

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Parishes of Acadia, Lafayette, and
Vermilion, Louisiana**

Financial Report

Year Ended December 31, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Donald Landry
District Attorney of the Fifteenth Judicial District
Parishes of Acadia, Lafayette, and Vermilion, Louisiana

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District Attorney of the Fifteenth Judicial District (District Attorney), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District Attorney's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District Attorney, as of December 31, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District Attorney and to meet our ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events considered in the aggregate, that raises substantial doubt about the District Attorney's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. We obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District Attorney's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed. We evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements. We conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District Attorney's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 12 to the basic financial statements, the District Attorney has adopted provisions of GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that budgetary comparison information and the schedules of employer's share of net pension liability and employer contributions on pages 35 through 40 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Management has omitted management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in the appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District Attorney's basic financial statements. The other supplementary information on pages 42 through 49 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The comparative statements on pages 42 through 44 and justice system funding schedules on pages 48 through 50 are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, these comparative statements are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole. The prior year comparative information on the comparative statements has been derived from the District Attorney's 2023 financial statements, which were subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, was fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements from which they have been derived.

The various schedules on pages 45 through 47 included in other supplementary information have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 6, 2025, on our consideration of the District Attorney's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District Attorney's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District Attorney's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC
Certified Public Accountants

Lafayette, Louisiana
June 6, 2025

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (GWFS)**

DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Parishes of Acadia, Lafayette, and Vermilion, Louisiana

Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2024

	<u>Activities</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$ 3,559,816
Receivables	169,445
Capital assets, net	<u>6,770</u>
Total assets	<u>3,736,031</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOW OF RESOURCES	
Deferred outflow of resources - pension	<u>1,179,093</u>
LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts and other payables	239,183
Accrued compensated absences	68,637
Deferred revenues	<u>263,460</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>571,280</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Accrued compensated absences	238,767
Net pension liability	<u>1,396,556</u>
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>1,635,323</u>
Total liabilities	<u>2,206,603</u>
DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES	
Deferred inflow of resources - pension	<u>705,030</u>
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	6,770
Restricted for child support programs	165,955
Restricted for victims assistance and diversionary programs	4,156
Unrestricted	<u>1,826,610</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 2,003,491</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Parishes of Acadia, Lafayette, and Vermilion, Louisiana

Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Activities	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenues and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Governmental activities:				
General government -				
Judicial	<u>\$ 8,374,167</u>	<u>\$ 1,418,038</u>	<u>\$ 6,741,002</u>	<u>\$ (215,127)</u>
General revenues:				
Interest and investment earnings				79,158
Non-employer contributions				309,005
Miscellaneous				<u>21,534</u>
Total general revenues				<u>409,697</u>
Change in net position				194,570
Net position - January 1, 2024 (as restated)				<u>1,808,921</u>
Net position - December 31, 2024				<u>\$ 2,003,491</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (FFS)

FUND DESCRIPTIONS

General Fund

The General Fund is used to account for resources traditionally associated with governments which are not required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Funds

Special revenue funds are used to account for specific revenues that are legally restricted to expenditures for particular purposes.

Title IV-D Fund

To account for incentive payments and reimbursement grants from the Louisiana Department of Social Services, authorized by Act 117 of 1975, to establish family and child support programs comparable with Title IV-D of the Social Security Act. The purpose of the fund is to enforce the support obligation owed by absent parents to their families and children, to locate absent parents, to establish paternity, and to obtain family and child support.

Pretrial Diversion

To account for enrollment fees collected from participants in the Pretrial Diversion Program, authorized by Act 1170 of 1995. Additionally, this fund is used to account for the Local Agency Compensated Enforcement (L.A.C.E.) program.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Parishes of Acadia, Lafayette, and Vermilion, Louisiana

Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2024

	General	Title IV-D	Pretrial Diversion	Total
ASSETS				
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$ 2,875,113	\$ 76,676	\$ 608,027	\$ 3,559,816
Receivables:				
Commissions on fines and forfeitures	21,361	-	-	21,361
Grants	-	145,308	-	145,308
Due from other funds	604,322	-	-	604,322
Due from others	1,085	-	965	2,050
Interest	726	-	-	726
Total assets	<u>\$ 3,502,607</u>	<u>\$ 221,984</u>	<u>\$ 608,992</u>	<u>\$ 4,333,583</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 21,942	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,942
Accrued liabilities	160,698	52,314	4,229	217,241
Due to other funds	-	3,715	600,607	604,322
Deferred revenues	263,460	-	-	263,460
Total liabilities	<u>446,100</u>	<u>56,029</u>	<u>604,836</u>	<u>1,106,965</u>
Fund balances:				
Restricted for child support programs	-	165,955	-	165,955
Restricted for victims assistance and diversionary programs	-	-	4,156	4,156
Unassigned	3,056,507	-	-	3,056,507
Total fund balances	<u>3,056,507</u>	<u>165,955</u>	<u>4,156</u>	<u>3,226,618</u>
 Total liabilities and fund balances	 <u>\$ 3,502,607</u>	 <u>\$ 221,984</u>	 <u>\$ 608,992</u>	 <u>\$ 4,333,583</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Parishes of Acadia, Lafayette, and Vermilion, Louisiana

Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet
to the Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2024

Total fund balances for governmental funds at December 31, 2024	\$ 3,226,618
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Total net position reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position is different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. Those assets consist of:

Vehicles, net of \$94,531 accumulated depreciation	\$ 2,588	
Equipment, net of \$91,442 accumulated depreciation	<u>4,182</u>	6,770

Deferred outflows of expenditures are not a use of current resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.

Deferred outflows of resources- pension	1,179,093
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Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.

Long-term liabilities at December 31, 2024 consist of:

Accrued compensated absences	(307,404)	
Net pension liability	<u>(1,396,556)</u>	(1,703,960)

The deferred inflows of contributions for the employees' retirement systems are not available resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.

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Total net position of governmental activities at December 31, 2024	<u>\$ 2,003,491</u>
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DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Parishes of Acadia, Lafayette, and Vermilion, Louisiana

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	General	Title IV-D	Pretrial Diversion	Total
Revenues:				
Fees, services, and commissions	\$ 806,336	\$ -	\$ 611,702	\$ 1,418,038
Intergovernmental revenue-				
Federal and state grants	90,000	821,006	-	911,006
Local appropriations	4,120,467	-	-	4,120,467
On-behalf payments	1,709,529	-	-	1,709,529
Interest income	63,695	5,907	9,556	79,158
Other revenues	21,534	-	-	21,534
Total revenues	<u>6,811,561</u>	<u>826,913</u>	<u>621,258</u>	<u>8,259,732</u>
Expenditures:				
Current -				
General government - judicial:				
Personnel services and related benefits	6,161,194	734,687	621,001	7,516,882
Operating services	253,953	89,898	112,563	456,414
Material and supplies	160,739	4,538	57,602	222,879
Travel	70,616	1,423	5,757	77,796
Capital outlay	1,800	-	-	1,800
Total expenditures	<u>6,648,302</u>	<u>830,546</u>	<u>796,923</u>	<u>8,275,771</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>163,259</u>	<u>(3,633)</u>	<u>(175,665)</u>	<u>(16,039)</u>
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	-	-	132,000	132,000
Transfer out	<u>(132,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(132,000)</u>
Total financing sources (uses)	<u>(132,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>132,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Changes in fund balances	31,259	(3,633)	(43,665)	(16,039)
Fund balances, beginning	<u>3,025,248</u>	<u>169,588</u>	<u>47,821</u>	<u>3,242,657</u>
Fund balances, ending	<u>\$ 3,056,507</u>	<u>\$ 165,955</u>	<u>\$ 4,156</u>	<u>\$ 3,226,618</u>

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Parishes of Acadia, Lafayette, and Vermilion, Louisiana

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and
Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds
to the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Total net changes in fund balances for the year ended December 31, 2024 per Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances		\$ (16,039)
The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities is different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.		
Capital outlay costs which are considered as expenditures on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances	\$ 1,800	
Depreciation expense	<u>(14,325)</u>	(12,525)
Less: Compensated absences earned over compensated absences used		(47,937)
Because some revenues are not considered measureable at year-end, they are not considered "available" revenues in the governmental funds.		
Non-employer pension plan contributions		309,005
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.		
Pension expense		<u>(37,934)</u>
Total changes in net position for the year ended December 31, 2024 per Statement of Activities		<u>\$ 194,570</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Parishes of Acadia, Lafayette, and Vermilion, Louisiana

