



STATE OF ILLINOIS
OFFICE OF THE
AUDITOR GENERAL

Frank J. Mautino, Auditor General

SUMMARY REPORT DIGEST

OFFICE OF THE STATE APPELLATE DEFENDER

**Compliance Examination
For the Two Years Ended June 30, 2016**

Release Date: April 6, 2017

FINDINGS THIS AUDIT:	0
FINDINGS LAST AUDIT:	0

INTRODUCTION

The Office of the State Appellate Defender (Office) is statutorily charged with the responsibility to represent indigent persons on appeal in criminal cases when appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court, the Appellate Court, or the Circuit Court.

There were no material findings of noncompliance disclosed during our examination.

ACCOUNTANT'S OPINION

The accountants conducted a compliance examination of the Office for the two years ended June 30, 2016, as required by the Illinois State Auditing Act. The accountants stated the Office complied, in all material respects, with the requirements described in the report.

This compliance examination was conducted by the Office of the Auditor General's staff.

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BRUCE L. BULLARD
Division Director

This report is transmitted in accordance with Section 3-14 of the Illinois State Auditing Act.

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FRANK J. MAUTINO
Auditor General

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{Expenditures and Activity Measures are summarized on next page.}

**OFFICE OF THE STATE APPELLATE DEFENDER
COMPLIANCE EXAMINATION
For the Two Years Ended June 30, 2016**

EXPENDITURE STATISTICS	2016	2015	2014
Total Expenditures.....	\$ 19,193,123	\$ 19,839,325	\$ 19,829,610
OPERATIONS TOTAL.....	\$ 19,193,123	\$ 19,839,325	\$ 19,829,610
% of Total Expenditures.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Personal Services.....	14,455,650	14,981,837	14,974,198
Other Payroll Costs (FICA, Retirement).....	1,040,827	1,076,331	1,074,937
All Other Operating Expenditures.....	3,696,646	3,781,157	3,780,475
Total Receipts.....	\$ 163,915	\$ 153,828	\$ 133,389
Average Number of Employees (Not Examined)....	221	223	225
SELECTED ACTIVITY MEASURES (Not Examined)	2016	2015	2014
Cases Appointed.....	2,755	3,128	3,244
Reopened Cases.....	14	-	-
Cases Closed.....	2,455	2,598	2,952
Cases Pending at Year End.....	6,283	5,969	5,439
Average Cost per Case Closed.....	\$ 7,698	\$ 7,626	\$ 6,649
Briefs Filed:			
Original.....	1,403	1,522	1,460
<i>Anders</i>	113	379	346
Motions to Withdraw/Dismiss Filed.....	486	553	530
Summary Motions Filed.....	169	214	326
Total.....	<u>2,171</u>	<u>2,668</u>	<u>2,662</u>
STATE APPELLATE DEFENDER			
During Examination Period: Michael J. Pelletier			
Currently: Michael J. Pelletier			