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**THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER,**  
**EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**  
**(PARISHES OF IBERVILLE, POINTE COUPEE,**  
**AND WEST BATON ROUGE)**

**NEW ROADS, LOUISIANA**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

Honorable C. Jerome D'Aquila  
The Office of the Public Defender, Eighteenth Judicial District  
(Parishes of Iberville, Pointe Coupee, and West Baton Rouge)

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Office of the Public Defender, Eighteenth Judicial District (the "Public Defender") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Public Defender's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### **Management's Responsibility 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; this includes 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.

### **Auditors' Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. 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 *Governmental Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Office of the Public Defender, Eighteenth Judicial District as of June 30, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## Other Matters

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3 through 8 and 24 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such 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 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 assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### *Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Office of the Public Defender, Eighteenth Judicial District's basic financial statements. The schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments to chief executive officer is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments to chief executive officer is the responsibility of management and was derived from and related directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. Such 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 statement themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

## Other reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated September 7, 2015, on our consideration of the Office of the Public Defender, Eighteenth Judicial District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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 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 Office of the Public Defender, Eighteenth Judicial District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Postlethwaite & Nettleton*

September 7, 2015  
Gonzales, Louisiana

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

**JUNE 30, 2015**

This section of the Office of the Public Defender, Eighteenth Judicial District's financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the Public Defender's financial performance during the year ended on June 30, 2015. Please read it in conjunction with the Public Defender's financial statements, which follow this section.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- The Public Defender's total net position decreased by \$148,705 over the course of the year's operations.
- The Public Defender's expenses were \$148,705 more than the \$762,784 generated in charges for services and other revenue.
- Revenues decreased by 0.1 percent to \$762,784 while expenses for the year increased by .5 percent or \$4,297.
- The general fund reported a fund balance of \$315,131, a decrease from June 30, 2014 of 32.1 percent.

**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This report consists of three parts—management's discussion and analysis (this section), the financial statements, and required supplementary information. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the Public Defender:

- The first two statements are government-wide financial statements that provide both long-term and short-term information about the Public Defender's overall financial status.
- The remaining statements are fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of the Public Defender's government, reporting the Public Defender's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements.
  - The governmental funds statements tell how general government services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements. Figure A-1 shows how the required parts of this annual report are arranged and relate to one another.

Figure A-1 summarizes the major features of the Public Defender's financial statements, including the portion of the Public Defender's government they cover and the types of information they contain. The remainder of this overview section of management's discussion and analysis explains the structure of contents of each of the statements.

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**JUNE 30, 2015**

Figure A-1  
Major Features of Public Defender's Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

	Fund Statements	
	Government-wide Statements	Governmental Funds
Scope	Entire Public Defender government	The activities of the Public Defender
Required financial statements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statement of net position</li> <li>• Statement of activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Balance Sheet</li> <li>• Statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances</li> </ul>
Accounting basis and measurements focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial resources focus
Type of asset/liability information	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, and short-term and long-term	Only assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets included
Type of inflow/outflow information	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received or have otherwise been incurred.

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**JUNE 30, 2015**

**Government-wide Statements**

The government-wide statements report information about the Public Defender as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of net position includes all of the government's assets and liabilities. All of the current period's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The government-wide statements report the Public Defender's net position and how they have changed. Net Position—the difference between the Public Defender's assets and liabilities—is one way to measure the Public Defender's financial health, or position.

- Over time, increases or decreases in the Public Defender's net position are an indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating, respectively.
- To assess the overall health of the Public Defender you need to consider additional non-financial factors such as the demand for indigent defense.

The government-wide financial statements of the Public Defender include:

- Governmental activities—most of the Public Defender's basic services are included here such as cost on court fees and bail bonds.

**Fund Financial Statements**

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the Public Defender's most significant funds—not the Public Defender as a whole. Funds are accounting devices that the Public Defender uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending for particular purposes.

The Public Defender has one type of fund:

- Governmental funds—All of the Public Defender's basic services are included in governmental funds, which focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out and (2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Public Defender's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the government-wide statements, we provide additional information at the bottom of the governmental funds statement, or on the subsequent page, that explains the relationship (or differences) between them.



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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

**JUNE 30, 2015**

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER AS A WHOLE**

**Net position.** The Public Defender's net position decreased between the year ended 2015 and 2014 to \$319,522. (See Table A-1.)