Combining Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities
Custodial Funds
December 31, 2024

	<u>Asset Forfeiture</u>	<u>Bond Forfeiture</u>	<u>Worthless Checks</u>	<u>Total</u>
ASSETS				
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$ 868,269	\$ 217,022	\$ -	\$ 1,085,291
LIABILITIES				
Due to other governmental agencies	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET POSITION				
Restricted for individuals and other governments	<u>\$ 868,269</u>	<u>\$ 217,022</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,085,291</u>

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Parishes of Acadia, Lafayette, and Vermilion, Louisiana

Combining Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
Custodial Funds
December 31, 2024

	<u>Asset Forfeiture</u>	<u>Bond Forfeiture</u>	<u>Worthless Checks</u>	<u>Total</u>
ADDITIONS				
Forfeitures received	\$ 332,410	\$ 651,244	\$ -	\$ 983,654
Restitution and worthless check collections	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>371,913</u>	<u>371,913</u>
Total additions	<u>332,410</u>	<u>651,244</u>	<u>371,913</u>	<u>1,355,567</u>
DEDUCTIONS				
Forfeitures disbursed	35,479	533,398	-	568,877
Restitution and worthless checks disbursed	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>398,377</u>	<u>398,377</u>
Total deductions	<u>35,479</u>	<u>533,398</u>	<u>398,377</u>	<u>967,254</u>
Net increase (decrease) in fiduciary net position	296,931	117,846	(26,464)	388,313
Net position - beginning	<u>571,338</u>	<u>99,176</u>	<u>26,464</u>	<u>696,978</u>
Net position - ending	<u>\$ 868,269</u>	<u>\$ 217,022</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,085,291</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Parishes of Acadia, Lafayette, and Vermilion, Louisiana

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

As provided by Article V, Section 26 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, the District Attorney of the Fifteenth Judicial District, Parishes of Acadia, Lafayette, and Vermilion, Louisiana (District Attorney), has charge of every criminal prosecution by the state in his district, is the representative of the state before the grand jury in his district, and is the legal advisor to the grand jury. He performs other duties as provided by law. The District Attorney is elected by the qualified electors of the judicial district for a term of six years. The Fifteenth Judicial District encompasses the parishes of Acadia, Lafayette, and Vermilion, Louisiana.

The financial statements of the District Attorney have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. GAAP includes all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. The accounting and reporting framework and the more significant accounting policies are described below.

A. Financial Reporting Entity

These financial statements only include funds, activities, et cetera, that are controlled by the District Attorney as an independently elected parish official. The District Attorney's offices are located in the parish courthouse, the upkeep and maintenance of the courthouse is paid by the parish government and in addition, the parish government also pays certain operating expenditures of the District Attorney.

The District Attorney of the Fifteenth Judicial District is a part of the district court system of the State of Louisiana. However, the state statutes that created the District Attorneys also give the District Attorneys control over all their operations. This includes the hiring and retention of employees, authority over budgeting, responsibility for deficits, and the receipt and disbursement of funds. Other than salaries and certain operating expenditures of the District Attorney's office that are paid by the Parish Government as required by Louisiana law, the District Attorney is financially independent and operates autonomously from the State of Louisiana and independently from the district court system.

B. Basis of Presentation

The District Attorney's basic financial statements consist of the government-wide statements on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the District Attorney and the major fund financial statements. The statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to governmental units.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Parishes of Acadia, Lafayette, and Vermilion, Louisiana

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The statement of net position and statement of activities display information about the reporting entity as a whole. They include all funds of the reporting entity, which are considered governmental activities. Governmental activities are generally financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange revenues.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the District Attorney's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include (a) fees, fines, and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs, and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements (FFS)

The accounts of the District Attorney are organized and operated on the basis of funds. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a separate set of self-balancing accounts. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions. The minimum number of funds is maintained consistent with legal and managerial requirements.

The various funds of the District Attorney are classified as governmental. The emphasis on fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column. A fund is considered to be major if it is the primary operating fund of the entity or the total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures of that individual governmental fund is at least 10 percent of the corresponding total for all governmental funds combined.

The District Attorney reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund -

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the District Attorney. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Parishes of Acadia, Lafayette, and Vermilion, Louisiana

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

Special Revenue Funds -

Pretrial Diversion Fund

The Pretrial Diversion Fund consists of enrollment fees collected from participants in the Pretrial Diversion Program authorized by Act 1170 of 1995. Additionally, the District Attorney uses this fund to account for the Local Agency Compensated Enforcement (L.A.C.E.) program.

Title IV-D Fund

The Title IV-D Fund consists of incentive payments and reimbursement grants from the Louisiana Department of Social Services, authorized by ACT 117 of 1975, to establish family and child support programs compatible with Title IV-D of the Social Security Act. The purpose of the fund is to enforce the support obligation owed by absent parents to their families and children, to locate absent parents, to establish paternity, and to obtain family and child support.

In addition, the District Attorney reports the following funds:

Fiduciary (Custodial) Funds -

Asset Forfeiture Fund

The Asset Forfeiture Fund consists of monies collected in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 40:2616. Disbursements from this fund are made to various agencies as prescribed by law.

Bond Forfeiture Fund

The Bond Forfeiture Fund consists of monies collected in accordance with the Bail Reform Act of 1993 and Louisiana Revised Statute 15:57.11(L).

Worthless Checks Fund

The Worthless Checks Fund consists of monies collected in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 16:15.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Parishes of Acadia, Lafayette, and Vermilion, Louisiana

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

The District Attorney's fiduciary funds are presented in the fiduciary fund financial statement by type. Since by definition these assets are being held for the benefit of a third party (other local governments, private parties, pension participants, etc.) and cannot be used to address activities or obligations of the District Attorney, these funds are not incorporated into the government-wide statements.

C. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

Measurement focus is a term used to describe "which" transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to "when" transactions are recorded regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Measurement Focus

On the government-wide statement of net position and the statement of activities, governmental activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus. The accounting objectives of this measurement focus are the determination of operating income, changes in net position (or cost recovery) and financial position. All assets and liabilities (whether current or non-current) associated with its activities are reported. Government-wide fund equity is classified as net position. In the fund financial statements, the "current financial resources" measurement focus is used. Only current financial assets and liabilities are generally included on its balance sheet. Their operating statement presents sources and uses of available spendable financial resources during a given period. This fund uses fund balance as its measure of available spendable financial resources at the end of the period.

Basis of Accounting

In the government-wide statement of net position and statement of activities the governmental activities are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset used. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District Attorney considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Revenues are classified by source and expenditures are classified by function and character. Expenditures (including capital outlay) generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures are recorded only when payment is due.

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When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the District Attorney's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Program revenues

Program revenues included in the statement of activities are derived directly from the program itself or from parties outside the District Attorney's citizenry, as a whole; program revenues reduce the cost of the function to be financed from the District Attorney's general revenues.

D. Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Equity

Cash and Interest-bearing Deposits

For purposes of the statement of net position, cash and interest-bearing deposits include all demand accounts, savings accounts, and certificates of deposits of the District Attorney.

Receivables

In the government-wide statements, receivables consist of all revenues earned at year-end and not yet received. Major receivable balances for the governmental activities include grant revenue, incentive payments, and commissions from fines and interest.

Interfund Receivables and Payables

During the course of operations, occasional transactions occur between individual funds that may result in amounts owed between funds. Short-term cash borrowings between funds are considered temporary in nature. These amounts are reported as "due from/to other funds." Interfund receivables and payables between funds within governmental activities are eliminated in the statement of net position.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The District Attorney maintains a threshold level of \$1,000 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

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Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets is recorded as an expense in the statement of activities, with accumulated depreciation reflected in the statement of net position. Depreciation is provided over the assets' estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation. The range of estimated useful lives by type of asset is as follows:

Equipment	3-5 years
Furniture and fixtures	7 years
Vehicles	3 years
Courthouse renovations	10 years

In the fund financial statements, capital assets used in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition.

