

ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT AND MAGISTRATE COURTS

McKinley and San Juan Counties

The Eleventh Judicial District is comprised of six court locations; three magistrate and three district courts, spread across two counties in the beautiful Four Corners region of northwest New Mexico. The following demographics reflect our diverse population:

McKinley County has a population of 72,902 with a median household income of \$40,108. 78% of the population is American Indian, 12% is Hispanic, and 10% is White. 45% of households speak a language other than English.

San Juan County has a population of 120,675 people with a median household income of \$50,734. The population is 37% White, non-Hispanic; 43% American Indian, and 20% Hispanic. 31% of households speak a language other than English.

FY26 BUDGET REQUEST

FY24 CASE LOAD STATISTICS

DISTRICT COURT

New and Reopened:
9,721
Cases Closed:
9,686
Clearance Rate:
99.6%

MAGISTRATE COURT

New & Reopened:
17,493
Cases Closed:
18,270
Clearance Rate:
104.4%

FY26 General Fund Budget Request: \$422,800 (2.8%) for:

- ◆ \$124,700 Unfunded Judicial Salaries 1/3
- ◆ \$41,000 for increases to the GSD/Risk Management mandatory premiums
- ◆ \$500 for increases to our financial audit cost
- ◆ \$203,600 for three new perm FTE positions: One Financial Specialist and two Judicial Specialist 2
- ◆ \$53,000 for Security Services Officer for Gallup District contract

FY26 Capital Request:

- ◆ 183,800 replace outdated security camera/access system at Aztec Magistrate Court
- ◆ 194,600 replace outdated security camera/access system at Farmington Magistrate Court
- ◆ 283,000 replace outdated security camera/access system at Gallup Magistrate Court
- ◆ \$165,900 install Bullet Resistive Glass in San Juan County Magistrate Courts

FY26 Special Request:

- ◆ \$56,400 replace furniture, reconfigure cubicles in Farmington Magistrate Court
- ◆ \$139,200 furniture for new offices Aztec District Court
- ◆ \$71,200 refresh computer systems district wide

FY25 Supplemental Request:

- ◆ \$124,700 Unfunded Judicial Salaries 1/3

The Eleventh Judicial District consists of six court locations:

District Courts

Aztec District Court: 3 Judges
Gallup District Court: 3 Judges
Farmington District Court: 3 Judges
1 Hearing Officer

Magistrate Courts

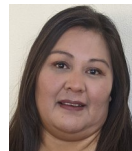
Aztec Magistrate Court: 3 Judges
Farmington Magistrate Court: 3 Judges
Gallup Magistrate Court: 3 Judges



R. DAVID PEDERSON
CHIEF JUDGE



Jodie Schwebel
Court Executive Officer



Roberta Werito-Jones
Chief Financial Officer



John Guaderrama
Deputy Court Executive Officer

ALTERNATIVE COURT PROGRAMS

- Adult Pretrial Services
- Adult Drug Court
- Adult Treatment Court
- Adult DWI Court
- Juvenile Grade Court
- Young Adult Court

COURT SERVICES

- CASA
- Abuse & Neglect Mediation
- Custody/Visitation Mediation
- Civil Settlement Facilitation
- Alumni and Peer Support
- Transportation Services to Court

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Justice Stations
- Scribing Services
- Hours of Operation
- Monthly Self-Represented Resource Clinics
- Biannual Legal Fairs
- Behavioral Health Clinic

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INITIATIVES

The Eleventh Judicial District has collaborated with the Behavioral Health Services Department (BHSD) to pilot a competency clinic in the district. The partnership provides an Administrative Assistant who coordinates and schedules all competency evaluations for the district, as well as providing text and call reminders to defendants for their scheduled evaluations. The Administrative Assistant also coordinates transcription services for defendants as needed.

The project has successfully coordinated evaluations that meet the time limits required by the Supreme Court. In addition, we have a specialized Pretrial Services caseload for defendants who are pending competency determination, which provides frequent check-ins, referrals for services, and coordination with case managers and family support.

We are further expanding this program by piloting the implementation of Pretrial Support Navigators, who will work closely with Pretrial defendants with behavioral health needs that could benefit from case management services.

Staff & Vacancy Rates

149.5 authorized positions: 11 current vacancies (8.3% vacancy rate)