**Table A-1**  
**Public Defender's Net Position**

	Governmental Activities	
	<u>6/30/15</u>	<u>6/30/14</u>
Current and other assets	\$320,894	\$478,022
Capital assets	4,391	4,417
<b>Total assets</b>	<b><u>325,285</u></b>	<b><u>482,439</u></b>
Current liabilities	5,763	14,212
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b><u>5,763</u></b>	<b><u>14,212</u></b>
Net position		
Net investment in capital assets	4,391	4,417
Unrestricted	315,131	463,810
<b>Total net position</b>	<b><u>\$319,522</u></b>	<b><u>\$468,227</u></b>

Net position of the Public Defender's governmental activities decreased 31.8 percent or \$148,705 during the year. Unrestricted net position - the part of net position that can be used to finance day-to-day operations without constraints established by enabling legislation or other legal requirements changed from \$463,810 at June 30, 2014, to \$315,131 at the end of the current fiscal year.

**Changes in net position.** The Public Defender's total revenues decreased 0.1 percent to \$762,784. (See Table A-2). Approximately 83 percent of the Public Defender's revenue comes from court fines and forfeitures.

The total cost of operations increased \$4,297 or 0.5 percent. The Public Defender expenses cover all of the services performed by its office.

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

**JUNE 30, 2015**

**Governmental Activities**

Revenues for the Public Defender's governmental activities decreased 0.1 percent, while total expenses increased 0.5 percent.

**Table A-2**  
**Changes in Public Defender's Net Position**

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>	
	<b><u>6/30/15</u></b>	<b><u>6/30/14</u></b>
<b>Revenues</b>		
Program revenues		
Charges for services	\$ 630,944	\$ 725,860
State government appropriations	131,686	45,421
Interest	154	192
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b><u>762,784</u></b>	<b><u>771,473</u></b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Personnel	271,933	265,443
Other Operating	639,556	641,749
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b><u>911,489</u></b>	<b><u>907,192</u></b>
<b>Decrease in net position</b>	<b><u>\$ (148,705)</u></b>	<b><u>\$ (135,719)</u></b>

- The cost of all governmental activities for the year increased approximately 0.5 percent to \$911,489 primarily due to the increase in support staff salaries.

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE FUNDS**

As the Public Defender completed the year, its governmental funds reported a fund balance of \$315,131, a decrease from last year of \$148,679 or 32.1 percent.

**General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

Over the course of the year, there were amendments made to the general fund budget to reflect the decrease in court fees received and for the professional fees for services rendered by the Public Defender.

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

**JUNE 30, 2015**

**CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION**

**Capital Assets**

At June 30, 2015, the Public Defender had invested \$4,391 in capital assets. (See Table A-3.)

**Table A-3**  
**Public Defender's Capital Assets**  
(net of depreciation)

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>	
	<b>6/30/15</b>	<b>6/30/14</b>
Equipment	\$ 33,140	\$ 31,393
Accumulated Depreciation	(28,749)	(26,976)
<b>Net Capital Assets</b>	<b>\$ 4,391</b>	<b>\$ 4,417</b>

**ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES**

The Public Defender is dependent on providing criminal legal services for indigent individuals in Iberville, Pointe Coupee, and West Baton Rouge Parishes for approximately 82 percent of its revenues. The economy is not expected to generate any significant growth. Therefore, the Public Defender's future revenues are expected to continue to decrease over the next year.

**CONTACTING THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and creditors with a general overview of the Public Defender's finances and to demonstrate the Public Defender's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Mr. Jerry D'Aquila, 308 East Main Street, New Roads, LA 70760.

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**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**

**JUNE 30, 2015**

**ASSETS**

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 227,449
Intergovernmental receivables	89,797
Prepaid insurance	3,648
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>4,391</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 325,285</u>

**LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION**

**LIABILITIES**

Accounts payable	<u>\$ 5,763</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>5,763</u>

**NET POSITION**

Net investment in capital assets	4,391
Unrestricted	<u>315,131</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>319,522</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	<u>\$ 325,285</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, EIGHTEETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
		<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Governmental Unit</u>
<b><u>FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS</u></b>			
Governmental activities:			
General government	\$ 911,489	\$ 630,944	\$ (280,545)
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 911,489</u>	<u>\$ 630,944</u>	<u>(280,545)</u>
General Revenues:			
State government appropriations			131,686
Interest			<u>154</u>
Total general revenues			<u>131,840</u>
Change in net position			(148,705)
Net position - July 1, 2014			<u>468,227</u>
Net position - June 30, 2015			<u>\$ 319,522</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, EIGHTEETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**JUNE 30, 2015**

**ASSETS**

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 227,449
Intergovernmental receivable	89,797
Prepaid expenses	<u>3,648</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$ 320,894</u></b>

**LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES**

Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ <u>5,763</u>
Total liabilities	<u>5,763</u>
Fund balance	
Nonspendable	3,648
Unassigned	<u>311,483</u>
Total fund balance	<u>315,131</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b><u>\$ 320,894</u></b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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**RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET  
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**

**JUNE 30, 2015**

Total fund balances - Governmental Funds \$ 315,131

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the  
Statement of Net Position are different because:

Capital assets used in the governmental activities are not  
financial resources, therefore, are not reported in the funds.