Vacation and Sick Leave

At December 31, 2024, the District Attorney has accumulated sick leave benefits required to be reported in the amount of \$307,404. During the year ended December 31, 2024, the following changes occurred:

	Balance 1/1/2024	Additions	Deletions	Balance 12/31/2024	Due Within One Year
Accrued compensated absences	<u>\$ 259,467</u>	<u>\$ 47,937</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 307,404</u>	<u>\$ 68,637</u>

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources

In some instances, the GASB requires a government to delay recognition of decreases in net position as expenditures until a future period. In other instances, governments are required to delay recognition of increases in net position as revenues until a future period. In these circumstances, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources result from the delayed recognition of expenditures or revenues, respectively.

Equity Classifications

In the government-wide statements, equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

1. Net investment in capital assets – consists of net capital assets reduced by outstanding balances of any related debt obligations and deferred inflows of resources attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets and increased by balances of deferred outflows of resources related to those assets.

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2. Restricted net position – consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Restricted net position is reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to the restricted assets. At December 31, 2024, the District Attorney reported \$170,111 of restricted net position, \$4,156 of which was restricted by enabling legislation.
3. Unrestricted net position – consist of all other net position that does not meet the definition of “restricted” or “net investment in capital assets.”

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as follows:

1. Nonspendable – amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
2. Restricted – amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions or enabling legislation or because of constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments.
3. Committed – amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal decision of the District Attorney. The District Attorney is the highest level of decision-making authority for the District Attorney’s office.
4. Assigned – amounts that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed but that are intended to be used for specific purposes. Under the District Attorney’s adopted policy, only the District Attorney may assign amounts for specified purposes.
5. Unassigned – all other spendable amounts.

When an expenditure is incurred for the purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the District Attorney considers restricted funds to have been spent first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the District Attorney considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed, unless the District Attorney has provided otherwise in his commitment or assignment actions.

E. Interfund Transfers

Permanent reallocations of resources between funds of the reporting entity are classified as interfund transfers. For the purposes of the statement of activities, all interfund transfers between individual governmental funds have been eliminated.

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F. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(2) Cash and Interest-Bearing Deposits

Under state law, the District Attorney may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the union, or the laws of the United States. The District Attorney may invest in certificates and time deposits of the state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana.

At December 31, 2024, the District Attorney had cash and interest-bearing deposits (book balances) totaling \$4,645,107 as follows:

	<u>Primary Government</u>	<u>Fiduciary Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Demand deposits	\$ 1,801,588	\$ 1,085,291	\$ 2,886,879
Certificates of deposit	1,758,228	-	1,758,228
Total	<u>\$ 3,559,816</u>	<u>\$ 1,085,291</u>	<u>\$ 4,645,107</u>

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the District Attorney's deposits may not be recovered or the collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party will not be recovered. These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates fair value. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent bank. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank by a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. As of December 31, 2024, bank balances in the amount of \$5,237,718 were as follows:

Bank balances	<u>\$ 5,237,718</u>
Federal deposit insurance	3,090,589
Pledged securities	<u>1,932,820</u>
Total	<u>\$ 5,023,409</u>

Deposits in the amount of \$1,932,820 were exposed to custodial credit risk. These deposits are uninsured and collateralized with securities held by the pledging institutions' trust department or agent, but not in the District Attorney's name. The District Attorney does not have a policy for custodial credit risk.

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(3) Receivables

Receivables in the amount of \$169,445 at December 31, 2024 consisted of the following:

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Total
Other governments	\$ 21,361	\$ -	\$ 21,361
State of Louisiana	-	145,308	145,308
Interest	726	-	726
Other	1,085	965	2,050
Total	<u>\$ 23,172</u>	<u>\$ 146,273</u>	<u>\$ 169,445</u>

(4) Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2024 was as follows:

	Balance 1/1/2024	Additions	Deletions	Balance 12/31/2024
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets being depreciated -				
Equipment	\$ 93,824	\$ 1,800	\$ -	\$ 95,624
Furniture and fixtures	16,032	-	-	16,032
Vehicles	97,119	-	-	97,119
Courthouse renovations	13,055	-	-	13,055
Total capital assets	<u>220,030</u>	<u>1,800</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>221,830</u>
Less accumulated depreciation				
Equipment	89,986	1,456	-	91,442
Furniture and fixtures	15,860	172	-	16,032
Vehicles	81,834	12,697	-	94,531
Courthouse renovations	13,055	-	-	13,055
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>200,735</u>	<u>14,325</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>215,060</u>
Governmental activities, capital assets, net	<u>\$ 19,295</u>	<u>\$ (12,525)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6,770</u>

Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2024 of \$14,325 was charged to the judiciary function.

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(5) Employee Retirement Systems

The District Attorney participates in two cost-sharing defined benefit plans, each administered by separate public employee retirement systems. Article X, Section 29(F) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions of all plans administered by these public employee retirement systems to the State Legislature. These plans are not closed to new entrants. Substantially all District Attorney employees participate in one of the following retirement systems:

Plan Descriptions:

Parochial Employees' Retirement System (PERS) provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to eligible employees and their beneficiaries as defined in LRS 11:1901 and 11:1941. The Government participates in Plan A.

District Attorneys' Retirement System (DARS) provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to district attorneys, assistant district attorneys, and employees of the Louisiana District Attorneys' Association and their beneficiaries as defined in the Louisiana Revised Statutes. Eligibility for retirement benefits and the computation of retirement benefits are defined in LRS 11:1632-1633.

The systems' financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Employer and employee contributions are recognized in the period in which the employee is compensated for services performed. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of each plan. Interest income is recognized when earned.

A brief summary of eligibility and benefits of the plans are provided in the following table:

	<u>PERS</u>	<u>DARS</u>
Final average salary	Final average compensation	Highest 36 months or 60 months ²
Years of service required and/or age eligible for benefits	30 years of any age 25 years age 55 ¹ 10 years age 60 ¹ 7 years age 65 ¹	30 years of any age 24 years age 55 ³ 10 years age 60 ³
Benefit percent per years of service	3.00%	3.0% - 3.5% ³

¹ Employees hired after January 1, 2007: 30 years age 55, 10 years age 62, 7 years age 67

² Employees hired after 6/30/06 use the revised benefit calculation based on the highest 60 months

³ Joined plan after July 1, 1990

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Contributions:

Article X, Section 29(E)(2)(a) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 assigns the Legislature the authority to determine employee contributions. Employer contributions are actuarially determined using statutorily established methods on an annual basis and are constitutionally required to cover the employer's portion of the normal cost and provide for the amortization of the unfunded accrued liability. Employer contributions are adopted by the Legislature annually upon recommendation of the Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee. In addition, PERS and DARS receive a percentage of ad valorem taxes collected by parishes. These entities are not participating employers in the pension systems and are considered to be nonemployer contributing entities. Contributions of employees, employers, and non-employer contributing entities effective for the year ended December 31, 2024 for the defined benefit pension plans in which the primary government is a participating employer were as follows:

Plan	Active Member Contribution Percentage	Employer Contribution Percentage	Amount from Nonemployer Contributing Entities	Amount of Government Contributions
PERS	9.50%	11.50%	\$ 28,515	\$ 240,924
DARS	8.00%	12.25%	280,490	179,524

Net Pension (Asset) Liability:

The District Attorney's net pension liability at December 31, 2024 is comprised of its proportionate share of the net pension liability relating to each of the cost-sharing plans in which the District Attorney is a participating employer. The District Attorney's net pension liability for each plan was measured as of the plan's measurement date (December 31, 2023 for PERS and June 30, 2024 for DARS) and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District Attorney's proportionate share of the net pension liability for each of the plans in which it participates was based on the District Attorney's required contributions in proportion to total required contributions for all employers.

