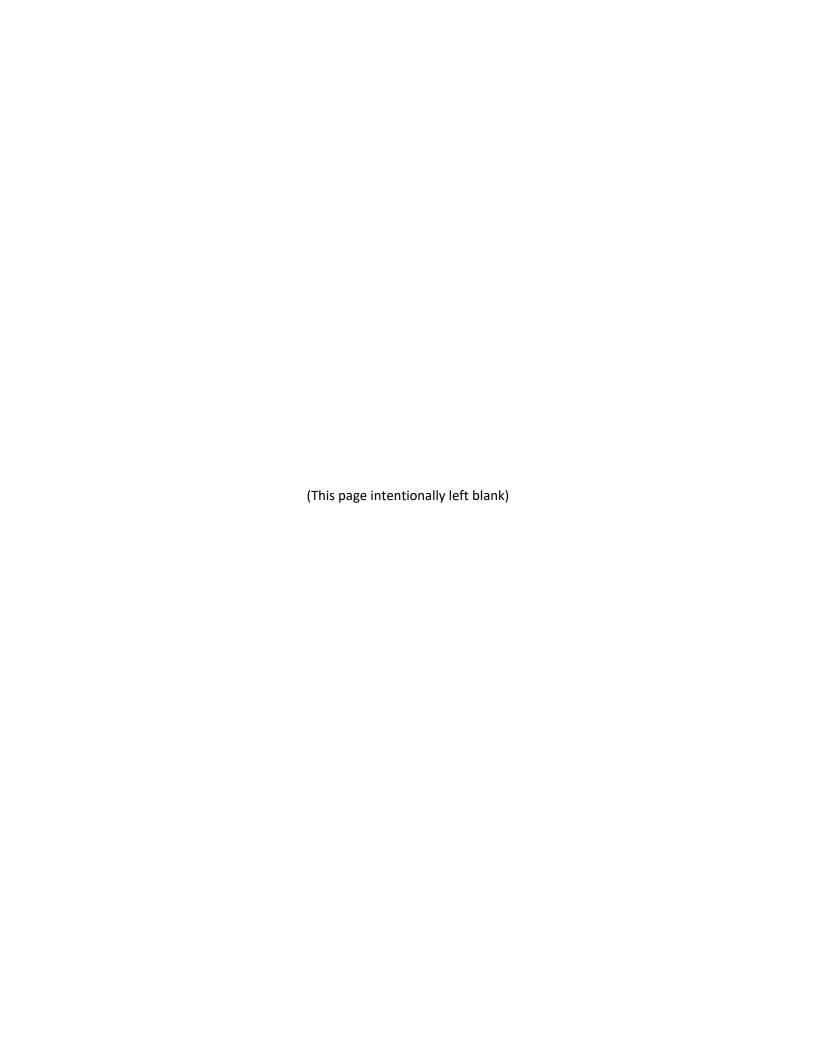
# ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023



OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION, TEXAS JUDICIAL COUNCIL

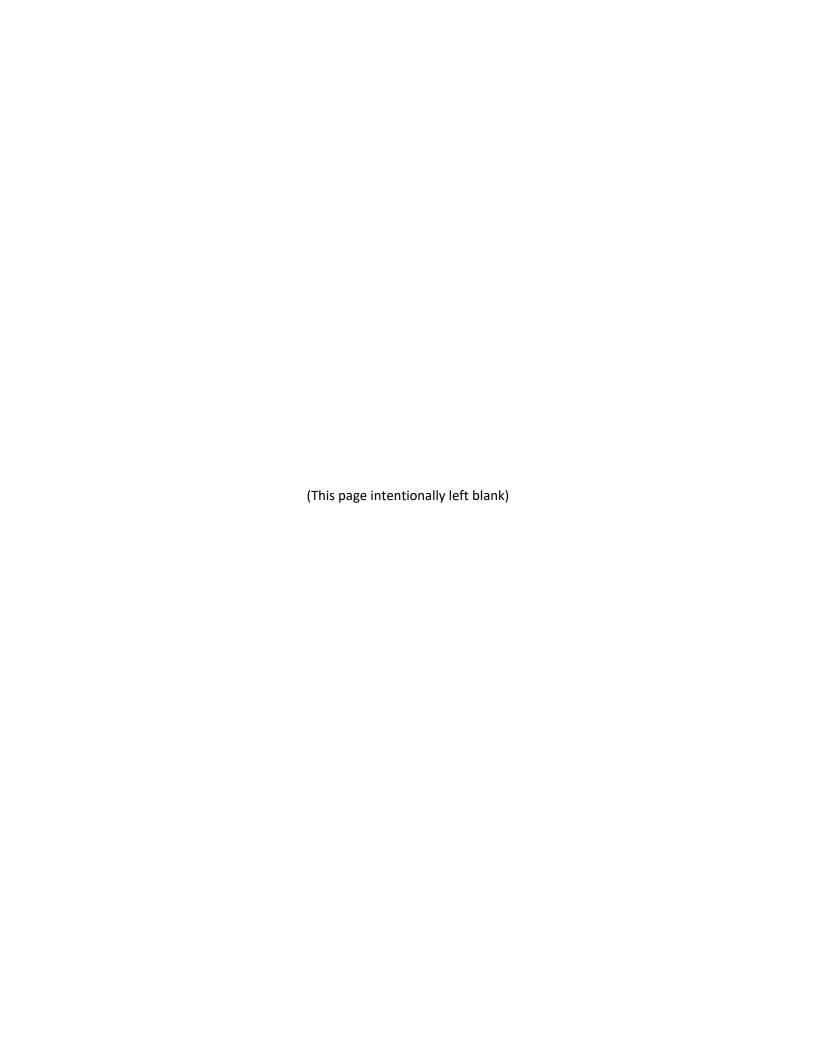
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ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR



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## OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION

Megan LaVoie Administrative Director

November 20, 2023

The Honorable Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas The Honorable Glenn Hegar, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board Lisa Collier, State Auditor

#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are pleased to submit the Annual Financial Report of the Office of Court Administration for the year ended August 31, 2023, in compliance with Texas Government Code Annotated \$2101.011 and in accordance with the requirements established by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Due to the statewide requirements embedded in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, the Comptroller of Public Accounts does not require the accompanying annual financial report to comply with all the requirements in this statement. The financial report will be considered for audit by the state auditor as part of the audit of the State of Texas Annual Comprehensive Financial Report; therefore, an opinion has not been expressed on the financial statements and related information contained in this report.

If you have any questions, please contact Celeste Rodriguez or Sandra Dodd at 512-463-1625. You may also contact them for questions related to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