Cost of capital assets	33,140	
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(28,749)</u>	<u>4,391</u>

Total net position - Governmental Activities \$ 319,522

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE-GOVERNMENTAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

**REVENUES**

Court fees	\$ 542,474
Bond fees	87,270
State government appropriations	131,686
Local revenue	1,200
Investment income	154
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Total Revenues	762,784

**EXPENDITURES**

General government	
Salaries	246,189
Fringe	25,744
Travel	4,200
Operating services	48,077
Professional	583,996
Client expense	1,510
Capital Outlay	1,747
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Total Expenditures	911,463

<b>Deficiency of Revenues Over Expenditures</b>	(148,679)
Fund balance, beginning of year	463,810
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<b>Fund balance, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 315,131</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.



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**RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND**  
**CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**JUNE 30, 2015**

Deficiency of Revenues  
over Expenditures \$ (148,679)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities  
are 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 as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital  
outlays exceeded depreciation

Capital Assets:

Capital outlay	1,747
Depreciation expense	<u>(1,773)</u>
	<u>(26)</u>

Change in Net Position - Governmental Activities \$ (148,705)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**JUNE 30, 2015**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**INTRODUCTION**

The Office of the Public Defender, Eighteenth Judicial District, (the Public Defender) was established by the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute 15:144-149, to provide counsel to represent indigent, (needy individuals) in criminal and quasi-criminal cases at the District Court level. This statute has been amended by Act No. 307. The Office of the Public Defender, Eighteenth Judicial District, encompasses the parishes of Iberville, Pointe Coupee, and West Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

**A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The accompanying basic financial statements of the Office of the Public Defender, Eighteenth Judicial District have been prepared in conformity with governmental accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Public Defender (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles

**B. REPORTING ENTITY**

For the financial reporting purposes, in conformance with GASB Codification Section 2100, the Office of the Public Defender, Eighteenth Judicial District is a part of the district court system of the State of Louisiana. However, the state statutes that created the district boards also gave each of the boards control over their own operations. This includes the hiring and retention of employees, authority over budgeting, responsibility for deficits, and the receipt and disbursement of funds. The Office of the Public Defender, Eighteenth Judicial District is financially independent and operates autonomously from the State of Louisiana and independent from the district court system. Therefore, the Office of the Public Defender, Eighteenth Judicial District reports as a reporting entity, not as a component unit and the basic financial statements include only the transactions of the Office of the Public Defender, Eighteenth Judicial District.

**C. FUND ACCOUNTING**

The Public Defender Office uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid management by segregating transactions related to certain Public Defender functions and activities. A fund is designed as a separate fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

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**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**C. FUND ACCOUNTING (continued)**

**Governmental Funds**

Governmental funds account for all of the Public Defender's general activities. These funds focus on the sources, uses, and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the funds which they will be paid. The difference between a governmental fund's assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. In general, fund balance represents the accumulated expendable resources which may be used to finance future period programs or operations of the Public Defender. The following are the Public Defender's governmental funds:

**General Fund-** the primary operating fund of the Public Defender and it accounts for all financial resources; except those required to be accounted for in other funds. The General Fund is available for any purpose it is expended or transferred in accordance with state and federal laws and according to Public Defender policy.

**D. MEASUREMENT FOCUS/BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

**Fund Financial Statements (FFS)**

The amounts reflected in the General Fund are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach is then reconciled, through adjustment, to a government-wide view of Public Defender operations.

The amounts reflected in the General Fund use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined and available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The Public Defender considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after the fiscal year end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred except for interest and principal payments on general long term debt

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**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**D. MEASUREMENT FOCUS/BASIS OF ACCOUNTING (continued)**

which is recognized when due, and certain compensated absences and claims and judgments which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources. The governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

**Revenues**

All governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Their revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available as net current assets. All major revenues (court fines) are susceptible to accrual.

**Expenditures**

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred.

**Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)**

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities display information about the Public Defender as a whole. These statements include all the financial activities of the Public Defender. Information contained in these columns reflects the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from exchange or exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange occurs (regardless of when cash is received or disbursed).

**Program Revenues-** Program revenues included in the column labeled Statement of Activities are derived directly from Public Defender users as a fee for services; program revenues reduce the cost of the function to be financed directly from the Public Defender's general revenues.