As of the most recent measurement date, the District Attorney's proportion for each plan and the change in proportion from the prior measurement date were as follows:

Plan	Proportionate Share of Net Pension (Asset) Liability	Proportionate Share (%) of Net Pension Liability	Increase/(Decrease) from Prior Measurement Date
PERS	\$ 274,545	0.288169%	-0.002412%
DARS	1,122,011	2.334566%	-0.268012%

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Since the measurement date of the net pension liability was December 31, 2023 (June 30, 2024 for DARS), the net pension liability is based upon fiduciary net position for the plan as of those dates. Detailed information about the pension plan's assets, deferred outflows, deferred inflows, and fiduciary net position that was used in the measurement of the District Attorney's net pension liability is available in the separately issued financial report for those fiscal years. The financial report for each plan may be accessed on their website as follows:

PERS - <http://www.persla.org/>

DARS - <http://ladars.org/>

Actuarial Assumptions:

The following table provides information concerning actuarial assumptions used in the determination of the total pension liability for the defined pension plan in which the District Attorney is a participating employer:

	PERS	DARS
Date of experience study on which significant assumptions are based	1/1/2018 - 12/31/2022	7/1/2014 - 6/30/2019
Expected remaining service lives	4	4
Inflation Rate	2.3%	2.2%
Projected salary increases	4.75%	5.0%
Projected benefit changes including COLAs	None	None
Source of mortality assumptions	(2), (3)	(1), (4)

(1) Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Above Median Employees

(2) Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Health and General Retirees.

(3) Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Disabled Retirees.

(4) Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Above Median Healthy and General Disabled Retirees

Cost of Living Adjustments:

The pension plans in which the District Attorney participates have the authority to grant cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) on an ad hoc basis. Pursuant to LRS 11:242(B), the power of the Board of Trustees of the statewide systems to grant a COLA is effective in calendar years that the legislature fails to grant a COLA, unless in the legislation granting a COLA, the legislature authorizes the Board of Trustees to provide an additional COLA. The authority to grant a COLA by the Board is subject to the funded status and interest earnings. The effects of the benefit changes made as a result of the COLAs is included in the measurement of the total pension liability as of the measurement date at which the ad hoc COLA was granted and the amount is known and reasonably estimable.

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Discount Rate

The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that sponsor contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on those assumptions, each of the pension plan's fiduciary net positions was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability for DARS was 6.10%, which is unchanged from the prior valuation. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability for PERS was 6.4%, which is unchanged from the prior valuation.

Long-term Rate of Return

For DARS the long-term expected rate of return was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expenses and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification. For PERS the rate was determined using a triangulation method which integrated the Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM), a treasury yield curve approach and an equity building block model. Risk return and correlation are projected on a forward-looking basis in equilibrium, in which best-estimates of expected future real rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These rates are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification.

The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic/geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized for each plan in the following table:

Asset Class	PERS*		DARS*	
	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return
Fixed Income	33%	1.12%	42.50%	3.00%
Equities	51%	3.20%	50.00%	8.00%
Alternative Investments	14%	0.67%	7.50%	4.50%
Real Estate	2%	0.11%	-	-
Total	100%		100%	

* Arithmetic real rates of return

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Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions:

Changes in the net pension liability may either be reported in pension expense in the year the change occurred or recognized as a deferred outflow of resources or a deferred inflow of resources in the year the change occurred and amortized into pension expense over a number of years. For the year ended December 31, 2024, the District Attorney recognized \$458,382 in pension expense related to its participation in PERS and DARS.

At December 31, 2024, the District Attorney reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PERS from the following sources:

	PERS	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 130,005	\$ 73,693
Changes of assumptions	-	47,831
Change in proportion and differences between the employer's contributions and the employer's proportionate share of contributions	18,493	-
Net differences between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	442,469	-
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	240,924	-
Total	<u>\$ 831,891</u>	<u>\$ 121,524</u>

	DARS	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 72,065	\$ 67,764
Changes of assumptions	153,325	-
Change in proportion and differences between the employer's contributions and the employer's proportionate share of contributions	30,426	161,578
Net differences between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	-	354,164
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	91,386	-
Total	<u>\$ 347,202</u>	<u>\$ 583,506</u>

Deferred outflows of resources of \$332,310 resulting from the employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended December 31, 2024.

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Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended December 31	PERS	DARS
2025	\$ 46,253	\$ (38,066)
2026	230,575	131,187
2027	372,467	(283,936)
2028	(179,852)	(136,875)
Total	<u>\$ 469,443</u>	<u>\$ (327,690)</u>

Sensitivity of the Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate:

The following presents the Government's proportionate shares of the net pension liabilities of the plans, calculated using their respective discount rates, as well as what the Government's proportionate shares of the net pension liabilities would be if they were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current rate:

Plan	Current Discount Rate	Net Pension (Asset) Liability		
		1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
PERS	6.40%	\$ 1,958,928	\$ 274,545	\$ (1,139,328)
DARS	6.10%	2,916,390	1,122,011	(383,446)
Total		<u>\$ 4,875,318</u>	<u>\$ 1,396,556</u>	<u>\$ (1,522,774)</u>

At December 31, 2024, the District Attorney had contractually required contributions payable of \$31,123 to PERS and \$23,752 to DARS.

(6) Expenditures of the District Attorney Not Included in the Accompanying Financial Statements

The accompanying financial statements do not include certain expenditures of the District Attorney paid out of the funds of the Acadia Parish Police Jury, the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government, or the Vermilion Parish Police Jury.

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(7) Risk Management

The District Attorney is exposed to risks of loss in the areas of auto liability, employee dishonesty and workers' compensation. All of these risks are handled by purchasing commercial insurance coverage. There have been no significant reductions in the insurance coverage during the year, nor have settlements exceeded coverage for the past three years.

(8) Interfund Transactions

Interfund transfers consisted of the following at December 31, 2024:

	<u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>
Major governmental funds:		
General Fund	\$ -	\$ 132,000
Pretrial Diversion	<u>132,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 132,000</u>	<u>\$ 132,000</u>

Transfers are used to (a) move revenues from the fund state statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them and to (b) use unrestricted revenues collected in the General Fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

Interfund receivables and payables consisted of the following at December 31, 2024:

	<u>Interfund Receivables</u>	<u>Interfund Payables</u>
Major governmental funds:		
General Fund	\$ 604,322	\$ -
Title IV-D	-	3,715
Pretrial Diversion	<u>-</u>	<u>600,607</u>
Total	<u>\$ 604,322</u>	<u>\$ 604,322</u>

These balances resulted from the time lag between the dates that (1) interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, (2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and (3) payments between funds are made. They are expected to be paid within the next fiscal year.

(9) Pending Litigation

The District Attorney is not involved in any material matters of pending or threatened litigation as of December 31, 2024.

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(10) On-behalf Payments for Fringe Benefits and Salaries

GASB Statement No. 24, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Grants and Other Financial Assistance, requires the District Attorney to report in the financial statements on-behalf salary and fringe benefit payments made by the State of Louisiana to certain employees of the District Attorney's office.

Supplemental salary payments are made by the state directly to the District Attorney and to the Assistant District Attorneys. The District Attorney's office is not legally responsible for these salaries. Therefore, the basis for recognizing the revenue and expenditure payments is the actual contributions made by the state. On-behalf payments in the amount of \$1,709,529 were recorded as revenue and expenditures in the 2024 financial statements.

(11) Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head

The schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments for the year ended December 31, 2024 follows:

Donald Landry		
Salary	\$ 148,338	
Benefits - insurance - life	420	
Benefits - retirement	19,401	
Reimbursements	88	
Registration fees	-	
	<hr/>	168,247
On-behalf payments for salaries and fringe benefits:		
Salaries (as allowed by RS 16:10)		<hr/> 62,467
Total		<hr/> <u>\$ 230,714</u>

(12) Accounting Changes/Prior Year Restatement

The District Attorney implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. GASB Statement No. 101 changes the criteria for the accrual of compensated absences. This standard requires compensated absences be recognized for (1) leave that has not been used and (2) leave that has been used but not yet paid in cash or settled through noncash means. A liability should be recognized for leave that has not been used if (a) the leave is attributable to services already rendered, (b) the leave accumulates, and (c) the leave is more likely than not to be used for time off or otherwise paid in cash or settled through noncash means.

