded Caseload	New Cases Assigned to Office	Circuit Cases	District Cases	Other Cases
Bell County	5	275.8	1,575	404	975	196
Boone County	12	407.4	5,192	1,573	3,135	484
Bowling Green	13	485.5	6,859	2,816	3,220	824
Boyd County	11	357.6	4,218	1,223	2,603	391
Bullitt County	8	309.3	2,538	828	1,554	157
Columbia	9	400.1	3,731	1,254	2,305	173
Covington	11	366.1	4,355	1,557	1,773	1,024
Cynthiana	4	238.0	1,067	395	492	180
Danville	5	432.0	2,446	682	1,333	431
Elizabethtown	14	385.4	5,816	1,836	3,417	564
Frankfort	5	229.2	1,260	369	726	165
Georgetown	6	386.5	2,417	680	1,529	208
Glasgow	7	329.6	2,526	1,038	1,229	259
Harlan	4	502.5	2,114	466	1,366	281
Hazard	10	263.0	2,706	831	1,447	429
Henderson	7	431.1	3,347	889	1,965	493
Hopkinsville	11	523.9	6,014	1,234	3,180	1,599
LaGrange	5	425.6	2,273	929	1,176	168
Lexington	23	372.3	8,714	1,659	5,710	1,345
London	11	380.7	4,506	863	3,209	434
Louisville*	65	324.7	21,105	5,290	13,777	2,038
Madisonville	8	485.4	4,122	1,426	2,388	308
Maysville	4	308.0	1,318	421	796	101
Morehead	9	328.9	3,187	1,054	1,872	261
Murray	9	353.6	3,415	1,168	1,988	258
Newport	6	284.0	1,806	556	1,021	229
Nicholasville	5	367.6	1,903	846	908	149
Owensboro	12	444.0	5,593	1,508	3,671	414
Paducah	10	431.3	4,581	1,635	2,541	405
Pikeville	5	624.8	3,436	689	2,368	380
Prestonsburg	8	375.1	3,145	739	1,927	479
Princeton	4	264.3	1,119	340	717	62
Richmond	12	375.8	4,823	1,167	3,198	458
Shelbyville	5	366.0	1,957	555	1,129	273
Somerset	10	367.0	3,882	1,204	2,062	615
Stanton	8	314.5	2,648	605	1,849	194
DPA Total	361	372.4	141,714	40,729	84,556	16,429

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