**E. BUDGETS AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING**

The Public Defender's office follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. In accordance with the Budget Act of the State of Louisiana, the Public Defender prepares an operating budget for the general fund at least fifteen days prior to the commencement of the budgetary year end. The operating budgets include proposed expenditures and the means of financing them for the upcoming year.

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**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**E. BUDGETS AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING (continued)**

2. The budget is made available for public inspection for a fifteen day period prior to a public hearing held to obtain taxpayer comment.
3. The budget for the General Fund is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).
4. The budget is adopted at the public hearing and is authorized for implementation on the first day of the calendar year.
5. All annual appropriations lapse at year end.

**F. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

The entity's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

State law allows the Assessor to invest in collateralized certificates of deposits, government-backed securities, commercial paper, the state sponsored investment pool and mutual funds consisting solely of government-backed securities.

**G. RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES**

Receivables consist of all revenues earned at year end and not yet received. Payables consist of all liabilities incurred at year end and not yet paid.

**H. ESTIMATES**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require 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 revenues, expenditures, and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**I. RECLASSIFICATIONS**

Certain amounts in the June 30, 2015 financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation. The reclassification has no effect on the change in net position for 2015.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**JUNE 30, 2015**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**J. PREPAID INSURANCE**

Certain payments to vendors reflect cost applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both the government-wide and fund financial statements.

**K. CAPITAL ASSETS**

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 Public Defender maintains a threshold level of \$1,000 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

Capital assets are recorded in the Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities. Since surplus assets are sold for an immaterial amount when declared as no longer needed for public purposes, no salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purposes. All capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives. Useful lives vary from 5 to 10 years.

**L. NET POSITION IN THE GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the government-wide statement of net position, the net position amount is classified and displayed in three components:

- Net investment in capital assets – This component consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those capital assets. At year end, the Public Defender did not have any borrowings that were related to capital assets.
- Restricted net position – This component consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, laws, or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- Unrestricted net position – This component consists of all other net position that do not meet the definition of “restricted” or “invested in capital assets.”

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

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**JUNE 30, 2015**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**M. FUND BALANCE OF FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Nonspendable**- represents amounts that are not expected to be converted to cash because they are either not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

**Restricted**- represents balances where constraints have been established by parties outside the Public Defender's office or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

**Committed**- represents balances that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Public Defender.

**Assigned**- represents balances that are constrained by the Public Defender's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed.

**Unassigned**- represents balances for which there are no constraints.

When expenditures are incurred for the purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted amounts are available, the Public Defender restricted amounts first, followed by unrestricted amounts. When expenditures are incurred for purposes for which committed, assigned and unassigned amounts are available, the District reduces committed amounts first, followed by assigned amounts and then unassigned amounts.

**2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

At June 30, 2015 the Public Defender had a demand cash account (book balances) totaling \$227,449. These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value for the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

Custodial Credit Risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned to it. The Public Defender does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. As of June 30, 2015 the bank balance of \$7,024 was not exposed to custodial credit risk.

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**2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (continued)**

As of June 30, 2015, \$220,495 is invested in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool, Inc. (LAMP) (see Summary of Significant Accounting Policies). The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments are authorized to invest in accordance with LA-RS 33:2955.

Investment Credit Risk: LAMP is rated AAAM by Standard's & Poor's.

The dollar weighted average portfolio maturity of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than 90 days, and consists of no securities with a maturity in excess of 397 days. LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances. The investments in LAMP are stated at fair value based on quoted market rates.

The fair value is determined on a weekly basis by LAMP and the value of the position in the external investment pool is the same as the value of the pool shares. LAMP, Inc. is subject to the regulatory oversight of the state treasurer and the board of directors. LAMP is not registered with the SEC as an investment company.

**3. CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital assets and depreciation activity as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, are as follows:

	<u>Machinery and Equipment</u>
Cost of Capital Assets, June 30, 2014	\$ 31,393
Additions	<u>1,747</u>
Cost of Capital Assets, June 30, 2015	<u>33,140</u>
Accumulated depreciation, June 30, 2014	26,976
Additions	<u>1,773</u>
Accumulated depreciation, June 30, 2015	<u>28,749</u>
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, at June 30, 2015	<u>\$ 4,391</u>

For the year ended June 30, 2015, depreciation expense was \$1,773.



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**4. RECEIVABLES**

The Public Defender's has receivables of \$89,797 at June 30, 2015. These receivables consist of court fees and bail bonds.

**5. LITIGATIONS AND CLAIMS**

The Public Defender is not aware of any pending or threatened litigation against the Office of the Public Defender, Eighteenth Judicial District as of June 30, 2015. No claims were paid out or litigation costs incurred during the year ended June 30, 2015.

