



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, 2018**

Release Date: April 4, 2019

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, 2018, 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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JANE CLARK
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.}

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COMPLIANCE EXAMINATION
For the Two Years Ended June 30, 2018**

EXPENDITURE STATISTICS	2018	2017	2016
Total Expenditures	\$ 20,836,228	\$ 19,507,877	\$ 19,193,123
OPERATIONS TOTAL.....	\$ 20,811,667	\$ 19,507,771	\$ 19,192,782
% of Total Expenditures.....	99.9%	100.0%	100.0%
Personal Services.....	16,170,797	15,484,761	14,958,715
Other Payroll Costs (FICA, Retirement).....	1,169,729	1,125,421	1,136,688
All Other Operations Items.....	3,471,141	2,897,589	3,097,379
REFUNDS.....	\$ 24,561	\$ 106	\$ 341
% of Total Expenditures.....	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Total Receipts.....	\$ 60,445	\$ 69,554	\$ 163,915
Average No. of Employees.....	230	224	221

SELECTED ACTIVITY MEASURES (Not Examined)	2018	2017	2016
Caseload Statistics:			
Cases Pending at the Beginning of the Year.....	6,115	6,283	5,969
Cases Appointed.....	2,449	2,531	2,755
Reopened Cases.....	-	-	14
Cases Closed.....	(2,602)	(2,699)	(2,455)
Cases Pending at Year End.....	<u>5,962</u>	<u>6,115</u>	<u>6,283</u>
Briefs Filed:			
Original.....	1,467	1,370	1,403
<i>Anders</i>	143	128	113
Motions to Withdraw/Dismiss Filed.....	461	445	486
Summary Motions Filed.....	178	203	169
Total.....	<u>2,249</u>	<u>2,146</u>	<u>2,171</u>

STATE APPELLATE DEFENDER
During Examination Period: Mr. Michael J. Pelletier (through 12/31/17)
Currently: Mr. James E. Chadd (effective 1/1/18)