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Dear Secretary Bugher, Senator Burke and Representative Gard:

S.977.085, Stats, requires the Public Defender Board to provide quarterly reports to the Department of Administration and the Joint Committee on Finance, regarding our agency's actual and projected caseloads, expenditures and collections.

In late 1996-97, the SPD undertook an emergency conversion of our aging and unstable private bar reimbursement system, which became the first phase of our agency's successful conversion to state standard personal computers and software. Until the conversion was completed, some of the data required under s.977.085 was not available to us, which led to our postponing submission of quarterly reports.

The SPD has been routinely providing budget, caseload and collections information to DOA, each member of the Joint Committee on Finance, other key legislators and other interested parties in our bimonthly *Criminal Justice Update* publication. However, I recently learned that we did not resume submitting separate quarterly reports. I regret this oversight, and have enclosed quarterly reports for the quarters ending June 30, 1997 through March 31, 1999, for your review. We will, of course, continue to send you each edition of the *Criminal Justice Update*.

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Dear Secretary Bugher, Senator Burke and Representative Gard:

In accordance with s.977.085, Stats, the Office of the State Public Defender (SDP) is submitting its fourth quarter report on the 1996-97 private bar appropriation [s.20.550(1)(d)].

In fiscal year 1996-97, the SPD opened a total of 116,904 cases; 25,888 of these were appointed to private bar attorneys and an additional 11,590 cases were appointed to private bar contractors. For historical context, in FY95, the agency opened 132,891 cases. In FY96, the total caseload dropped to 115,557 due to a number of reasons. These include tighter screening of those claiming indigency, potential clients declining services because of the obligation to pay for representation, and fewer indigent people because of the better state economy.

As part of the 1995-97 biennial budget, the agency was directed to enter into fixed-fee contracts for not more than 33% of its private bar cases. In FY97, the SPD entered into 116 fixed-fee contracts for up to 15,503 misdemeanor cases. Due to increased staff caseloads and a reduction in the number of misdemeanor cases, only 11,590 contract cases were actually appointed during FY97.

The agency began the 1995-97 biennium with a deficit of \$18.4 million in its private bar appropriation. Management and staff efforts reduced this deficit to \$2.34 million, which the Joint Committee on Finance provided under s.13.10, in February 1997, thus fully funding the private bar appropriation for 1995-97.

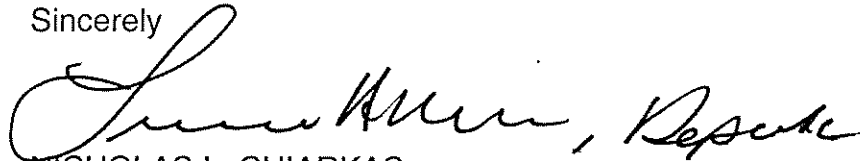
During the 1995-97 Biennium, the SPD implemented the only known defender collections program in the country not reliant on a court collection system. State Public Defender collections are received in the following categories: SPD initiated, DOA contract collections, county juvenile recoupment and court ordered payments. The majority of funds are received from the SPD initiated program. The chart below indicates the receipts by source of the total \$1,257,916 received in FY97.

FY97 Total Receipts

Source	Total Received	Percent
SPD Initiative	\$815,352.40	65%
Court Ordered Atty. Fees	141,716.40	11%
Juvenile Recoupment	221,925.60	18%
DOA Contracted Collections	78,922.57	6%
Total	\$1,257,916.97	100%

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During the first quarter of fiscal year 1997-98, the SPD opened a total of 27,918 cases; 6,494 of these were appointed to private bar attorneys and an additional 2,949 cases were appointed to private bar contractors. For historical context, in FY97, the agency opened 116,904 cases. We do not project a significant variation from that total in the current fiscal year.

As part of the 1995-97 biennial budget, the agency was directed to enter into fixed-fee contracts for not more than 33% of its private bar cases. For FY98, the SPD entered into 105 fixed-fee contracts for up to 14,819 misdemeanor cases.

The agency began the 1997-99 biennium with a projected deficit of \$6.7 million, including: \$1.8 million related to "budget efficiency reductions" required 1997 Act 27, the biennial budget bill; an estimated \$2.9 million in unfunded pay plan costs; \$.4 million for computer maintenance; and \$1.3 million for turnover salary savings.

