

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

MISSION

The Fort Bend County District Attorney's office represents the people of the State of Texas in all felony and misdemeanor criminal cases in the District Courts, County Courts at-Law, and Justice Courts. It is the primary duty of the District Attorney and his assistants, not to convict, but to see that justice is done. Additionally, the District Attorney represents the State in asset forfeiture cases, bond forfeiture cases, juvenile matters, and protective orders as well as aiding crime victims through its victim assistance coordinator.

GOALS

GOAL 1

Provide effective prosecution in all courts in order to effectively move the dockets while ensuring justice.

- Objective 1** Recruitment of prosecutors requires that we continue our dynamic internship program, whereby students are allowed to work and learn in a courtroom environment.
- Objective 2** Become more competitive with Harris County for prosecutors, and pay them at least 90 percent of what Harris County does.
- Objective 3** Upgrade positions to keep the best prosecutors. Currently, the office trains prosecutors to become excellent lawyers, only to have them leave (and take the County's investment with them). A salary, which is more competitive with Harris County, should be achieved.

GOAL 2

To improve prosecution in services, in order to ensure justice.

- Objective 1** Add assistants commensurate with the creation of new courts and increased caseload.
- Objective 2** As soon as practical, create an additional position for another full-time Assistant District Attorney to concentrate on filing of cases in the intake division.

GOAL 3

Increase services to victims of family violence, in order to enhance education and protection of the public.

- Objective 1** Increased public awareness as well as interest and ability on the part of law enforcement to address family violence.
- Objective 2** Continue to bring awareness of victimization to the citizens during National Domestic Violence Awareness month, a month of community participation and programs in support of victims of domestic violence.
- Objective 3** Assist the Crime Victims' Response Team in its efforts to develop and distribute a county wide brochure outline services to victims of domestic violence.

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PERFORMANCE MEASURES ¹	2010 ² ACTUAL	2011 ACTUAL	2012 PROJECTED
Appellate Affirmance Ratio	96	88 ³	96
Worthless Check Clearance Rate	97.8	84.4	84.6
Felony Case Dispositions	101.2	93.5 ⁴	90.5
Misdemeanor Case Dispositions	96.6	116.6 ⁴	97.7

¹All figures are reported as percentages (%).

²Figures represent the start of the state's fiscal year on 9/1 through 3/31. Previous figures are based on a full calendar year.

³Estimate only

⁴Figures based upon data affected by Odyssey database implementation. Data conversion limitations may skew results.

APPELLATE AFFIRMANCE RATIO

This indicator measures the success rate of appeals and post-conviction writs won for cases successfully prosecuted, but which are appealed. State's appeals are also included. Shown as a percentage, this indicator is expressed as the number of appeals/writs affirmed over total appeals/writs filed. *NOTE:* Variances may result from filings on individual cases not matching their affirmances when both do not occur within the reported time frame. The appellate process routinely takes more than a year to complete.

WORTHLESS CHECK CLEARANCE RATE

This indicator measures the success of disposing of worthless checks submitted to the District Attorney's Office. Expressed as a percentage, this indicator shows the number of checks disposed over the total number submitted. *NOTE:* Variances may result from submissions on individual cases not matching their dispositions when both do not occur within the reported calendar year.

FELONY CASE DISPOSITIONS

This indicator measures the rate at which indicted felony cases are disposed of by all means – including trials, pleas and dismissals. Shown as a percentage, this measure would be expressed as the number of felony cases disposed over the total number of felony cases indicted.

MISDEMEANOR CASE DISPOSITIONS

This indicator measures the rate at which misdemeanor cases accepted for charges are disposed of by all means – including trials, pleas, and dismissals. Shown as a percentage, this measure would be expressed as the number of misdemeanor cases disposed over the total number of misdemeanor cases where charges are filed.

NOTE: The data reflects the state's fiscal year start to present: September 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011.

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FUND: 100 General

ACCOUNTING UNIT: 100480100 District Attorney

EXPENSE BUDGET

CATEGORY	2010 ACTUAL	2011 ADOPTED	2012 ADOPTED
Salaries & Personnel Costs	\$ 6,008,755	\$ 6,351,189	\$ 6,674,582
Operating & Training Costs	\$ 232,467	\$ 363,993	\$ 275,565
Information Technology Costs	\$ -	\$ 20,908	\$ -
Capital Acquisitions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 6,241,222	\$ 6,736,090	\$ 6,950,147

2012 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS

Job Title	Job Code	Grade	Count
District Attorney	J00012	G00	1
Clerk II	J06007	G06	1
Receptionist	J06017	G06	2
Administrative Secretary	J07001	G07	21
Admin Secretary-Investigations	J08004	G08	1
Misdemeanor Support Staff Coord	J09044	G09	1
Victim Assistance Coordinator	J09056	G09	1
Worthless Check Division Coord	J09058	G09	1
Administrative Coordinator	J11002	G11	1
Investigator	J11030	G11	5
Attorney I	J12003	G12	14
Chief Investigator	J12006	G12	1
Attorney II	J14003	G14	18
Attorney II - Child Abuse	J14021	G14	3
Chief Appellate Prosecutor	J15004	G15	1
Chief Child Abuse Prosecutor	J15005	G15	1
Chief Intake Prosecutor	J15008	G15	1
Chief Juvenile Prosecutor	J15009	G15	1
Chief Misdemeanor Prosecutor	J15010	G15	1
Chief Narcotics Prosecutor	J15011	G15	1
Chief Economic Crimes	J15023	G15	1
First Asst. District Attorney	J17003	G17	1
Total Authorized Positions			79

2012 NEW POSITIONS

Job Title	Job Code	Grade	Count
Investigator	J11030	G11	1
Attorney II	J14003	G14	2
Total New Positions			3

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ORGANIZATION CHART