**6. OPERATING LEASE**

The Public Defender leases two mini storage facility units under a month to month agreement. The Public Defender paid monthly rental payments of \$165 for each unit. Payments under this lease totaled \$3,960 for the year ended June 30, 2015.

**7. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Public Defender is exposed to various risk of loss to torts, theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Public Defender has purchased commercial insurance to cover or reduce the risk of loss that might arise should one of these incidents occur. There have been no significant reductions in coverage for the prior year. No settlements were made during the year that exceeded the Public Defender's coverage.

**8. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date the financial statement were available to be issued, August 28, 2015, and determined that there were no events that require disclosure.

No subsequent events occurring after this date have been evaluated for inclusion in these financial statements.

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**JUNE 30, 2015**

**10. GOVERNMENTAL FUND REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES**

For the year ended June 30, 2015, the major sources of governmental fund revenues and expenditures were as follows:

Revenues:

**State Government**

Appropriations – general	<u>\$ 131,686</u>	
Total		131,686

**Local Government**

Statutory fines, forfeitures, fees, court costs, and other	<u>630,944</u>	
Total		630,944

**Investment earnings**

Total Revenues		<u>154</u>
		<u>\$762,784</u>

Expenditures:

**Personnel Services and Benefits**

Salaries	\$246,189	
Insurance	6,589	
Payroll taxes	<u>19,155</u>	
Total		\$271,933

**Operating Costs**

Library and research	27,665	
Contract services - attorney/legal	547,209	
Contract services -other	40,445	
Lease - office	3,960	
Travel - transportation	4,200	
Insurance	1,787	
Supplies	6,048	
Repairs and maintenance	1,085	
Utilities and telephone	3,955	
Other	<u>1,429</u>	
Total		637,783

**Capital Outlay**

Total Expenditures		<u>1,747</u>
		<u>\$911,463</u>

**THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, EIGHTEETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GENERAL FUND**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
<b><u>REVENUES</u></b>			
Court Fees	\$ 660,000	\$ 506,600	\$ 542,474
Bond Fees	70,000	86,000	87,270
State Government Appropriations	123,600	123,600	131,686
Local	1,200	1,200	1,200
Investment Earnings	200	150	154
Total Revenues	<u>855,000</u>	<u>717,550</u>	<u>762,784</u>
<b><u>EXPENDITURES</u></b>			
Personnel Services and Related Benefits	210,000	219,500	271,933
Travel and Training	5,000	4,200	4,200
Operating Services	50,000	48,500	48,077
Professional Services	630,000	637,000	583,996
Other Expenses	6,000	3,500	1,510
Capital Outlay	-	-	1,747
Total Expenditures	<u>901,000</u>	<u>912,700</u>	<u>911,463</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(46,000)	(195,150)	(148,679)
Fund Balance, July 1, 2014	<u>463,810</u>	<u>463,810</u>	<u>463,810</u>
Fund Balance, June 30, 2015	<u>\$ 417,810</u>	<u>\$ 268,660</u>	<u>\$ 315,131</u>

**THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, EIGHTEETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**  
**SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS**  
**AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER: C. Jerome D'Aquila, District Defender**

	<u>Totals</u>
Salary	<u>\$ 66,179</u>
	<u>\$ 66,179</u>

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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***

**Independent Auditors' Report**

Honorable Jerry D'Aquila  
The Office of the Public Defender, Eighteenth Judicial District  
(Parishes of Iberville, Pointe Coupee, and West Baton Rouge)

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to the financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Office of the Public Defender, Eighteenth Judicial District (the "Public Defender"), as of the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Office of the Public Defender, Eighteenth Judicial District's basic financial statements, we have issued our report thereon dated September 7, 2015.

**Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Office of the Public Defender, Eighteenth Judicial District'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 opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Office of the Public Defender, Eighteenth Judicial District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Public Defender's internal control.

*A deficiency in internal controls* 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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those with governance.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

## Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Public Defender office's financial statements are free of 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 determination of financial statement amounts. 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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

## 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.



September 7, 2015  
Gonzales, Louisiana

**THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**

**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

**A. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS**

1. The auditors' report expresses an unmodified opinion on the basic financial statements of the Office of the Public Defender, Eighteenth Judicial District.
2. No material weaknesses relating to the audit of the financial statements are reported in the Independent Auditors' 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.
3. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of Office of the Public Defender, Eighteenth Judicial District were disclosed during the audit.

**B. FINDINGS – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT**

None noted.

**THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT**

**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS**

**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

**A. FINDINGS – FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT**

None noted.