State Public Defender collections are received in the following categories: SPD initiated, DOA contract collections, county juvenile recoupment and court ordered payments. The chart below indicates

the collections received by category for the first quarter of FY98. During this time period, the agency referred \$5,046,963 of client accounts to the DOA contracted collection agencies. In return, the SPD received a total of \$7,778.63 (collected from clients) from these agencies.

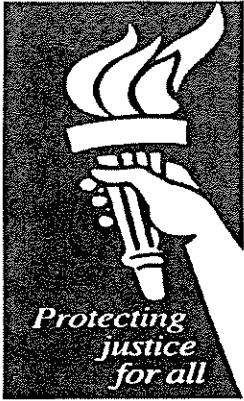
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August '97	\$ 60,705.00	\$ 12,687.44	\$ 21,908.28	\$ 3,384.60	\$ 98,685.32
Sept. '97	\$ 77,513.56	\$ 21,066.26	\$ 20,320.95	\$ 2,741.54	\$ 121,642.31
Total	\$ 178,546.56	\$ 42,284.24	\$ 57,683.62	\$ 7,778.63	\$ 286,293.05

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During the first half of fiscal year 1997-98, the SPD opened a total of 57,546 cases; 14,188 of these were appointed to private bar attorneys and an additional 6,236 cases were appointed to private bar contractors. For historical context, in FY97, the agency opened 116,904 cases. We do not project a significant variation from that total in the current fiscal year.

As part of the 1995-97 biennial budget, the agency was directed to enter into fixed-fee contracts for not more than 33% of its private bar cases. For FY98, the SPD entered into 105 fixed-fee contracts for up to 14,819 misdemeanor cases.

The agency currently projects a 1997-99 deficit of \$6.7 million, including: \$1.8 million related to "budget efficiency reductions" required 1997 Act 27, the biennial budget bill, which were applied to the private bar appropriation following the 14-day passive review process; \$2.9 million in unfunded pay plan costs; \$.4 million for computer maintenance; and up to \$1.3 million for budgeted turnover salary savings.

State Public Defender collections are received in the following categories: SPD initiated, DOA contract collections, county juvenile recoupment and court ordered payments. The chart below indicates the collections received by category during the first six months of FY98. During this time period, the agency referred \$9,449,376.96 of client accounts to the DOA contracted collection agencies. In return, the SPD received a total of \$14,644.54 (collected from clients) from these agencies.

Month	SPD Initiative	Court Ordered Atty Fees	Juvenile Recoupment	Contracted DOA Collections	Total
July '97	\$ 40,328.00	\$ 8,530.54	\$ 15,454.39	\$ 1,652.49	\$ 65,965.42
August '97	\$ 60,705.00	\$ 12,687.44	\$ 21,908.28	\$ 3,384.60	\$ 98,685.32
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Oct. '97	\$ 69,239.08	\$ 19,238.56	\$ 16,765.83	\$ 1,320.92	\$ 106,564.39
Nov. '97	\$ 67,097.42	\$ 12,203.69	\$ 23,907.48	\$ 2,878.21	\$ 106,086.80
Dec. '97	\$ 68,014.00	\$ 6,310.99	\$ 20,195.49	\$ 2,676.78	\$ 97,197.26
Total	\$ 382,897.06	\$ 80,037.48	\$ 118,552.42	\$ 14,654.54	\$ 596,141.50

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Dear Secretary Bugher, Senator Burke and Representative Gard:

In accordance with s.977.085, Stats, the Office of the State Public Defender (SDP) is submitting its third quarter report on the 1997-98 private bar appropriation [s.20.550(1)(d)].

During the first three quarters of fiscal year 1997-98, the SPD opened a total of 86,418 cases; 21,480 of these were appointed to private bar attorneys and an additional 8,977 cases were appointed to private bar contractors. For historical context, in FY97, the agency opened 116,904 cases. We project total FY98 openings to be one to two percent less than last year.

