

ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT AND MAGISTRATE COURTS

San Juan and McKinley Counties



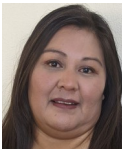
CURTIS R. GURLEY
CHIEF JUDGE



Jodie Schwebel
Court Executive Officer



John Guaderrama
Deputy Court Executive
Officer



Roberta Werito-Jones
Chief Financial Officer

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:

San Juan County has a population of 120,418 people with a median household income of \$47,485. The population is 37% White, non-Hispanic; 38% American Indian, and 15% Hispanic. 33% of households speak a language other than English.

McKinley County has a population of 69,380 with a median household income of \$45,636. 74% of the population is American Indian, 15% is Hispanic, and 8% is White. 55% of households speak a language other than English.

FY25 BUDGET REQUEST

FY25 General Fund Budget Request: \$165,000 (1.2%) for:

- ◆ \$164,400 for increases to the GSD/Risk Management mandatory premiums and insurance costs
- ◆ \$1,100 for increases to our financial audit cost

FY25 Expansion Request is \$592,500 (4.3%) for:

- ◆ \$537,500 for five new perm FTE and conversion of two term to perm FTE
Perm positions: IT Specialist, Court Service Specialist, Court probation Officer 2 (Pretrial Services), Administrative Assistant 2 (Adult Drug Court), and Court Probation Officer 2 (Adult Drug Court).
Term positions: Financial Specialist and Court Probation Officer 2 (Young Adult Court)
- ◆ \$55,000 for Special Master/Hearing Officer contract

FY25 Special Request:

- ◆ \$140,200 replace furniture, reconfigure cubicles in magistrate and district courts
- ◆ \$73,400 refresh computer systems district wide
- ◆ \$21,600 General Services Department insurance fund solvency

FY24 Supplemental Request:

- ◆ \$21,600 General Service Department insurance fund solvency

Staff & Vacancy Rates

145.5 authorized positions: 10 current vacancies (6.8% vacancy rate)

FY23 CASE LOAD STATISTICS

DISTRICT COURT

New and Reopened:
9,690
Cases Closed:
9,318
Clearance Rate:
96.2%

MAGISTRATE COURT

New & Reopened:
16,968
Cases Closed:
17,354
Clearance Rate:
102.3%

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



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

JUSTICE STATION INITIATIVES

Access to transportation to and from court proceedings, as well as the technology required to attend remote court sessions is a significant challenge to the public we serve in rural areas of the state. Because of this, the Eleventh Judicial District is working with local public and private entities to establish Justice Stations throughout the District. We currently have active MOUs with Aztec Public Library, Beclabito Chapter House, Bloomfield Public Library, Octavia Fellen Public Library, PATH (a local homeless shelter), and Rock Springs Chapter House. We are in the process of adding Farmington Pubic Library and UNM Gallup, as well as the possibility of adding additional chapterhouses in conjunction with the Navajo Nation.

This initiative will improve access to the justice system while reducing the number of failures to appear.

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

SCRIBING

Keeping in line with our goal to provide access to justice for all community members, the Eleventh Judicial District Courts now offer scribing services to those in our community who need them. Scribing offers assistance with reading and writing to complete court forms for those with limited proficiency.

EXPANDED HOURS OF OPERATION

Many members of our community have limited hours in which to do business. By not remaining open during the noon hour, we restrict access to justice that many people may need. Effective September 1, 2023, all District Courts in the Eleventh Judicial District are open 8AM-5PM, with plans to expand those hours even more in the future.