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The implementation of GASB Statement No. 101 resulted in a restatement of previously reported net position as follows:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
January 1, 2024 net position, as previously reported	\$ 2,068,388
Net effect of accounting change	<u>(259,467)</u>
January 1, 2024 net position, as restated	<u><u>\$ 1,808,921</u></u>

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General Fund
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Budget		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Fees, services, and commissions	\$ 1,120,000	\$ 759,490	\$ 806,336	\$ 46,846
Intergovernmental revenues -				
Federal grants	90,000	90,000	90,000	-
Local appropriations	4,072,000	3,843,335	4,120,467	277,132
On-behalf payments	1,140,000	1,500,000	1,709,529	209,529
Interest income	13,000	17,875	63,695	45,820
Other revenues	61,000	55,594	21,534	(34,060)
Total revenues	<u>6,496,000</u>	<u>6,266,294</u>	<u>6,811,561</u>	<u>545,267</u>
Expenditures:				
Current -				
General government - judicial:				
Personnel services and related benefits	5,770,000	6,239,057	6,161,194	77,863
Operating services	330,000	256,822	253,953	2,869
Material and supplies	115,000	158,574	160,739	(2,165)
Travel	52,000	81,252	70,616	10,636
Capital outlay	-	9,846	1,800	8,046
Total expenditures	<u>6,267,000</u>	<u>6,745,551</u>	<u>6,648,302</u>	<u>97,249</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	229,000	(479,257)	163,259	642,516
Other financing uses:				
Transfers out	<u>(170,000)</u>	<u>(115,000)</u>	<u>(132,000)</u>	<u>(17,000)</u>
Change in fund balance	59,000	(594,257)	31,259	625,516
Fund balance, beginning	<u>3,025,248</u>	<u>3,025,248</u>	<u>3,025,248</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 3,084,248</u>	<u>\$ 2,430,991</u>	<u>\$ 3,056,507</u>	<u>\$ 625,516</u>

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Parishes of Acadia, Lafayette, and Vermilion, Louisiana

Title IV-D Special Revenue Fund
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Budget		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Intergovernmental revenues -				
Federal grants	\$ 534,000	\$ 542,444	\$ 541,864	\$ (580)
State grants	270,000	280,198	279,142	(1,056)
Interest income	5,500	5,960	5,907	(53)
Total revenues	<u>809,500</u>	<u>828,602</u>	<u>826,913</u>	<u>(1,689)</u>
Expenditures:				
Current -				
General government - judicial:				
Personnel services and related benefits	740,000	739,430	734,687	4,743
Operating services	87,000	97,433	89,898	7,535
Materials and supplies	4,000	5,237	4,538	699
Travel	<u>2,000</u>	<u>1,583</u>	<u>1,423</u>	<u>160</u>
Total expenditures	<u>833,000</u>	<u>843,683</u>	<u>830,546</u>	<u>13,137</u>
Change in fund balance	(23,500)	(15,081)	(3,633)	11,448
Fund balance, beginning	<u>169,588</u>	<u>169,588</u>	<u>169,588</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 146,088</u>	<u>\$ 154,507</u>	<u>\$ 165,955</u>	<u>\$ 11,448</u>

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Pretrial Diversion Special Revenue Fund
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Budget		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Intergovernmental revenues-				
Fees, services, and commissions	\$ 680,000	\$ 636,787	\$ 611,702	\$ (25,085)
Interest income	<u>7,000</u>	<u>8,150</u>	<u>9,556</u>	<u>1,406</u>
Total revenues	<u>687,000</u>	<u>644,937</u>	<u>621,258</u>	<u>(23,679)</u>
Expenditures:				
Current -				
General government - judicial:				
Personnel services and related benefits	592,350	622,103	621,001	1,102
Operating services	183,000	113,292	112,563	729
Material and supplies	125,000	62,391	57,602	4,789
Travel	<u>4,300</u>	<u>6,908</u>	<u>5,757</u>	<u>1,151</u>
Total expenditures	<u>904,650</u>	<u>804,694</u>	<u>796,923</u>	<u>7,771</u>
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	(217,650)	(159,757)	(175,665)	(15,908)
Other financing sources:				
Transfers in	<u>170,000</u>	<u>115,000</u>	<u>132,000</u>	<u>17,000</u>
Change in fund balance	(47,650)	(44,757)	(43,665)	1,092
Fund balance, beginning	<u>47,821</u>	<u>47,821</u>	<u>47,821</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 171</u>	<u>\$ 3,064</u>	<u>\$ 4,156</u>	<u>\$ 1,092</u>

DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
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Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

Plan	Year ended December 31,	Employer Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer's Covered Payroll	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
PERS	2016	0.129133%	\$ 339,915	\$ 739,214	45.98%	92.23%
	2017	0.035191%	72,476	833,823	8.69%	94.15%
	2018	0.091851%	(68,176)	565,360	-12.06%	101.98%
	2019	0.378694%	1,680,780	1,961,312	85.70%	88.86%
	2020	0.318772%	15,006	2,234,129	0.67%	99.89%
	2021	0.334499%	(586,515)	2,095,326	-27.99%	104.00%
	2022	0.334945%	(1,577,736)	1,832,504	-86.10%	110.46%
	2023	0.290581%	1,118,385	2,089,493	53.52%	91.74%
	2024	0.288169%	274,545	2,094,992	13.10%	102.92%
DARS	2017	1.808187%	487,708	1,064,573	45.81%	93.57%
	2018	1.961441%	631,176	1,376,230	45.86%	92.92%
	2019	2.827882%	909,738	1,547,457	58.79%	93.13%
	2020	2.808086%	2,224,769	1,552,684	143.29%	84.86%
	2021	2.645523%	470,989	1,452,743	32.42%	96.79%
	2022	2.554849%	2,752,115	1,469,547	187.28%	81.65%
	2023	2.602578%	2,231,843	1,425,766	156.54%	85.85%
	2024	2.334566%	1,122,011	1,480,489	75.79%	89.91%

* The amounts presented have a measurement date of December 31, 2023 for PERS and June 30, 2024 for DARS.

This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
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Schedule of Employer Contributions
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Plan	Year ended December 31,	Contractually Required Contribution	Contributions in Relation to Contractual Required Contributions	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Employer's Covered Payroll	Contributions as a % of Covered Payroll
PERS	2016	\$ 108,395	\$ 108,395	\$ -	\$ 833,823	13.00%
	2017	70,670	70,670	-	565,360	12.50%
	2018	245,164	245,164	-	1,961,312	12.50%
	2019	251,101	251,101	-	2,183,487	11.50%
	2020	273,861	273,861	-	2,235,010	12.25%
	2021	256,677	256,677	-	2,095,326	12.25%
	2022	210,738	210,738	-	1,832,504	11.50%
	2023	240,292	240,292	-	2,089,493	11.50%
	2024	240,924	240,924	-	2,094,992	11.50%
DARS	2017	-	-	-	1,064,573	-
	2018	-	-	-	1,376,230	-
	2019	32,382	32,382	-	1,079,400	3.00%
	2020	32,241	32,241	-	1,552,684	2.08%
	2021	74,703	74,703	-	1,452,743	5.14%
	2022	139,607	139,607	-	1,469,547	9.50%
	2023	152,859	152,859	-	1,425,766	10.72%
	2024	179,524	179,524	-	1,480,489	12.13%

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
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Notes to Required Supplementary Information

(1) Budget and Budgetary Accounting

The District Attorney follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- a. The accountant prepares a proposed budget and submits it to the District Attorney for the fiscal year no later than fifteen days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year.
- b. A summary of the proposed budget is published, and the public is notified that the proposed budget is available for public inspection. At the same time, a public hearing is called.
- c. A public hearing is held on the proposed budget at least ten days after publication of the call for a hearing.
- d. After the holding of the public hearing and completion of all action necessary to finalize and implement the budget, the budget is legally adopted prior to the commencement of the fiscal year for which the budget is being adopted.
- e. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
- f. The budget is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Budgeted amounts included in the accompanying financial statements are as originally adopted or as finally amended by the District Attorney.

(2) Pension Plans

A. Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana

- 1) Changes of benefit terms – There were no changes of benefit terms for the year ended December 31, 2024.
- 2) Changes of Assumptions – There were no changes of assumptions for the year ended December 31, 2024.