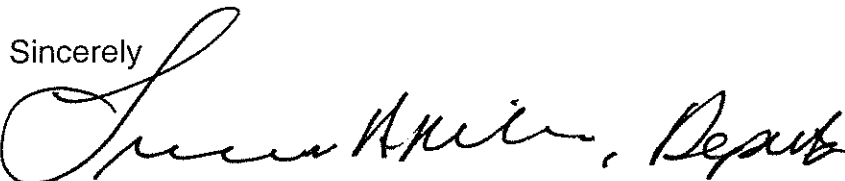
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The agency currently projects a 1997-99 deficit of \$3.3 million. This consists of: \$1.8 million in "budget efficiency reductions" required by 1997 Act 27, the biennial budget bill, which were applied to the private bar appropriation following the 14-day passive review process; \$.9 million in unfunded pay plan costs; and \$.6 million for computer maintenance. A provision pending in the budget adjustment bill would fully fund the agency's previously unfunded attorney pay plan costs. Latest projections indicate that the SPD will achieve the \$1.3 million budgeted for salary turnover.

State Public Defender collections are received in the following categories: SPD initiated, DOA contract collections, county juvenile recoupment and court ordered payments. The chart below indicates the collections received by category during the three quarters of FY98. During this time period, the agency referred \$13,732,856 of client accounts to the DOA contracted collection agencies. In return, the SPD received a total of \$16,358.54 (collected from clients) from these agencies.

Month	SPD Initiative	Court Ordered Atty Fees	Juvenile Recoupment	Contracted DOA Collections	Total
July '97	\$ 40,328.00	\$ 8,530.54	\$ 15,454.39	\$ 1,652.49	\$ 65,965.42
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Dec. '97	\$ 68,014.00	\$ 6,310.99	\$ 20,195.49	\$ 2,676.78	\$ 97,197.26
Jan. '98	\$ 66,757.51	\$ 1,837.88	\$ 23,279.88	\$ 1,703.90	\$ 93,579.17
Feb. '98	\$ 82,757.00	\$ 26,384.68	\$ 23,531.56	\$ 493.42	\$ 133,166.66
March '98	\$ 76,107.92	\$ 16,209.49	\$ 26,688.02	\$ 638.27	\$ 119,643.70
Total	\$ 608,519.49	\$ 124,469.53	\$ 192,051.88	\$ 17,490.13	\$ 942,531.03

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During fiscal year 1997-98, the SPD opened a total of 114,725 cases; 29,186 of these were appointed to private bar attorneys and an additional 12,262 cases were appointed to private bar contractors. For historical context, in FY97, the agency opened 116,904 cases.

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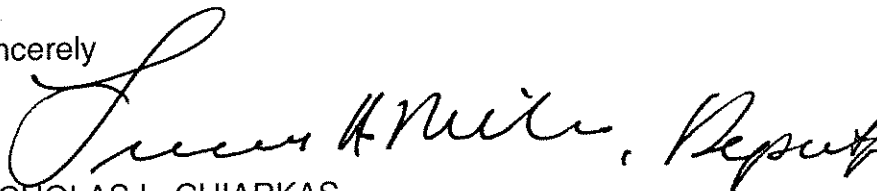
The agency currently projects a 1997-99 deficit of \$1.6 million. This includes \$987,600 in FY99 "budget efficiency reductions" for which funding was restored in the budget adjustment bill and placed in the Joint committee on Finance reserve appropriation for release if needed. It also includes \$636,000 for computer maintenance. We project that the SPD will achieve the \$1.3 million budgeted for turnover salary savings.

State Public Defender collections are received in the following categories: SPD initiated, DOA contract collections, county juvenile recoupment and court ordered payments. The chart below indicates the total collections received by category during FY98. During this time period, the agency referred \$18,041,686 of client accounts to the DOA contracted collection agencies. In return, the SPD received a total of \$30,029.29 (collected from clients) from these agencies.

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July '97	\$ 40,328.00	\$ 8,530.54	\$ 15,454.39	\$ 1,652.49	\$ 65,965.42
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March '98	\$ 76,107.92	\$ 16,209.49	\$ 26,688.02	\$ 638.27	\$ 119,643.70
April '98	\$ 67,977.86	\$ 15,697.02	\$ 32,803.77	\$ 3,795.04	\$ 120,273.69
May '98	\$ 66,890.00	\$ 16,155.87	\$ 22,112.97	\$ 2,534.44	\$ 107,693.28
June '98	\$ 108,653.16	\$ 34,818.51	\$ 45,655.15	\$ 6,209.68	\$ 195,336.50
Total	\$ 852,040.51	\$ 191,140.93	\$ 232,623.77	\$ 30,029.29	\$ 1,365,834.50

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During the first quarter of fiscal year 1998-99, the SPD opened a total of 29,729 cases; 7,941 of these were appointed to private bar attorneys and an additional 3,050 cases were appointed to private bar contractors. We project total FY99 case openings within the range of the previous two fiscal years: 116,904 cases in FY97, and 114,725 in FY98.