Sincerely,

Junnifer Henry Jennifer Henry Chief Financial Officer

## Exhibit I — Combined Balance Sheet/Statement of Net Position — Governmental Funds August 31, 2023

	General Funds	Special Revenue Funds	Governmental Funds Total
ASSETS			
Current Assets:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents (Note 3)			
Cash in Bank	\$ 9,000.00	\$ -	\$ 9,000.00
Cash in State Treasury	52,761,496.75	68,437.00	52,829,933.75
Legislative Appropriations	18,329,587.30	-	18,329,587.30
Receivables from:			
Accounts	76,853.48	220.00	77,073.48
Due From Other Funds (Note 12)	353,015.25	-	353,015.25
Due From Other Agencies	1,859,752.53	-	1,859,752.53
Interfund Receivable (Note 12)	546,724.59	-	546,724.59
Total Current Assets	73,936,429.90	68,657.00	74,005,086.90
Non-Current Assets:			
Capital Assets (Note 2):			
Depreciable or Amortizable, Net	-	-	-
Right to Use Subscription Asset, Net	-	-	-
Other Non-Current Assets		-	-
Total Non-Current Assets		-	-
Total Assets	73,936,429.90	68,657.00	74,005,086.90
Current Liabilities: Payables from: Accounts Payroll Interest Due To Other Funds Due To Other Agencies Interfund Payable (Note 12) Employees' Compensable Leave (Note 5) Right to Use Subscription Obligations (Note 5, 8) Other Current Liabilities Total Current Liabilities Non-Current Liabilities: Employees' Compensable Leave (Note 5) Right to Use Subscription Obligations (Note 5, 8) Total Non-Current Liabilities	12,847,148.19 2,671,782.67 - 353,015.25 137,451.49 546,524.59 - (11,495.00) 16,544,427.19	25,077.41 11,934.94 - - - 200.00 - - - 37,212.35	12,872,225.60 2,683,717.61 - 353,015.25 137,451.49 546,724.59 - (11,495.00) 16,581,639.54
Total Liabilities	16,544,427.19	37,212.35	16,581,639.54
Fund Financial Statement Fund Balances (Deficits): Restricted Committed Unassigned Total Fund Balances	40,330,105.40 17,061,897.31 \$ 57,392,002.71	31,444.65 - - \$ 31,444.65	31,444.65 40,330,105.40 17,061,897.31 \$ 57,423,447.36
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and			
Fund Balances	\$ 73,936,429.90	\$ 68,657.00	\$ 74,005,086.90

#### **Government-Wide Statement of Net Position**

**Net Position** 

Net Investment in Capital Assets

Unrestricted

**Total Net Position** 

Exhibit I. The accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

Exhibit I — Combined Balance Sheet/Statement of Net Position — Governmental Funds August 31, 2023

Capital Assets Adjustments	Long-Term Liabilities Adjustments	Other Adjustments	Statement of Net Position
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,000.00
-	-	-	52,829,933.75
-	-	-	18,329,587.30
-	-	-	77,073.48
			353,015.25
-	-	-	1,859,752.53
-	-	-	546,724.59
-	-	-	74,005,086.90
67,189.96	_	_	67,189.96
77,961,632.41	-	_	77,961,632.41
-	-	-	-
78,028,822.37	-	-	78,028,822.37
78,028,822.37	-	-	152,033,909.27
-	-	-	12,872,225.60
-	-	-	2,683,717.61
-	505,866.64	-	505,866.64
-	-	-	353,015.25 137,451.49
			546,724.59
_	1,757,058.57	_	1,757,058.57
_	21,254,247.62	_	21,254,247.62
_	-	-	(11,495.00
-	23,517,172.83	-	40,098,812.37
-	1,945,992.78	-	1,945,992.78
-	62,318,199.15	-	62,318,199.15
-	64,264,191.93	-	64,264,191.93
-	87,781,364.76	-	104,363,004.30
			31,444.65
			40,330,105.40
			17,061,897.31

\$ 78,028,822.37	\$ -	\$ - \$	78,028,822.37
-	(87,781,364.76)	-	(87,781,364.76)
\$ 78,028,822.37	\$ (87,781,364.76)	\$ - \$	47,670,904.97

Exhibit I. The accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

#### Exhibit II — Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures & Changes in Fund Balances/ Statement of Activities Position—Governmental Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2023

		General Funds	Spe	cial Revenue Funds	Governmental Funds Total
REVENUES					
Legislative Appropriations					
Original Appropriations (GR)	\$	21,017,041.00	\$	_	\$ 21,017,041.00
Additional Appropriations (GR)	Ψ	4,660,333.17	Ψ	_	4,660,333.17
Federal Grant Pass-Through Revenue (GR)		9,639,770.45		_	9,639,770.45
State Grant Pass-Through Revenue (GR)		27,740.96		_	27,740.96
License, Fees & Permits (PR)		64,178,877.73		157,236.97	64,336,114.70
Interest and Other Investment Income (GR)		(454.33)		-	(454.33)
Sales of Goods and Services (PR)		454,204.36		_	454,204.36
Other (PR - Chg for Serv, Operating or Capital)		1,251,973.45		_	1,251,973.45
Total Revenues		101,229,486.79		157,236.97	101,386,723.76
EXPENDITURES		00 040 007 74		400 000 04	00 400 400 05
Salaries and Wages		26,013,967.71		122,230.94	26,136,198.65
Payroll Related Costs		6,872,582.72		40,137.30	6,912,720.02
Professional Fees and Services		5,678,884.09		14,001.81	5,692,885.90
Travel		509,562.53		33,031.36	542,593.89
Materials and Supplies		360,378.92		4,617.35	364,996.27
Communication and Utilities		1,829,272.28		15,954.27	1,845,226.55
Repairs and Maintenance		583,166.27		366.00	583,532.27
Rentals and Leases		30,115.71		3,688.01	33,803.72
Printing and Reproduction		6,016.16		169.83	6,185.99
State Grant Pass-Through Expenditures		373,179.49		-	373,179.49
Intergovernmental Payments		53,435,032.12		-	53,435,032.12
Public Assistance Payments		10,124,069.00		-	10,124,069.00
Other Expenditures		10,231,763.51		74,711.95	10,306,475.46
Debt Service:		14 070 0E2 94			14 070 052 94
Principal		14,979,953.84		-	14,979,953.84
Capital Outlay		98,566,046.61		-	98,566,046.61
Depreciation and Amortization Expense Total Expenditures/Expenses		229,593,990.96		308,908.82	229,902,899.78
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under)		229,595,990.90		300,900.02	229,902,099.70
Expenditures		(128,364,504.17)		(151,671.85)	(128,516,176.02)
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OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Sale of Capital Assets		-		-	
Transfer In		93,351.12		-	93,351.12
Transfer Out		(2,246,196.87)		-	(2,246,196.87)
Increase in Obligations - Subscriptions		98,552,400.61		-	98,552,400.61
Legislative Transfer In		-		-	-
Legislative Transfer Out Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		96,399,554.86			96,399,554.86
Total Other Financing Sources (Oses)		30,033,004.00		<del>-</del>	90,399,334.00
Net Change in Fund Balances/Net Position		(31,964,949.31)		(151,671.85)	(32,116,621.16)
Fund Financial Statement - Fund Balances					
Fund Balances, September 1, 2022		89,448,812.48		183,116.50	89,631,928.98
Restatements		-		-	
Fund Balances, September 1, 2022, as Restated		89,448,812.48		183,116.50	89,631,928.98
Appropriations Lapsed		(91,860.46)		-	(91,860.46)
Fund Balances, August 31, 2023	\$	57,392,002.71	\$	31,444.65	\$ 57,423,447.36
Government-Wide Statement of Net Position					
Net Position/Net Change in Net Position					\$ 57,423,447.36
Net Position, September 1, 2022					Ψ 01,720,741.00
Restatements					
Net Position, September 1, 2022					
Net Position, August 31, 2023					\$ 57,423,447.36
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Exhibit II — Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures & Changes in Fund Balances/ Statement of Activities Position—Governmental Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2023

	pital Assets ljustments	Long-Term Liabilities Adjustments	Other Adjustments	Statement of Activities
\$	_	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,017,041.00
Ψ	_	Ψ - -	Ψ -	4,660,333.17
	_	_	_	9,639,770.45
	_	_	_	27,740.96
	_	-	_	64,336,114.70
	-	-	-	(454.33)
	-	-	-	454,204.36
	-	-	-	1,251,973.45
	-	-	-	101,386,723.76
	_	(269,117.26)	-	25,867,081.39
	-	- '	-	6,912,720.02
	-	-	-	5,692,885.90
	-	-	-	542,593.89
	-	-	-	364,996.27
	-	-	-	1,845,226.55
	-	-	-	583,532.27
	-	-	-	33,803.72
	-	-	-	6,185.99
				373,179.49 53,435,032.12
	_			10,124,069.00
	_	_	_	10,306,475.46
				, ,
	-	-	-	14,979,953.84
	-	-	-	98,566,046.61
	86,132.55	-	-	86,132.55
	86,132.55	(269,117.26)	-	229,719,915.07
	(86,132.55)	269,117.26	-	(128,333,191.31)
	_	_	_	_
	_	_	_	93,351.12
	_	-	_	(2,246,196.87)
	-	-	-	98,552,400.61
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	96,399,554.86
				(31,933,636.45)
				89,631,928.98
				89,631,928.98
				(91,860.46)
				\$ 57,606,432.07
\$	(86,132.55)	\$ 269,117.26	\$ -	\$ 57,606,432.07
	153,322.51	3,433,934.09		3,587,256.60
	153,322.51	3,433,934.09	-	3,587,256.60
\$	67,189.96	\$ 3,703,051.35	\$ -	\$ 61,193,688.67
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Exhibit II. The accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

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#### Notes to the Financial Statements

#### **Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

#### **Entity**

The Office of Court Administration (OCA) is an agency of the State of Texas and its financial records comply with state statutes and regulations. This includes compliance with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts' Reporting Requirements for State Agencies.

The Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System was created by the Sixty-fifth Legislature, which authorized the Office to operate in conjunction with the existing Texas Judicial Council. This legislation established a multi-purpose agency to operate under the supervision of the Texas Supreme Court. The Office of Court Administration and the Texas Judicial Council, a blended component unit, and their respective duties are discussed in detail in the Addendum to this report.

The Office of Court Administration has identified no discrete component units which require disclosure.

Due to the statewide requirements embedded in Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*, the Comptroller of Public Accounts does not require the accompanying annual financial report to comply with all the requirements in this statement. The financial report will be considered for audit by the State Auditor as part of the audit of the *State of Texas Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*; therefore, an opinion has not been expressed on the financial statements and related information contained in this report.

#### **Fund Structure**

The accompanying financial statements are presented on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity.

#### **Governmental Fund Types**

#### General Funds (GAAP FT01)

The General Revenue Fund (0001) is the principal operating fund used to account for most of the state's general activities. The General Fund accounts for all financial resources except those accounted for in the other funds.

The Fair Defense Fund (5073) is used by the Texas Indigent Defense Commission to provide financial and technical support to counties to develop and maintain quality, cost-effective indigent defense systems.

The Statewide Electronic Filing System Fund (5157) is appropriated to the OCA to support the statewide electronic filing technology system, the public safety reporting system, and the uniform case management systems for the courts in Texas.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Congress passed the:

- Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act
- CARES Act for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), which provides budgetary relief to higher education institutions through numerous provisions.

The act provides economic grants to offset some additional expenses and forgone revenue as a result response to COVID-19. The Coronavirus Relief Fund (0325) derives its financing from a COVID-19 grant and is used to offset expenses resulting from responses to COVID-19 at the local jurisdiction level statewide.

#### Special Revenue Funds (GAAP FT02)

Texas Forensic Science Commission Special Revenue Fund (5173) is to provide for the administration and enforcement of forensic analyst licensing, crime lab accreditation, and other forensic programs.

#### Fiduciary Fund Types

#### Agency Funds

Agency funds are used to account for assets held temporarily on the behalf of other government entities, and/or other funds. These funds are custodial in nature and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

#### **Component Units**

The Office of Court Administration (OCA) operates in conjunction with the Texas Judicial Council as a blended component unit. Additional information regarding the relationship between OCA and the Council can be found in Note 19.

#### **Basis of Accounting**

The basis of accounting determines when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts reported in the financial statements. The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus.

Governmental fund types that build the fund financial statements are accounted for using the modified accrual method basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual method, revenues are recognized in the period in which they become both measurable and available to finance operations of the fiscal year or liquidate liabilities existing at fiscal year-end.

The State of Texas considers receivables collected within sixty days after year-end to be available and recognizes them as revenues of the current year for Fund Financial Statements prepared on the modified basis of accrual. Expenditures and other uses of financial resources are recognized when the related liability is incurred.

Governmental adjustment fund types that will build the government-wide financial statements are accounted for using the full accrual method of accounting. Activities included in these fund types are: capital assets, accumulated depreciation, unpaid employee compensable leave, the unmatured debt service (principal and interest) on general long-term liabilities, long-term capital leases, long-term claims and judgments, and full accrual revenues and expenses.

#### **Budgets and Budgetary Accounting**

The budget is prepared biennially and represents appropriations authorized by the legislature and approved by the governor (the General Appropriations Act).

Unencumbered appropriations balances are subject to transfer forward to the following year within the biennium if authority exists; are generally subject to lapse 60 days after the end of the fiscal year for which they were appropriated.

#### Assets, Liabilities, and Fund Balances/Net Assets

#### **ASSETS**

#### Inventories and Prepaid Items

Inventories include consumable supplies and postage on hand at year-end. Inventories are valued at cost, generally using the last-in, first-out method. The consumption method of accounting is used to account for inventories and prepaid items that appear in governmental fund types. The cost of these items is expensed when the items are used or consumed.

#### Current Receivables & Non-Current Receivables

Other receivables include year-end revenue accruals. This account can appear in governmental and proprietary fund types.

#### Capital Assets

Assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year should be capitalized. These assets are capitalized at cost or, if not purchased, at appraised fair value as of the date of acquisition. Purchases of assets by governmental funds are reported as expenditures. Depreciation is reported on all "exhaustible" assets. Assets are depreciated over the estimated useful life of the asset using the straight-line method.

#### **LIABILITIES**

#### Accounts Payable

Accounts Payable represents the liability for the value of assets or services received at the balance sheet date for which payment is pending.

#### Employees' Compensable Leave

Employees' Compensable Leave Balances represent the liability that becomes "due" upon the occurrence of relevant events such as resignations, retirements, and uses of leave balances by covered employees. Liabilities are reported separately as either current or noncurrent in the statement of net assets.

#### Lease Liabilities - Right to Use Subscriptions

Lease liability represents the amount recognized by a lessee on its financial statements regarding its leases. It is initially measured at the present value of lease payments and is remeasured whenever there is a change in lease payments or lease modification. Liabilities are reported separately as either current or noncurrent.

#### **FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION**

The difference between fund assets and liabilities is 'Net Assets' on the government-wide, proprietary, and fiduciary fund statements, and the 'Fund Balance' is the difference between fund assets and liabilities on the governmental fund statements.

#### **Fund Balance Components**

Fund balances for governmental funds are classified as non-spendable, restricted, committed, assigned or unassigned in the fund financial statements.

**Non-spendable fund balance** includes amounts not available to be spent because they are either not in a spendable form (inventories) or they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

**Restricted fund balance** includes those resources that have constraints placed on their use through external parties or by law through constitutional provisions.

**Committed fund balance** can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by a formal action of the Texas Legislature, the State's highest level of decision-making authority.

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**Assigned fund balance** includes amounts constrained by the state's intent to be used for specific purposes but are neither restricted nor committed. Intent is expressed by either the Texas Legislature or by a body (for example, a budget or finance committee) or official to which the governing body has delegated the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes.

**Unassigned fund balance** is the residual classification for the general fund. This classification represents fund balance that was not assigned to other funds and was not restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund.

#### Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt

Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt, consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by outstanding balances for bond, notes and other debt that are attributed to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

#### **Restricted Net Assets**

Restricted net assets result when constraints placed on net asset use are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors and the like or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

#### **Unrestricted Net Assets**

Unrestricted Net Assets consist of net assets that do not meet the definition of the two preceding categories. Unrestricted Net Assets often have constraints on resources that are imposed by management but can be removed or modified.

#### INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES

The agency has the following types of transactions among funds:

- (1) Transfers: Legally required transfers that are reported when incurred as 'Transfers In' by the recipient fund and as 'Transfers Out' by the disbursing fund.
- (2) Reimbursements: Reimbursements of expenditures made by one fund for another that are recorded as expenditures in the reimbursing fund and as a reduction of expenditures in the reimbursed fund. Reimbursements are not displayed in the financial statements.
- (3) Interfund receivables and payables: Interfund loans are reported as interfund receivables and payables. If repayment is due during the current year or soon thereafter it is classified as "Current", repayment of two (or more) years is classified as "Noncurrent".
- (4) Interfund Sales and Purchases Charges or collections for services rendered by one fund to another that are recorded as revenues of the recipient fund (interfund services provided) and expenditures or expenses of the disbursing fund (interfund services used).

The composition of the agency's interfund activities and transactions are presented in Note 12, when required.

#### **Note 2: Capital Assets**

A summary of changes in Capital Assets and Intangible Right to Use (RTU) for the year ended August 31, 2023, is presented below:

			PRIMARY GOV	ERNMENT				
				Reclassification	s			
Capital Asset Type	Balance 9/1/2022	Adjustments	Completed CIP	Inc-Int'agy Trans	Dec-Int'agy Trans	Additions	Deletions	Balance 8/31/2023
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES								
Depreciable Assets								
Furniture and Equipment	\$1,946,869.76					\$13,646.00	(\$254,201.56)	\$1,706,314.20
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:								
Furniture and Equipment	(\$1,855,674.66)					(\$37,651.14)	\$254,201.56	(\$1,639,124.24)
Depreciable Assets, Net	\$91,195.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$24,005.14)	\$0.00	\$67,189.96
Intangible Capital Assets - Amortizable								
Computer Software	\$3,736,169.37							\$3,736,169.37
Less Accumulated Amortization for:								
Computer Software	(\$3,674,041.96)					(\$62,127.41)		(\$3,736,169.37)
Total Accumulated Amortization	\$62,127.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$62,127.41)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Amortizable Assets, Net	\$153,322.51	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$86,132.55)	\$0.00	\$67,189.96
Intangible Right to Use (RTU) Assets -								
Amortizable								
Subscription Assets	\$0.00					\$98,552,400.61		\$98,552,400.61
Less Accumulated Amortization for:								
Subscription Assets	\$0.00					(\$20,590,768.20)		(\$20,590,768.20)
Amortizable RTU Assets, Net	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$77,961,632.41	\$0.00	\$77,961,632.41
Governmental Activities Capital Assets,	\$153,322.51	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$77,875,499.86	\$0.00	\$78,028,822.37

#### Note 3: Deposits, Investments, & Repurchase Agreements

The Office of Court Administration is not authorized by statute to make any type of investments. Therefore, there were no violations of legal provisions during the period.

#### **Deposits of Cash in Bank**

As of August 31, 2023, the carrying amount of deposits was \$9,000.00 for Cash in Bank as presented below.

Governmental and Business-Type Activities  CASH IN BANK – CARRYING VALUE	\$9,000.00
Less: Certificates of Deposit included in carrying value and reported as Cash Equivalent	0.00
Less: Un-invested Securities Lending Cash Collateral included in carrying amount and reported as Securities Lending Collateral	0.00
Less: Securities Lending CD Collateral included in carrying value and reported as Securities Lending Collateral	0.00
Cash in Bank per AFR	\$9,000.00
Governmental Funds Current Assets Cash in Bank	\$9,000.00
Fiduciary Funds Cash in Bank not applicable to the Office of Court Administration	N/A
Discrete Component Unit Cash in Bank not applicable to the Office of Court Administration	N/A

The agency's cash in bank balance is not subject to custodial credit risk or foreign currency.

Investments, Reverse Repurchase Agreements, Securities Lending, and Derivatives Not applicable to the Office of Court Administration.

#### Note 4: Short-Term Debt

Not applicable to this agency.

#### Note 5: Summary of Long-Term Liabilities

#### **Changes in Long-Term Liabilities**

During the year ended August 31, 2023, the following changes occurred in liabilities.

Governmental Activities	Balance 9/1/2022	Additions	Reductions	Balance 8/31/2023	Amounts Due Within One Year	Amounts Due Thereafter
Employee's Compensable Leave	\$3,433,934.09	\$2,288,409.18	\$2,019,291.92	\$3,703,051.35	\$1,757,058.57	\$1,945,992.78
Right to Use Subscription Obligations	\$0.00	\$98,552,400.61	\$14,979,953.84	\$83,572,446.77	\$21,254,247.62	\$62,318,199.15
Total Governmental Activities	\$3,433,934.09	\$100,840,809.79	\$16,999,245.76	\$87,275,498.12	\$23,011,306.19	\$64,264,191.93

#### **Employees' Compensable Leave**

If a state employee had continuous employment with the state for at least six months, the state employee is entitled to be paid for all unused vacation time accrued in the event of the employee's resignation, dismissal or separation from state employment.

Expenditures for accumulated annual leave balances are recognized in the period paid or taken in governmental fund types. For these fund types, the liability for unpaid benefits is recorded in the statement of net position. Both an expense and a liability for business-type activities are recorded in the proprietary funds as the benefits accrue to employees. No liability is recorded for non-vesting employees accumulating rights to receive sick pay benefits. This obligation is usually paid from the same funding source(s) from which the employee's salary or wage compensation was paid.

#### Right to Use Subscription Obligations

The agency has entered into subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITA) for the right to use (RTU) another party's software for a specified period of time. The table above presents the corresponding liability while Note 2 presents the asset value assigned to the subscription arrangements. Note 8 discusses additional details related to the systems.

#### Note 6: Bonded Indebtedness

Not applicable to this agency.

#### **Note 7: Derivative Instruments**

Not applicable to this agency.

#### Note 8: Leases/SBITA

Included in the expenditures reported in the financial statements are the following amounts of IT based subscription fees paid under a noncancelable liability:

#### Fiscal 2023

Fund Type	Amount
Governmental Activities	\$17,174,601.17

The various systems related to the IT subscription agreements are discussed below. The agreements range in terms up to year 2027. In fiscal 2023, the total lease payments were \$17.2 million.

**Electronic Filing System:** Government Code, Section 72.031, added by the 83rd Leg., R.S. (HB 2302), authorized the OCA to implement an electronic filing system known as eFileTexas.gov, which is the official e-Filing system for Texas. The technology enables everyone access to our justice system. E-Filing is now mandatory for all attorneys filing civil, family, probate, or criminal cases in the Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeals, Courts of Appeals and all district and county courts. The contract was awarded to Tyler Technologies.

Public Safety Reporting System-AIMS (Bail Reform): Senate Bill 6 (87th 2nd Called Session) required OCA to implement a standardized public safety report system (PSRS) and requires magistrates who set bail for defendants charged with a Class B misdemeanor or higher category offense to consider a public safety report generated by the PSRS. The bill also requires any magistrate, judge, sheriff, peace officer, or jailer who sets bail under Chapter 17, Code of Criminal Procedure, for a defendant charged with a Class B misdemeanor or higher category offense to complete a bail form and to promptly (but no later than 72 hours) submit it to OCA through the PSRS. The contract was awarded to Automon.

**MS Windows 365 Enterprise:** Cloud-based office productivity services (Office365, Intune, Defender), Server cloud services (Azure), and on-premise, user-based Windows subscriptions.

#### Future Minimum Subscription Payments Year Ended Aug. 31, 2023

Primary Government							
	Governm	ental Activities					
			Total Future Min.				
Year	Principal	Interest	Subscription				
			Payments				
2024	\$21,254,247.62	\$2,281,214.50	\$23,535,462.12				
2025	\$21,152,602.54	\$1,614,013.17	\$22,766,615.71				
2026	\$21,803,394.55	\$983,121.02	\$22,786,515.57				
2027	\$19,362,202.06	\$360,208.92	\$19,722,410.98				
Totals	\$83,572,446.77	\$5,238,557.61	\$88,811,004.38				

#### **Note 9: Pension Plans**

Not applicable to this agency

#### **Note 10: Deferred Compensation**

Not applicable to this agency.