B. District Attorneys' Retirement System

- 1) Changes of benefit terms – There were no changes of benefit terms for the year ended December 31, 2024.
- 2) Changes of Assumptions – There were no changes of assumptions for the year ended December 31, 2024.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
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Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2024
With Comparative Totals as of December 31, 2023

	Governmental Activities	
	2024	2023
ASSETS		
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$ 3,559,816	\$ 3,544,327
Receivables	169,445	193,784
Capital assets, net	6,770	19,295
Total assets	<u>3,736,031</u>	<u>3,757,406</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOW OF RESOURCES		
Deferred outflow of resources - pension	<u>1,179,093</u>	<u>2,409,907</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts and other payables	239,183	259,967
Accrued compensated absences	68,637	57,083
Deferred revenues	<u>263,460</u>	<u>235,487</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>571,280</u>	<u>552,537</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:		
Accrued compensated absences	238,767	202,384
Net pension liability	<u>1,396,556</u>	<u>3,350,228</u>
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>1,635,323</u>	<u>3,552,612</u>
Total liabilities	<u>2,206,603</u>	<u>4,105,149</u>
DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES		
Deferred inflow of resources - pension	<u>705,030</u>	<u>253,243</u>
NET POSITION		
Net investment in capital assets	6,770	19,295
Restricted for child support programs	165,955	169,588
Restricted for victims assistance and diversionary programs	4,156	47,821
Unrestricted	<u>1,826,610</u>	<u>1,572,217</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 2,003,491</u>	<u>\$ 1,808,921</u>

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Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2024
With Comparative Totals as of December 31, 2023

	2024				2023
	General	Title IV-D	Pretrial Diversion	Total	
ASSETS					
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$ 2,875,113	\$ 76,676	\$ 608,027	\$ 3,559,816	\$ 3,544,327
Receivables:					
Commissions on fines and forfeitures	21,360	-	-	21,360	52,635
Grants	-	145,308	-	145,308	139,457
Due from other funds	604,322	-	-	604,322	938,897
Due from others	1,085	-	965	2,050	965
Interest	727	-	-	727	727
Total assets	<u>\$ 3,502,607</u>	<u>\$ 221,984</u>	<u>\$ 608,992</u>	<u>\$ 4,333,583</u>	<u>\$ 4,677,008</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$ 21,942	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,942	\$ 16,893
Accrued liabilities	160,698	52,314	4,229	217,241	243,074
Due to other funds	-	3,715	600,607	604,322	938,897
Deferred revenues	263,460	-	-	263,460	235,487
Total liabilities	<u>446,100</u>	<u>56,029</u>	<u>604,836</u>	<u>1,106,965</u>	<u>1,434,351</u>
Fund balances:					
Restricted for child support programs	-	165,955	-	165,955	169,588
Restricted for victims assistance and diversionary programs	-	-	4,156	4,156	47,821
Unassigned	3,056,507	-	-	3,056,507	3,025,248
Total fund balances	<u>3,056,507</u>	<u>165,955</u>	<u>4,156</u>	<u>3,226,618</u>	<u>3,242,657</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 3,502,607</u>	<u>\$ 221,984</u>	<u>\$ 608,992</u>	<u>\$ 4,333,583</u>	<u>\$ 4,677,008</u>

DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	2024				2023
	General	Title IV-D	Pretrial Diversion	Total	
Revenues:					
Fees, services, and commissions	\$ 806,336	\$ -	\$ 611,702	\$ 1,418,038	\$ 1,718,532
Intergovernmental revenue-					
Federal and state grants	90,000	821,006	-	911,006	895,455
Local appropriations	4,120,467	-	-	4,120,467	4,012,717
On-behalf payments	1,709,529	-	-	1,709,529	1,581,459
Interest income	63,695	5,907	9,556	79,158	65,230
Other revenues	21,534	-	-	21,534	3
Total revenues	<u>6,811,561</u>	<u>826,913</u>	<u>621,258</u>	<u>8,259,732</u>	<u>8,273,396</u>
Expenditures:					
Current -					
General government - judicial:					
Personnel services and related benefits	6,161,194	734,687	621,001	7,516,882	7,229,280
Operating services	253,953	89,898	112,563	456,414	523,683
Material and supplies	160,739	4,538	57,602	222,879	166,651
Travel	70,616	1,423	5,757	77,796	57,003
Capital outlay	<u>1,800</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,800</u>	<u>3,995</u>
Total expenditures	<u>6,648,302</u>	<u>830,546</u>	<u>796,923</u>	<u>8,275,771</u>	<u>7,980,612</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>163,259</u>	<u>(3,633)</u>	<u>(175,665)</u>	<u>(16,039)</u>	<u>292,784</u>
Other financing sources (uses):					
Transfers in	-	-	132,000	132,000	90,000
Transfers out	<u>(132,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(132,000)</u>	<u>(90,000)</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(132,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>132,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Changes in fund balances	31,259	(3,633)	(43,665)	(16,039)	292,784
Fund balances, beginning	<u>3,025,248</u>	<u>169,588</u>	<u>47,821</u>	<u>3,242,657</u>	<u>2,949,873</u>
Fund balances, ending	<u>\$ 3,056,507</u>	<u>\$ 165,955</u>	<u>\$ 4,156</u>	<u>\$ 3,226,618</u>	<u>\$ 3,242,657</u>

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General Fund
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024
With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	2024			Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)	2023
	Budget		Actual		
	Original	Final			
Revenues:					
Fees, services, and commissions	\$ 1,120,000	\$ 759,490	\$ 806,336	\$ 46,846	\$ 1,053,807
Intergovernmental revenues -					
Federal grants	90,000	90,000	90,000	-	90,000
Local appropriations	4,072,000	3,843,335	4,120,467	277,132	4,012,717
On-behalf payments	1,140,000	1,500,000	1,709,529	209,529	1,581,459
Interest income	13,000	17,875	63,695	45,820	51,776
Other revenues	61,000	55,594	21,534	(34,060)	3
Total revenues	<u>6,496,000</u>	<u>6,266,294</u>	<u>6,811,561</u>	<u>545,267</u>	<u>6,789,762</u>
Expenditures:					
Current -					
General government - judicial:					
Personnel services and related benefits	5,770,000	6,239,057	6,161,194	77,863	5,930,476
Operating services	330,000	256,822	253,953	2,869	298,790
Material and supplies	115,000	158,574	160,739	(2,165)	125,656
Travel	52,000	81,252	70,616	10,636	51,131
Capital outlay	-	9,846	1,800	8,046	1,997
Total expenditures	<u>6,267,000</u>	<u>6,745,551</u>	<u>6,648,302</u>	<u>97,249</u>	<u>6,408,050</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	229,000	(479,257)	163,259	642,516	381,712
Other financing uses:					
Transfers out	<u>(170,000)</u>	<u>(115,000)</u>	<u>(132,000)</u>	<u>(17,000)</u>	<u>(90,000)</u>
Change in fund balance	59,000	(594,257)	31,259	625,516	291,712
Fund balance, beginning	<u>3,025,248</u>	<u>3,025,248</u>	<u>3,025,248</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,733,536</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 3,084,248</u>	<u>\$ 2,430,991</u>	<u>\$ 3,056,507</u>	<u>\$ 625,516</u>	<u>\$ 3,025,248</u>

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Title IV-D Special Revenue Fund
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024
With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	2024			
	Budget		Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)	2023
	Original	Final	Actual	
Revenues:				
Intergovernmental revenues -				
Federal grants	\$ 534,000	\$ 542,444	\$ 541,864	\$ (580) \$ 531,600
State grants	270,000	280,198	279,142	(1,056) 273,855
Interest income	5,500	5,960	5,907	(53) 6,015
Total revenues	<u>809,500</u>	<u>828,602</u>	<u>826,913</u>	<u>(1,689)</u> <u>811,470</u>
Expenditures:				
Current -				
General government - judicial:				
Personnel services and related benefits	740,000	739,430	734,687	4,743 719,311
Operating services	87,000	97,433	89,898	7,535 84,472
Materials and supplies	4,000	5,237	4,538	699 4,769
Travel	2,000	1,583	1,423	160 1,536
Total expenditures	<u>833,000</u>	<u>843,683</u>	<u>830,546</u>	<u>13,137</u> <u>810,088</u>
Change in fund balance	(23,500)	(15,081)	(3,633)	11,448 1,382
Fund balance, beginning	<u>169,588</u>	<u>169,588</u>	<u>169,588</u>	<u>-</u> <u>168,206</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 146,088</u>	<u>\$ 154,507</u>	<u>\$ 165,955</u>	<u>\$ 11,448</u> <u>\$ 169,588</u>