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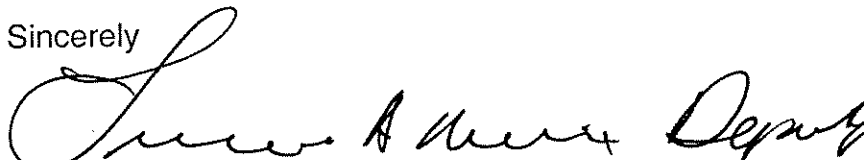
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State Public Defender collections are received in the following categories: SPD initiated, DOA contract collections, county juvenile recoupment and court ordered payments. The chart below indicates the collections received by category for the first quarter of FY99. During this time period, the agency referred \$4,199,710 of client accounts to the DOA contracted collection agencies. In return, the SPD received a total of \$9,847.06 (collected from clients) from these agencies

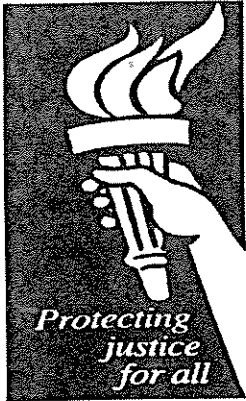
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July '98	\$ 38,785.00	\$ 3,207.08	\$ 18,535.47	\$ 3,712.61	\$ 64,240.16
August '98	\$ 60,567.16	\$ 18,527.57	\$ 21,517.67	\$ 3,361.56	\$ 103,973.96
Sept. '98	\$ 75,051.44	\$ 19,135.58	\$ 31,058.46	\$ 2,772.89	\$ 128,018.37
Total	\$ 174,403.60	\$ 40,870.23	\$ 71,111.60	\$ 9,847.06	\$ 296,232.49

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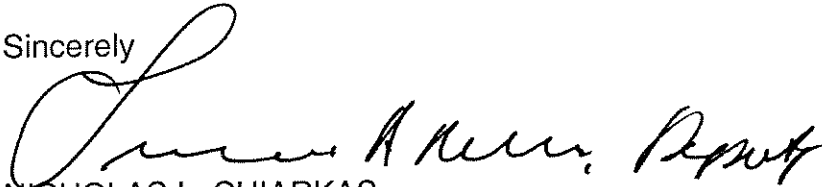
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Month	SPD Initiative	Court Ordered Atty Fees	Juvenile Recoupment	Contracted DOA Collections	Total
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Total	\$ 380,926.45	\$ 91,752.72	\$ 165,172.44	\$ 21,001.97	\$ 658,853.58

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Dear Secretary Bugher, Senator Burke and Representative Gard:

In accordance with s.977.085, Stats, the Office of the State Public Defender (SPD) is submitting its third quarter report on the 1998-99 private bar appropriation [s.20.550(1)(d)].

During the first three quarters of fiscal year 1998-99, the SPD opened a total of 85,084 cases; 22,929 of these were appointed to private bar attorneys and an additional 8,435 cases were appointed to private bar contractors. We project total FY99 case openings within the range of the previous two fiscal years: 116,904 cases in FY97, and 114,725 in FY98.

S. 977.08(3)(f) and (fg) direct the State Public Defender to enter into fixed-fee contracts for not more than 33% of its private bar cases. For FY99, the SPD entered into 93 fixed-fee contracts for up to 13,993 misdemeanor cases.

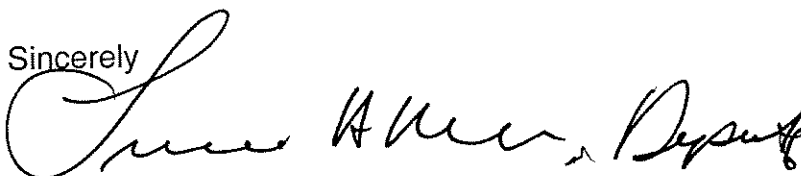
The agency began the 1997-99 biennium with a projected deficit of \$6.7 million, The Budget Adjustment Bill provided reserves to fully fund previously unfunded pay plan costs, and to restore "budget efficiency reductions" required 1997 Act 27, the biennial budget bill. When appropriating funds to the SPD's private bar appropriation, the Governor and Legislature assume this appropriation should be funded to pay in a fiscal year, all bills received in local offices by the

end of March. We are very pleased to report that we will be able to accomplish this in FY99 without requesting restoration of the second year "budget efficiency reduction" of \$987,600 from the Joint Committee on Finance. We still project an operating deficit of \$636,000 for unfunded computer maintenance, but will achieve the entire \$1.3 million budgeted for turnover salary savings.