#### **Note11: Post Employment Health Care and Life Insurance Benefits**

Not applicable to this agency.

#### **Note 12: Interfund Activity and Transactions**

As explained in Note 1 on Interfund Transactions and Balances, there are various types of transactions between funds and agencies. The OCA experienced routine transfers with other state agencies that were consistent with the activities of the fund making the transfer. Repayment of interfund balances will occur within one year from the date of the financial statement.

Individual balances and activity on August 31, 2023, follows:

Required Note 12 Presentation: Interfund Receivables and Payables – Current							
Current Portion	Current Interfund Receivable	Current Interfund Payable	Purpose				
GENERAL REVENUE (01)							
APPD Fund 0001, D23 0001	ı	(4,032.39)	Expenditure Transfer; Interfund Loan				
APPD Fund 0001, D23 5157	ı	(7,998.05)	Expenditure Transfer; Interfund Loan				
APPD Fund 0325, D23 0325	-	(179,669.70)	Expenditure Transfer				
APPD Fund 5073, D23 5073	-	(354,824.45)	Expenditure Transfer; Interfund Loan				
SPECIAL REVENUE (02)							
APPD Fund 5173, D23 5173	ı	(200.00)	Expenditure Transfer; Interfund Loan				
GENERAL REVENUE (01)							
APPD Fund 0001, D23 0001	183,812.12	1	Expenditure Transfer; Interfund Loan				
APPD Fund 0001, D23 5157	8,088.02	ı	Expenditure Transfer; Interfund Loan				
APPD Fund 5073, D23 5073	354,824.45	1	Expenditure Transfer; Interfund Loan				
Total Interfund Receivable/Payable	546,724.59	(546,724.59)					

#### **Note 13: Continuance Subject to Review**

The Office of Court Administration is not subject to Sunset review. However, the Judicial Branch Certification Commission (JBCC) created effective September 1, 2014, is subject to Sunset Review but may not be abolished. The review shall be conducted as if the Commission were scheduled to be abolished by September 1, 2029.

#### Note 14: Adjustments to Fund Balance/Net Assets

The agency had no adjustments to fund balance or net assets for this period.

#### **Note 15: Contingencies and Commitments**

The agency has no contingent liabilities or commitments at this time.

#### **Note 16: Subsequent Events**

Not applicable to this agency.

#### Note 17: Risk Management

The agency has no probable risk of loss to report.

#### Note 18: Management Discussion and Analysis (Material Changes to AFR)

The agency has no material changes to report.

#### **Note 19: The Financial Reporting Entity**

#### The Financial Reporting Entity

As required by generally accepted accounting principles, the financial statements represent the Office of Court Administration and the Texas Judicial Council.

#### **Individual Component Unit Disclosures - Blended Component Unit**

Chapter 71 of the Government Code classifies the Texas Judicial Council as a "state agency", however; the Council is not appropriated any funds. The Office of Court Administration reimburses Council members for travel and other expenses while they are performing official duties, but they are not compensated for their services. The Addendum to this report outlines the duties of the Office of Court Administration and the Texas Judicial Council.

#### Note 20: Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability

Not applicable to this agency.

#### Note 21: N/A

Not applicable to this agency.

#### **Note 22: Donor-Restricted Endowments**

Not applicable to this agency.

#### Note 23: Extraordinary and Special Items

#### E-File

As a result of Senate Bill 41, 87th Regular Session, relating to the consolidation and allocation of state civil court costs, the collection of state electronic filing fees changed significantly effective January 1, 2022. Prior to SB 41, state and local electronic filing fees were collected by the district courts; statutory county courts; statutory probate courts; county courts; and justice courts and remitted to the Comptroller of Public Accounts (CPA) on a calendar quarterly basis. After reconciliation of the revenues, the CPA would deposit the state portion of the fees into Funds 0540, Fund 0573, and Fund 5157, as appropriate. Since January 1, 2022, state electronic filing fees are sent directly to OCA's accounts in the treasury and deposited into four separate Merchant ID's (MID), each MID representing the four separate accounts receiving the revenue as set by statute. OCA has the authority to spend funds out of one of the accounts, the Electronic Filing Fee Account 5157. The other three accounts collect revenues for the support of the judiciary, basic civil legal services, and judicial and court personnel training and are appropriated to other agencies. The revenue collected either remains at OCA in an unappropriated account or is transferred to the CPA on a quarterly basis.

Since the revenue sits in accounts at OCA, the agency is required to process refunds of filing fees filed in error and does so only when requested by a court clerk's office.

#### **American Rescue Plan Act**

During the 87(3) special session, SB 8 appropriated \$3 million to OCA out of the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The bill also provided restoration of revenues lost from decreased criminal court costs due to the pandemic in the amount of \$13,492,466 to the Texas Indigent Defense Commission (TIDC). TIDC's ARPA funds were transferred into the Fair Defense Account No. 5073. The funds are administered through a grant award through the Office of the Governor for the purpose of addressing the backlog in court cases. OCA is assisting local jurisdictions with tools and plans for tackling the court case backlogs across the state using methods such as implementation of best practices, assistance with streamlining virtual court hearings by utilizing Zoom, waiting room technology, online docket scheduling, and file uploading of case documents. TIDC will provide grants to public defenders for indigent defense services.

#### Note 24: Disaggregation of Receivable and Payable Balances

Not applicable to this agency.

#### **Note 25: Termination Benefits**

The agency does not have any termination benefits to report.

#### **Note 26: Segment Information**

Not applicable to this agency.

#### **Note 27: Service Concession Arrangements**

Not applicable to this agency.

#### Note 28: Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources

Not applicable to this agency.

#### **Note 29: Troubled Debt Restructuring**

Not applicable to this agency

#### **Note 30: Non-Exchange Financial Guarantees**

Not applicable to this agency.

#### **Note 31: Tax Abatements**

Not applicable to this agency.

#### **Note 32: Fund Balances**

The agency does not have any fund balances being classified as anything other than the default.

Exhibit A-1 — Combining Balance Sheet— All General and Consolidated Funds August 31, 2023

		General Fund 1 (0001) U/F (0001)*	Co	onsolidated Fund 1 (0001) U/F (5157)
ASSETS				
Current Assets:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents				
Cash in Bank	\$	9,000.00	\$	-
Cash in State Treasury		1,344.75		33,511,848.23
Legislative Appropriations Receivables from:		18,329,587.30		-
Accounts		76,853.48		_
Due From Other Funds		70,000.40		_
Due From Other Agencies		1,328,886.00		_
Interfund Receivable		183,812.12		8,088.02
Total Assets		19,929,483.65		33,519,936.25
Payables from: Accounts Payroll Due To Other Funds Due To Other Agencies Interfund Payable Funds Held For Others Other Current Liabilities		373,733.69 2,501,315.26 - 4,032.39 (11,495.00)		5,887,249.46 24,778.35 - 7,998.05
Total Liabilities		2,867,586.34		5,920,025.86
Fund Balances (Deficits): Committed Unassigned Total Fund Balances		17,061,897.31 17,061,897.31		27,599,910.39 - <b>27,599,910.39</b>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	<b>\$</b>	19,929,483.65	\$	33,519,936.25

<sup>\*</sup>Includes U/F 8070 Child Support Deductions & 0980 Correction Acct-Direct Deposit

Exhibit A-1 — Combining Balance Sheet— All General and Consolidated Funds August 31, 2023