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Pretrial Diversion Special Revenue Fund
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024
With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	2024			Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)	2023
	Budget		Actual		
	Original	Final			
Revenues:					
Intergovernmental revenues-					
Fees, services, and commissions	\$ 680,000	\$ 636,787	\$ 611,702	\$ (25,085)	\$ 664,725
Interest income	7,000	8,150	9,556	1,406	7,439
Total revenue	687,000	644,937	621,258	(23,679)	672,164
Expenditures:					
Current -					
General government - judicial:					
Personnel services and related benefits	592,350	622,103	621,001	1,102	579,493
Operating services	183,000	113,292	112,563	729	140,421
Material and supplies	125,000	62,391	57,602	4,789	36,226
Travel	4,300	6,908	5,757	1,151	4,336
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	1,998
Total expenditures	904,650	804,694	796,923	7,771	762,474
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	(217,650)	(159,757)	(175,665)	(15,908)	(90,310)
Other financing sources:					
Transfers in	170,000	115,000	132,000	17,000	90,000
Change in fund balance	(47,650)	(44,757)	(43,665)	1,092	(310)
Fund balance, beginning	47,821	47,821	47,821	-	48,131
Fund balance, ending	\$ 171	\$ 3,064	\$ 4,156	\$ 1,092	\$ 47,821

DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
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Justice System Funding Schedule - Receiving Entity
Year Ended December 31, 2024

	First Six Month Period Ended 6/30/2024	Second Six Month Period Ended 12/31/2024
Cash Basis Presentation		
Receipts from:		
Criminal Court Costs/Fees -		
City Court of Lafayette	\$ 5,263	\$ 5,627
Lafayette Parish Sheriff	59,256	66,102
Acadia Parish Sheriff	27,575	22,744
City Court of Kaplan	-	100
Crowley City Court	1,610	1,500
Rayne City Court	2,115	1,179
Abbeville City Court	580	247
Vermillion Parish Sheriff	23,095	26,560
Bond Fees -		
City Court of Lafayette	938	625
Lafayette Parish Sheriff	149,767	200,805
Acadia Parish Sheriff	35,277	41,007
Vermillion Parish Sheriff	16,772	46,067
Criminal Fines (Other) -		
City Court of Lafayette	8,326	8,132
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 330,574</u>	<u>\$ 420,695</u>

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Justice System Funding Schedule - Collecting/Disbursing Entity
Year Ended December 31, 2024

	First Six Month Period Ended 6/30/2024	Second Six Month Period Ended 12/31/2024
Cash Basis Presentation		
Beginning Balance of Amounts Collected	\$ 654,866	\$ 491,036
Add: Collections		
Bond Fees	153,067	433,644
Asset Forfeiture/Sale	51,500	280,910
Restitution	150,740	176,977
Other (worthless checks)	27,288	16,907
Subtotal Collections	<u>382,595</u>	<u>908,438</u>
Less: Disbursements to Governments and Nonprofits		
Bond Fees -		
Lafayette Parish Sheriff	65,761	27,716
Indigent Defender's Office	62,226	36,267
Lafayette Parish Criminal Court	65,761	27,715
Acadia Parish Sheriff	12,021	1,993
Acadia Parish Criminal Court	16,656	1,993
Asset Forfeiture/Sale -		
Acadia Parish Clerk of Court	-	182
Acadia Parish Sheriff	-	5,417
Crowley Police Department	3,618	-
Duson Police Department	9,785	-
Louisiana State Police	500	-
Less: Amounts Retained by Collecting Agency		
Amounts "Self-Disbursed" to Collecting Agency -		
Bond Fees	93,339	59,428
Asset Forfeiture/Sale	4,634	5,106
Less: Disbursements to Individuals/3rd Party Collection or		
Restitution Payments to Individuals	183,495	169,836
Other Disbursements to Individuals	<u>28,629</u>	<u>17,740</u>
Subtotal Disbursements/Retainage	<u>546,425</u>	<u>353,393</u>
Ending Balance of Amounts Collected but not Disbursed/Retained	<u>\$ 491,036</u>	<u>\$ 1,046,081</u>

**INTERNAL CONTROL, COMPLIANCE,
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

The Honorable Donald Landry
District Attorney of the Fifteenth Judicial District
Parishes of Acadia, Lafayette, and Vermilion, Louisiana
Lafayette, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District Attorney of the Fifteenth Judicial District (District Attorney), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District Attorney's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 6, 2025.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District Attorney's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District Attorney's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District Attorney's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies, and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of current and prior year audit findings and managements corrective action plan as item 2024-001 that we considered to be a material weakness.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District Attorney's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matters that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying summary schedule of current and prior year findings and management's corrective action plan as item 2024-002.

District Attorney's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the District Attorney's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying summary schedule of current and prior year audit findings and managements corrective action plan. The District Attorney's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. However, under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC
Certified Public Accountants

Lafayette, Louisiana
June 6, 2025

DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Parishes of Acadia, Lafayette, and Vermilion, Louisiana

Summary Schedule of Current and Prior Year Findings
and Management's Corrective Action Plan

Part I. Current Year Findings and Management's Corrective Action Plan

A. Internal Control Findings-

2024-001 Inadequate Segregation of Accounting Functions

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: 2014

CRITERIA: The District Attorney should have a control policy according to which no person should be given responsibility for more than one related function.

CONDITION: The District Attorney did not have adequate segregation of functions within the accounting system.

CAUSE: Due to the size of the District Attorney, there are a small number of available employees.

EFFECT: The District Attorney has employees that are performing more than one related function.

RECOMMENDATION: The District Attorney should establish and monitor mitigating controls over functions that are not completely segregated.

MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN: Due to the size of the operations and the cost-benefit of additional personnel, it may not be feasible to achieve complete segregation of duties.

B. Compliance Findings-

2024-002 Inadequate Securities Pledged to Secure Bank Balances

CRITERIA: The District Attorney is required to comply with LA Revised Statutes 39:1218-1229 which requires the District Attorney to have bank balances secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities.

CONDITION: The District Attorney did not have adequate securities pledged to secure bank balances.

CAUSE: The District Attorney did not monitor amounts pledged to secure bank balances.

EFFECT: The District Attorney did not comply with LA Revised Statutes 39:1218-1229 which requires that bank balances be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
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Summary Schedule of Current and Prior Year Findings
and Management's Corrective Action Plan (Continued)

RECOMMENDATION: The District Attorney should establish policies and procedures to ensure that all bank balances are properly secured.

MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN: The District Attorney will implement procedures to monitor bank balances to ensure that all bank balances are properly secured.

Part II. Prior Year Findings

A. Internal Control Findings-

2023-001 Inadequate Segregation of Accounting Functions

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: 2014

CONDITION: The District Attorney did not have adequate segregation of functions within the accounting system.

CURRENT STATUS: Unresolved. See finding 2024-001.

B. Compliance Findings-

No compliance findings reported.

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE
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Lafayette, Louisiana

Agreed-Upon Procedures Report

Year Ended December 31, 2024

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

District Attorney of the Fifteenth Judicial District
and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. The District Attorney of the Fifteenth Judicial District (the District Attorney) management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

The District Attorney has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

Written Policies and Procedures

1. Obtain and inspect the District Attorney's written policies and procedures and observe that they address each of the following categories and subcategories if applicable to public funds and the District Attorney's operations:
 - a) **Budgeting**, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.
 - b) **Purchasing**, including (1) how purchases are initiated; (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list; (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders; (4) controls to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law; and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.
 - c) **Disbursements**, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
 - d) **Receipts/Collections**, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g. periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).