State Public Defender collections are received in the following categories: SPD initiated, DOA contract collections, county juvenile recoupment and court ordered payments. The chart below indicates the collections received by category during the three quarters of FY99.

Month	SPD Initiative	Court Ordered Atty Fees	Juvenile Recoupment	Contracted DOA Collections	Total
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Jan. '99	\$ 70,596.05	\$ 5,450.11	\$ 18,291.56	\$ 2,197.00	\$ 96,534.72
Feb. '99	\$ 67,016.52	\$ 10,295.35	\$ 27,760.02	\$ 3,591.32	\$ 108,663.21
March '99	\$ 95,757.00	\$ 32,544.94	\$ 29,152.96	\$ 2,937.74	\$ 160,392.64
Total	\$ 614,296.02	\$ 140,043.12	\$ 240,376.98	\$ 29,728.03	\$ 1,024,444.15

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Dear Secretary Bugher, Senator Burke and Representative Gard:

In accordance with s.977.085, Stats, the Office of the State Public Defender (SPD) is submitting its fourth quarter report on the 1998-99 private bar appropriation [s.20.550(1)(d)].

The agency began the 1997-99 biennium with a projected deficit of \$6.7 million. The Budget Adjustment Bill provided reserves to fully fund previously unfunded pay plan costs, and to restore "budget efficiency reductions" required in 1997 Act 27, the biennial budget bill. When appropriating funds to the SPD's private bar appropriation, the Governor and Legislature assume this appropriation should be funded to pay in a fiscal year, all bills received in local offices by the end of March. I am very pleased to report that we were able to accomplish this in FY99 without requesting restoration of the second year "budget efficiency reduction" of \$987,600 from the Joint Committee on Finance. In addition, we were able to achieve the entire \$1.3 million budgeted for turnover salary savings.

State Public Defender collections are received in the following categories: SPD initiated, DOA contract collections, county juvenile recoupment and court ordered payments. The chart below indicates the collections received by category during FY99. During this time period, the agency referred \$17,558,437 of client accounts to the DOA contracted collection agencies. In return, the SPD received a total of \$38,689 (collected from clients) from these agencies

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DATE	SPD INITIATIVE	COURT – ORDERED ATTY FEES	JUV RECOUP	DOA CONTRACT COLLECTIONS	TOTAL
Jul-98	38,715	3,207	0	3,713	45,635
Aug-98	60,567	18,528	21,518	3,362	103,974
Sep-98	75,051	19,136	31,058	2,773	128,018
Oct-98	69,676	17,312	33,514	3,693	124,195
Nov-98	71,827	21,481	26,193	4,164	123,665
Dec-98	65,020	12,089	34,353	3,298	114,761
Jan-99	70,596	5,450	18,292	2,197	96,535
Feb-99	67,017	10,295	27,760	3,591	108,663
Mar-99	95,757	32,545	29,153	2,938	160,393
Apr-99	71,550	18,291	34,493	3,666	128,000
May-99	71,240	19,766	34,853	2,243	128,102
Jun-99	71,097	20,695	35,272	3,052	130,117
TOTALS	828,113	198,796	326,460	38,689	1,392,058

In Fiscal Year 1998-99, the SPD opened a total of 115,632 cases, based on preliminary case data. Private bar attorneys represented 30,473 of that total, and private bar contractors represented 10,768 cases. For historical context, the SPD opened 114,725 cases in FY98, and 116,904 cases in FY97.

Under current law, we project our fiscal year 1999-00 caseload to be consistent with the previous three years. However, the pending 1999-01 budget includes a provision, approved by the Conference Committee, restoring SPD authority to represent parents in CHIPS (Children in Need of Protective Services) cases. If this provision becomes law, we estimate it would add more than 5,000 cases per year, which would result in a deficit of up to \$2.7 million in the SPD's biennial private bar appropriation.

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