Co	nsolidated Fund 2 (5073)	Coi	nsolidated Fund 4 (0325)	
	U/F (5073)		U/F (0325)	Total
\$	_	\$	_	\$ 9,000.00
	19,246,485.35		1,818.42	52,761,496.75
	-		-	18,329,587.30
	-		-	76,853.48
	353,015.25		-	353,015.25
	- 254 924 45		530,866.53	1,859,752.53
	354,824.45 <b>19,954,325.05</b>		532,684.95	546,724.59 <b>73,936,429.90</b>
_	19,954,325.05		552,004.95	73,330,423.30
	6,586,165.04		-	12,847,148.19
	145,689.06		-	2,671,782.67
			353,015.25	353,015.25
	137,451.49		-	137,451.49
	354,824.45		179,669.70	546,524.59
	-		_	(11,495.00)
	7,224,130.04		532,684.95	16,544,427.19
	12,730,195.01		-	40,330,105.40
	-		-	17,061,897.31
	12,730,195.01		-	57,392,002.71
\$	19,954,325.05	\$	532,684.95	\$ 73,936,429.90

# Exhibit B-1 — Combining Balance Sheet— Special Revenue Funds August 31, 2023

		cial Revenue Fund 1 (5173) J/F (5173)	Totals		
	-				
ASSETS					
Current Assets:					
Cash and Cash Equivalents:					
Cash in State Treasury	\$	68,437.00	\$	68,437.00	
Receivables from:					
Accounts		220.00		220.00	
Total Current Assets		68,657.00		68,657.00	
Total Assets		68,657.00		68,657.00	
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES Liabilities Current Liabilities: Payables from:	AND I		CES		
Accounts		25,077.41		25,077.41	
Payroll		11,934.94		11,934.94	
Interfund Payable		200.00		200.00	
Total Liabilities		37,212.35		37,212.35	
Fund Balances (Deficits):					
Restricted		31,444.65		31,444.65	
Total Fund Balances		31,444.65		31,444.65	
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and	\$	68,657.00	\$	68,657.00	

Exhibit A-2 — Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances — All General and Consolidated Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2023

For the Fiscal Teal Ended August 31, 2023	General Fund 1 (0001) U/F (0001)*	Consolidated Fund 2 (0001) U/F (5157)	Consolidated Fund 3 (5073) U/F (5073)	Consolidated Fund 4 (0325) U/F (0325)	Total
REVENUES					
Legislative Appropriations					
Original Appropriations (GR)	\$ 21,017,041.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,017,041.00
Additional Appropriations (GR)	4,660,333.17	-	_	-	4,660,333.17
Federal Grant Pass-Through Revenue (GR)	7,544,879.79	-	-	2,094,890.66	9,639,770.45
State Grant Pass-Through Revenue (GR)	27,740.96	-	-	-	27,740.96
License, Fees & Permits (PR)	18,776.85	29,737,789.13	34,422,311.75	-	64,178,877.73
Interest and Other Investment Income (GR)	-	-	-	(454.33)	(454.33)
Sales of Goods and Services (PR)	454,204.36	-	-	-	454,204.36
Other (PR - Chg for Serv, Operating or Capital)	100,375.65		1,151,597.80	-	1,251,973.45
Total Revenues	33,823,351.78	29,737,789.13	35,573,909.55	2,094,436.33	101,229,486.79
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries and Wages	23,889,710.30	263,333.10	1,648,430.22	212,494.09	26,013,967.71
Payroll Related Costs	6,287,648.03	69,525.04	462,498.24	52,911.41	6,872,582.72
Professional Fees and Services	4,916,412.52	761,128.37	1,343.20	-	5,678,884.09
Travel	469,077.40	475.78	39,379.51	629.84	509,562.53
Materials and Supplies	346,858.36	-	6,267.82	7,252.74	360,378.92
Communication and Utilities	877,537.19	295,669.03	13,959.57	642,106.49	1,829,272.28
Repairs and Maintenance	583,166.27	-	-	-	583,166.27
Rentals and Leases	27,783.52	-	2,153.58	178.61	30,115.71
Printing and Reproduction	3,478.88	-	2,537.28	-	6,016.16
State Grant Pass-Through Expenditures		-	373,179.49	-	373,179.49
Intergovernmental Payments	(538,734.48)	-	53,973,766.60	-	53,435,032.12
Public Assistance Payments	10,124,069.00	<u>-</u>			10,124,069.00
Other Expenditures	1,034,339.55	7,085,522.86	931,975.78	1,179,925.32	10,231,763.51
Debt Service:	000 117 71	44.447.000.40			44.070.050.04
Principal - Subscriptions	832,117.71	14,147,836.13	-	-	14,979,953.84
Capital Outlay	1,959,269.20	96,606,777.41	-	-	98,566,046.61
Total Expenditures	50,812,733.45	119,230,267.72	57,455,491.29	2,095,498.50	229,593,990.96
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	(16,989,381.67)	(89,492,478.59)	(21,881,581.74)	(1,062.17)	(128,364,504.17)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Sale of Capital Assets					
Transfers In	76,851.12	16,500.00		_	93,351.12
Transfers Out	70,001.12	(3,030.00)	(2,243,166.87)	_	(2,246,196.87)
Increase in Obligations - Subscriptions	1,945,623.20	96,606,777.41	(2,210,100.01)	_	98,552,400.61
Legislative Transfers In	-	-	_	_	-
Legislative Transfers Out	_	_	_	_	_
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	2,022,474.32	96,620,247.41	(2,243,166.87)		96,399,554.86
Net Change in Fund Balances	(14,966,907.35)	7,127,768.82	(24,124,748.61)	(1,062.17)	(31,964,949.31)
•	(14,000,007.00)	7,121,100.02	(24,124,140.01)	(1,002.17)	(01,004,040.01)
Fund Palances Sentember 1, 2022	22 120 665 12	20 472 444 57	26 054 042 62	1 062 17	00 440 040 40
Fund Balances, September 1, 2022	32,120,665.12	20,472,141.57	36,854,943.62	1,062.17	89,448,812.48
Restatements Fund Balances, September 1, 2022, as Restated	32,120,665.12	20,472,141.57	36,854,943.62	1,062.17	89,448,812.48
Appropriations Lapsed	(91,860.46)	20,472,141.07	30,004,943.02	1,062.17	(91,860.46)
Fund Balances, August 31, 2023	\$ 17,061,897.31	\$ 27,599,910.39	\$ 12,730,195.01	\$ (0.00)	
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Exhibit B-2 — Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances — Special Revenue Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2023

	Spe	ecial Revenue	
		Fund 1	
		(5173) U/F (5173)	Totals
		0/F (3173)	Totals
REVENUES			
License, Fees & Permits (PR)	\$	157,236.97 \$	157,236.97
Sales of Goods and Services (PR)			
Total Revenues		157,236.97	157,236.97
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries and Wages		122,230.94	122,230.94
Payroll Related Costs		40,137.30	40,137.30
Professional Fees and Services		14,001.81	14,001.81
Travel		33,031.36	33,031.36
Materials and Supplies		4,617.35	4,617.35
Communication and Utilities		15,954.27	15,954.27
Repairs and Maintenance		366.00	366.00
Rentals and Leases		3,688.01	3,688.01
Printing and Reproduction		169.83	169.83
Other Expenditures		74,711.95	74,711.95
Total Expenditures		308,908.82	308,908.82
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under)			
Expenditures		(151,671.85)	(151,671.85)
Net Change in Fund Balances		(151,671.85)	(151,671.85)
Fund Financial Statement - Fund Balances			
Fund Balances, September 1, 2022, as Restated		183,116.50	183,116.50
Restatements		-	-
Fund Balances, September 1, 2022, as Restated		183,116.50	183,116.50
Appropriations Lapsed		-	-
Fund Balances, August 31, 2023	\$	31,444.65 \$	31,444.65

# SCHEDULE 1A – SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS (SEFA) FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023 (UNAUDITED)