- e) **Payroll/Personnel**, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee(s) rate of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.
- f) **Contracting**, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.
- g) **Travel and expense reimbursement**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
- h) **Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, Purchase Cards, if applicable)**, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).
- i) **Ethics**, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.
- j) **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
- k) **Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity**, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.
- l) **Prevention of Sexual Harassment**, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

Board or Finance Committee

This procedure was not subject to testing in Year 2, as no exceptions were identified during the Year 1 testing and the Year 1 audit was submitted timely.

2. Obtain the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and:
 - a) Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.
 - b) Observe that the minutes reference or include monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the General Fund, quarterly budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds.
 - c) Obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unassigned fund balance in the General Fund. If the General Fund had a negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period reference or include a formal plan to eliminate the negative unassigned fund balance in the General Fund.
 - d) Observe whether the board/finance committee received written updates of the progress of resolving audit findings, according to management's corrective action plan at each meeting until the findings are considered fully resolved.

Bank Reconciliations

3. Obtain a listing of the District Attorney's bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the District Attorney's main operating account. Select the District Attorney's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected accounts, and observe that:
 - a) Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged);
 - b) Bank reconciliations include evidence that a member of management/board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation within 1 month of the date the reconciliation was prepared (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); and
 - c) Management has documentation reflecting that it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

Collections (excluding electronic fund transfers)

4. Obtain a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).
5. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (i.e. 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if no written policies or procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that:
 - a) Employees that are responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.
 - b) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g. pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit.
 - c) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit.
 - d) The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions are not responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee verifies the reconciliation.
6. Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe the bond or insurance policy for theft was enforced during the fiscal period.
7. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for procedure #3 under "Bank Reconciliations" above (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). *Alternately, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc.* Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:
 - a) Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.

- b) Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
- c) Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
- d) Observe that the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).
- e) Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

Non-Payroll Disbursements (excluding card purchases, travel reimbursements, and petty cash purchases)

- 8. Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing was complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).
- 9. For each location selected under #8 above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:
 - a) At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order/making the purchase.
 - b) At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.
 - c) The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files.
 - d) Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments.
 - e) Only employees/officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electronic means.
- 10. For each location selected under #8 above, obtain the District Attorney's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction and:
 - a) Observe whether by paper or electronic means, the disbursement matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity.
 - b) Observe that the disbursement documentation includes evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #9, as applicable.
- 11. Using the District Attorney's main operating account and the month selected in Bank Reconciliations procedure #3 above, randomly select 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements (or all electronic disbursements if less than 5) and observe that each electronic disbursement was:
 - a) Approved by only those persons authorized to disburse funds (e.g., sign checks) per the entity's policy, and
 - b) Approved by the required number of authorized signers per the entity's policy.

Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/Purchase Cards (Cards)

12. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and purchase cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.
13. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement), obtain supporting documentation, and:
 - a) Observe that there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) were reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved), by someone other than the authorized card holder.
 - b) Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.
14. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #13 above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (i.e. each card should have 10 transactions subject to testing). For each transaction, observe that it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, describe the nature of the transaction and note whether management had compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

Travel and Travel-Related Expense Reimbursements (excluding card transactions)

15. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements, obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected:
 - a) If reimbursed using a per diem, observe the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov).
 - b) If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.
 - c) Observe that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by written policy (procedure #1h).
 - d) Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

Contracts

This procedure was not subject to testing in Year 2, as no exceptions were identified during the Year 1 testing and the Year 1 audit was submitted timely.

16. Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. *Alternately, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list.* Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and:
 - a) Observe that the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law.
 - b) Observe that the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g., Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter).
 - c) If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment, was approval documented).
 - d) Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

Payroll and Personnel

This procedure was not subject to testing in Year 2, as no exceptions were identified during the Year 1 testing and the Year 1 audit was submitted timely.

17. Obtain a listing of employees/elected officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees/officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.
18. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees/officials selected under #17 above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:
 - a) Observe that all selected employees/officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory). (Note: Generally, an elected official is not eligible to earn leave and does not document his/her attendance and leave. However, if the elected official is earning leave according to policy and/or contract, the official should document his/her daily attendance and leave.)
 - b) Observe that supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees/officials.
 - c) Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the District Attorney's cumulative leave records.
 - d) Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agree to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.
19. Obtain a listing of those employees/officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees/officials, obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the District Attorney's policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employee or officials' cumulative leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee/officials' authorized pay rates in the employee or officials' personnel files, and agree the termination payment to the District Attorney's policy.

20. Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts (e.g., payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, garnishments, workers' compensation premiums, etc.) have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

Ethics

This procedure was not subject to testing in Year 2, as no exceptions were identified during the Year 1 testing and the Year 1 audit was submitted timely.

21. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #17 under "Payroll and Personnel" above, obtain ethics documentation from management, and:
 - a) Observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:1170.
 - b) Observe whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.
22. Inquire and/ or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

Debt Service

This procedure was not subject to testing in Year 2, as no exceptions were identified during the Year 1 testing and the Year 1 audit was submitted timely.

23. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all debt instruments on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued as required by Article VII, Section 8 of the Louisiana Constitution.
24. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one bond/note, inspect debt covenants, obtain supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agree actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants (including contingency funds, short-lived asset funds, or other funds required by the debt covenants).

Fraud Notice

This procedure was not subject to testing in Year 2, as no exceptions were identified during the Year 1 testing and the Year 1 audit was submitted timely.

25. Obtain a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing was complete. Select all misappropriations on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that the entity reported the misappropriation(s) to the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled as required by R.S. 24:523.
26. Observe that the District Attorney has posted on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

This procedure was not subject to testing in Year 2, as no exceptions were identified during the Year 1 testing and the Year 1 audit was submitted timely.

27. Perform the following procedures, **verbally discuss the results with management, and report “We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.”**
 - a) Obtain and inspect the entity’s most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe evidence that such backup (a) occurred within the past week, (b) was not stored on the government’s local server or network, and (c) was encrypted.
 - b) Obtain and inspect the entity’s most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.
 - c) Obtain a listing of the entity’s computers currently in use and their related locations, and management’s representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.
28. Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in procedure #19 and:
 - a) Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.
29. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #17 under “Payroll and Personnel” above, obtain cybersecurity training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official with access to the entity’s information technology assets completed cybersecurity training requirements of R.S. 42:1267:
 - a) Completed the training if hired before June 9, 2020; and
 - b) Completed the training within 30 days of initial service or employment if hired on or after June 9, 2020.

Prevention of Sexual Harassment

This procedure was not subject to testing in Year 2, as no exceptions were identified during the Year 1 testing and the Year 1 audit was submitted timely.

30. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #17 under “Payroll and Personnel” above, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:343.
31. Observe the District Attorney has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website (or in a conspicuous location on the entity’s premises if the entity does not have a website).
32. Obtain the District Attorney’s annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe it includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:
 - a) Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
 - b) Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;

- c) Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
- d) Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
- e) Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

Exceptions:

No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedures listed above except:

Written Policies and Procedures

1. The District Attorney's written policies and procedures do not address management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund addition.

Bank Reconciliations

2. One of the five bank reconciliations selected did not have written evidence that it was prepared within two months of the statement closing date or that management reviewed it within one month of the date the reconciliation was prepared.
3. Out of the five bank reconciliations selected, three had outstanding items greater than twelve months and none contained written evidence of researching outstanding items greater than twelve months.

Collections

4. The District Attorney does not have bond or insurance policies for theft covering all employees who have access to cash.

Disbursements

5. The District Attorney has inadequate segregation of duties for disbursements. The employee responsible for processing payments can also add or modify vendor files.

Travel and Travel-Related Expense Reimbursements

6. Three of the five travel reimbursements selected did not have documentation supporting the per diem rate used or actual costs, receipts, documentation of business/public purpose or evidence of being reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving the reimbursement.

Management's Response:

Management concurs with the exceptions noted and is working to address the deficiencies identified.

We were engaged by the District Attorney of the Fifteenth Judicial District to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of the District Attorney of the Fifteenth Judicial District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the LLA as a public document.

Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC
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Lafayette, Louisiana
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