		_		Pass-Through Fi	rom			
FEDERAL GRANTOR/	FEDERAL	NSE Name/		State	Non-State	Direct	Total PT From	Total PT To and
PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR/	CFDA	Identifying	Agency	Agencies	Entities	Program	and Direct Prog.	Expenditures
PROGRAM TITLE	Number	Number	No.	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount
U.S. Department of the Treasury								
Pass-Through From: COVID-19 - Coronavirus Relief Fund Pass-Through From:	21.027						2,094,890.66	2,094,890.66
Governor - Fiscal			300	2,094,890.66				
Totals - U.S. Department of the Treasury				2,094,890.66	0.00	0.00	2,094,890.66	2,094,890.66
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services								
Pass-Through From: Child Support Enhancement Pass-Through From:	93.563						7,300,014.49	7,300,014.49
Attorney General			302	7,300,014.49				
State Court Improvement Program Pass-Through From:	93.586						244,865.30	244,865.30
Supreme Court			201	244,865.30				
Totals - U.S. Department of Health and Human Serv	rices			7,544,879.79	0.00	0.00	7,544,879.79	7,544,879.79
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards				9,639,770.45	0.00	0.00	9,639,770.45	9,639,770.45

#### NOTES TO SEFA:

Note 1 - Non-Monetary Assistance

Not applicable to the Office of Court Administration.

Note 2 - Reconciliation

Per Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds: Federal Revenue

Federal Pass-Through Revenue
Total Federal Revenue and Federal Pass-Through Revenue

9,639,770.45 **9,639,770.45** 

RECONCILING ITEMS:

None

0.00

Total Pass-Through and Expenditures Per SEFA

9,639,770.45

Note 3a - Student Loans Processed and Administrative Cost Recovered Not applicable to the Office of Court Administration.

Note 3b - Federally Funded Loans Processed and Administrative Costs Recovered Not applicable to the Office of Court Administration.

Note 4 - N/A

Note 5 - Unemployment Insurance Funds

Not applicable to the Office of Court Administration.

Note 6 - Rebates for the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infant & Children Not applicable to the Office of Court Administration.

Note 7 - Federal Deferred Revenue

Not applicable to the Office of Court Administration.

Note 8 - Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (ALN 97.036)

Not applicable to the Office of Court Administration.

Note 9 - Economic Adjustment Assistance (ALN 11.307)

Not applicable to the Office of Court Administration.

Not applicable to the Office of Court Administration

Note 10 - 10% de Minimis Indirect Cost Rate

Not applicable to the Office of Court Administration.

Note 11 - Donations from Federal Assistance Not applicable to the Office of Court Administration.

Note 12 - Funding Sources within the CCDF Cluster (ALN 93.575, 93.596)

Not applicable to the Office of Court Administration.

Note 13 - EHV Program Funding (ALN 14.871)

Not applicable to the Office of Court Administration.

# SCHEDULE 1B—SCHEDULE OF STATE GRANT PASS-THROUGHS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023 (UNAUDITED)

Pass-through From:	Grant ID	Agency Number	Amount
JCMH-OCA Technology Grant Supreme Court	201.0005	201	27,740.96
Supreme Court		201	 27,740.96
Total Pass-Through from O	ther Agencies (Exhibit II)	:	\$ 27,740.96

Pass-through To:	Grant ID	Agency Number	Amount
Caprock Regional Public Defender Office Texas Tech University	212.0001	733 <u> </u>	373,179.49 373,179.49
Total Pass-Through to Othe	er Agencies (Exhibit I	l):	\$ 373,179.49

#### Addendum

#### **Organization and General Comments**

#### Office of Court Administration

The Office of Court Administration (OCA) provides resources and information for the efficient administration of the Judicial Branch of Texas. The agency was created in 1977 and operates under the direction of the chief justice of the Supreme Court of Texas.

The duties of the Office of Court Administration and its Administrative Director are set forth in Sections 72.011 - 72.027, Government Code, and include the following:

- 1. assist the justices and judges in discharging their administrative duties.
- 2. consult with the regional presiding judges and local administrative judges and assist them in discharging duties imposed by law or by a rule adopted by the supreme court.
- provide for the efficient administration of justice by consulting with and assisting court clerks, other court officers or employees, and clerks or other officers or employees of offices related to and serving a court.
- 4. provide for uniform administration of the courts and efficient administration of justice by consulting with and making recommendations to administrators and coordinators of the courts.
- 5. examine the judicial dockets, practices, and procedures of the courts and the administrative and business methods or systems used in the office of a clerk of a court or in an office related to and serving a court.
- recommend a necessary improvement to a method or system; a form or other document used to record judicial business; or any other change that will promote the efficient administration of justice.
- 7. prepare an annual report of the activities of the office and publish it in the annual report of the Texas Judicial Council.
- 8. under the supervision of the chief justice, implement a rule of administration or other rules adopted by the supreme court for the efficient administration of justice.
- 9. perform other duties, as assigned by the supreme court or the chief justice of the supreme court.

#### NAME **POSITION** Megan LaVoie Administrative Director Louis Tomasetti Director, Government Relations Jeffrev Tsunekawa Director, Research and Court Services María Elena Ramón **General Counsel** Jennifer Henry Chief Financial Officer Casey Kennedy **Director. Information Services** Scott Ehlers Interim Director, Texas Indigent Defense Commission Jeffrey Rinard Director, Certification Division Lynn Robitaille Garcia Director, Texas Forensic Science Commission

#### **Texas Judicial Council**

The OCA operates in conjunction with the **Texas Judicial Council**, which is the policy-making body for the state judiciary. The Council was created in 1929 by the 41st Legislature to continuously study and report on the organization and practices of the Texas judicial system.

The Council studies methods to simplify judicial procedures, expedite court business, and better administer justice. It examines the work accomplished by the courts and submits recommendations for improvement of the system to the Legislature, the Governor and the Supreme Court. The Council receives and considers input from judges, public officials, members of the bar, and citizens.

The Texas Judicial Council is comprised of twenty-two (22) members, sixteen (16) of whom are ex-officio and six (6) of whom are citizen members appointed by the Governor. Council members are not compensated for their services but are entitled to receive reimbursement for travel and other expenses incurred while in the performance of their official duties.

Members of the Texas Judicial Council as of October 31, 2022 are:

MEMBER POSITION

Chair:

Hon. Nathan L. Hecht Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Texas

Vice-Chair:

Hon. Sharon Keller Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals

Legislative Members:

Hon. Brandon CreightonState Senator, ConroeHon. Judith ZaffiriniState Senator, LaredoHon. Jeff LeachState Representative, AllenHon. Reggie SmithState Representative, Sherman

Judicial Members:

Hon. Sherry Radack

Hon. Ken Wise

Justice, 1st Court of Appeals, Houston
Justice, 14th Court of Appeals, Houston
Judge, 470th District Court, McKinney

Hon. Missy Medary Judge, 347th Judicial District Court, Corpus Christi

Presiding Judge – 5th Region

Hon. Bill Gravell Jr.

Hon. Valencia Nash

Hon. Kathleen Person

Hon. Maggie Sawyer

Justice of the Peace Pct. 3, Williamson County

Justice of the Peace Pct. 1, Place 2, Dallas County

Judge, City of Temple Municipal Court, Temple

Justice of the Peace, McCulloch County, Brady

Hon. Edward J. Spillane, III Presiding Judge, City of College Station

Hon. Claudia Laird Judge, Montgomery County Court at Law No. 2, Conroe

#### Citizen Members:

Ms. Zina Bash, Austin
Mr. Kevin Bryant, Dallas
Ms. Jennifer Caughey, Houston
Ms. Sonia Clayton, Houston
Hon. Jon Gimble, Waco
Ms. Rachel Racz, Fort Worth
Attorney
Non-Attorney
Non-Attorney

<sup>\*</sup> All terms are served until a new member is appointed.

#### Judicial Committee on Information Technology

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas appoints Judicial Committee on Information Technology (JCIT) members pursuant to Section 77.012, Government Code. The current membership includes these appointees:

#### Voting members, as of August 31, 2023:

Honorable Rebecca Simmons, Former Justice, Fourth Court of Appeals, San Antonio

Bob Wessels, Former Criminal Courts Administrator, Harris County

Honorable Lawrence Doss, Justice, Seventh Court of Appeals, Amarillo

Honorable David Escamilla, County Attorney, Travis County

Honorable Roy Ferguson, Judge, 394th District Court, Brewster, Culberson, Jeff Davis, Hudspeth Counties

Honorable Dan Hinde, Dan Hinde PLLC, Houston

Honorable Laura Hinojosa, District Clerk, Hidalgo County

D. Todd Smith, Attorney, Butler Snow LLP, Austin

Carlos R. Soltero, Attorney, Soltero Sapire Murrell PLLC, Austin

Dean Stanzione, Director of Court Administration, Lubbock County

Dennis Van Metre, Chief Technology Officer, Vinson & Elkins, Houston

Honorable John Warren, County Clerk, Dallas County

Mark Unger, The Unger Law Firm, San Antonio

Edwards E. Wells, Jr., Court Manager, County Criminal Courts, Harris County

#### Non-voting liaison members, at the pleasure of the Chief Justice as of August 31, 2023:

Honorable Jeffery S. Boyd, Justice, Supreme Court of Texas, Austin

Honorable Kevin Yeary, Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Austin

Amy Befeld, Texas Association of Counties, Austin

Miles Brissette, Attorney, Gill & Brissette, Tarrant County

Honorable David Canales, Judge, 73rd District Court, Bexar County

Honorable Ann-Marie Carruth, Judge, 72nd District Court, Lubbock County

Honorable Michal Cruz, Clerk, Fourth Court of Appeals, San Antonio

Michael Cuccaro, Executive Director, El Paso County Council of Judges, El Paso County

Annie Elliott, Court Coordinator, 434yh District Court, Fort Bend County

Doug Gowin, Operations Manager, Tarrant County

Jessica Griffith, JP Functional Analyst, Collin County

Honorable Blake Hawthorne, Clerk, Supreme Court of Texas, Austin

Tracy Hopper, IT Administrator, Harris County

Roland Johnson, Attorney, Fort Worth

Megan LaVoie, Administrative Director, Office of Court Administration, Austin

Karen Miller, Executive Director, Texas Legal Services Center

Honorable Velva Price, District Clerk, Travis County

Honorable Russ Ridgway, JP Precinct 5, Place 1, Harris County

Honorable Nancy E. Rister, District Clerk, Williamson County

Sian Schilhab, General Counsel, Court of Criminal Appeals, Austin

Stephanie Sterling, State Bar of Texas, Paralegal Section

Honorable Ralph Swearingin, JP Precinct 1, Tarrant County

Honorable Deana Williamson, Clerk, Court of Criminal Appeals, Austin

Justice Simmons serves as Chair and Mr. Wessels as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

The Honorable Jeffery S. Boyd, Justice, Supreme Court of Texas, and the Honorable Kevin Yeary, Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, serves as the Courts' liaisons.

#### **Texas Indigent Defense Commission**

The Texas Indigent Defense Commission (TIDC) is led by the Honorable Sharon Keller, Presiding Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals, and comprises five members appointed by the Governor and eight ex officio members. The Commission's work is carried out by 17 staff. The Commission is administratively attached to the Office of Court Administration. TIDC submits its legislative appropriations request and budget separately from the Office of Court Administration. TIDC's mission is protecting the right to counsel, improving public defense.

The ex-officio members of the Commission, as of August 31, 2023, are:

#### MEMBER POSITION

Honorable Sharon Keller Chair, Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Honorable Nathan L. Hecht Austin, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Conroe, State Senator Honorable Brandon Creighton Fort Worth, State Representative Honorable Nicole Collier Honorable Reggie Smith Sherman, State Representative Honorable Sherry Radack Houston, Chief Justice, First Court of Appeal Honorable Vivian Torres Medina, County Court at Law Judge Honorable John Whitmire Houston, State Senator

The members appointed by the Governor, as of August 31, 2023, are:

#### MEMBER POSITION

Mr. Alex Bunin
Houston, Chief Public Defender, Harris County
Honorable Richard Evans
Honorable Missy Medary
Honorable Valerie Covey
Mr. Gonzalo Rios, Jr.
Houston, Chief Public Defender, Harris County
Bandera, Bandera County Judge
Corpus Christi, Presiding Judge, 5th Adm. Judicial
Georgetown, Commissioner Precinct 3
San Angelo, Attorney, Gonzalo P Rios Jr Law Office

#### **Judicial Branch Certification Commission (JBCC)**

The Judicial Branch Certification Commission (JBCC) was established by the Texas Legislature during the 83rd Regular Session to promote government efficiency and

create consistency across the regulated judicial professions. The nine-member commission is appointed by the Supreme Court of Texas. The core responsibility of the JBCC is the oversight of the certification, registration, and licensing of approximately 6603 court reporters and court reporting firms, guardians and guardianship programs, process servers, and licensed court interpreters. The JBCC team also registers all guardianships throughout Texas which includes training and criminal histories.

#### **Members Appointed to the JBCC**

The Supreme Court of Texas appointed members to serve staggered terms on the Judicial Branch Certification Commission:

MEMBER	CITY	<b>EXPIRES</b>
Hon. Sid Harle, Chairman Hon. William Sowder, Vice-Chair	San Antonio Lubbock	2029 2027
Hon. Victor Villarreal	Laredo	2023
Hon. Glen Harrison	Sweetwater	2025
Hon. Polly Spencer	San Antonio	2025

Don D. Ford, Attorney,	Houston	2025
Mark Blenden, Attorney	Dallas	2029
Ann Murray Moore, Attorney	Edinburg	2027
Velma Arellano, Court Reporter	Edinburg	2027

JBCC members receive no compensation for their services, but are entitled to reimbursement of travel expenses while performing their official duties as members of the Commission.

#### **Texas Forensic Science Commission**

The Texas Legislature created the Texas Forensic Science Commission ("Commission") during the 79th Legislative Session to investigate allegations of professional negligence or professional misconduct that would substantially affect the integrity of the results of a forensic analysis conducted by a crime laboratory. The Commission is also charged with developing and implementing a reporting system through which accredited laboratories report professional negligence or misconduct. During subsequent legislative sessions, the Texas Legislature further amended the Code of Criminal Procedure, clarifying and expanding the Commission's jurisdiction to include oversight of the State's crime laboratory accreditation and forensic analyst licensing programs. The 87th Texas Legislature tasked the Commission with establishing a code of professional responsibility to regulate the conduct of persons, laboratories, facilities, and other entities subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. The Commission is also actively engaged in various forensic development initiatives and works collaboratively with stakeholders in the criminal justice system to improve education and training in forensic science and the law.

#### Members Appointed to the TFSC

The Commission's nine-member panel consisting of seven scientists and two lawyers (including one defense attorney representative and one prosecutor representative) is appointed by the Governor of Texas. Members serve staggered two-year terms.

MEMBER	CITY	<b>EXPIRES</b>
Dr. Jeffrey Barnard, Presiding Officer	Dallas	2023
Dr. Patrick Buzzini	Spring	2024
Dr. Michael Coble	Fort Worth	2024
Mr. Mark Daniel, J.D.	Fort Worth	2023
Dr. Nancy Downing	Bryan	2024
Dr. Jasmine Drake	Houston	2024
Dr. Sarah Kerrigan	The Woodlands	2023
Mr. Jarvis Parsons, D.A.	Bryan	2023
VACANT SEAT		

Commission members receive no compensation for their services but are entitled to reimbursement of travel expenses while performing their official duties as members of the Commission.

## **Organization Chart**

