

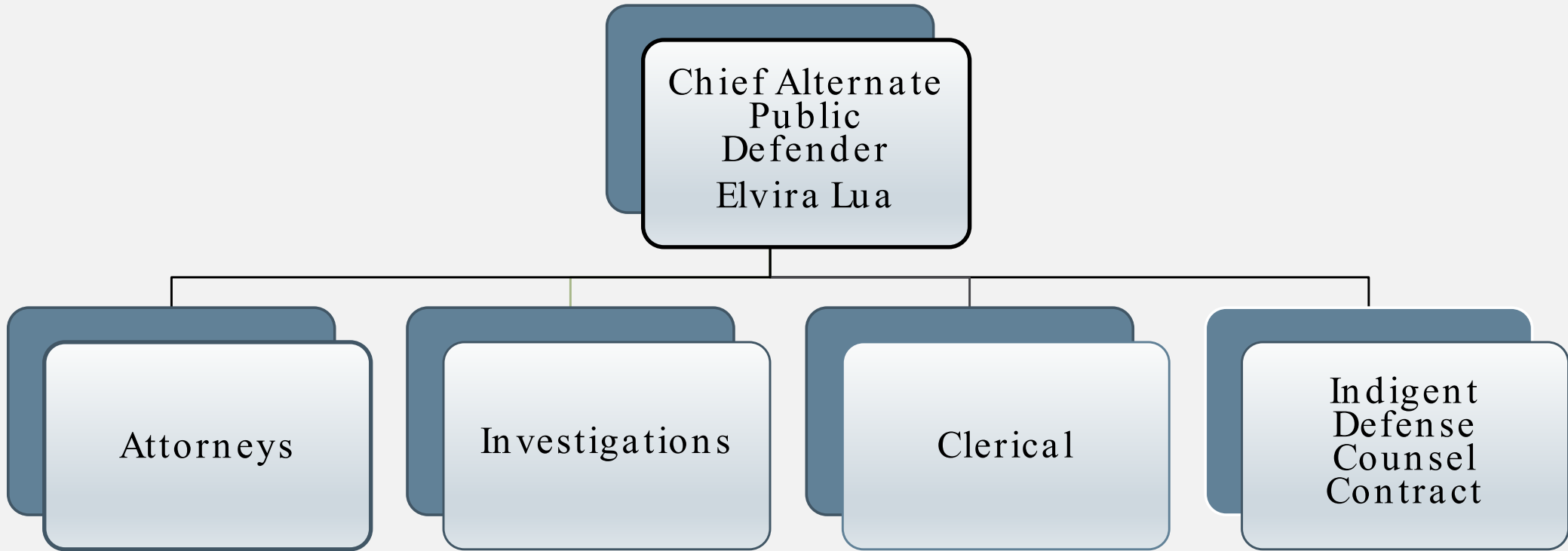
Office of the Alternate Public Defender 20 24

Presented to the Board of Supervisors on January 23, 20 24

Mission Statement

The mission of the Alternate Public Defender is to provide high quality, vigorous and caring representation to clients charged with criminal offenses, in cases where the Public Defender's Office is unable to represent them (due to unavailability or conflict of interest). Our team is committed to fighting for the rights, liberty and dignity of every client.

Organizational Chart





What we do?

- Advocate for people impacted by the criminal legal system
- Challenge unjust and often unconstitutional practices
- Link clients with essential services

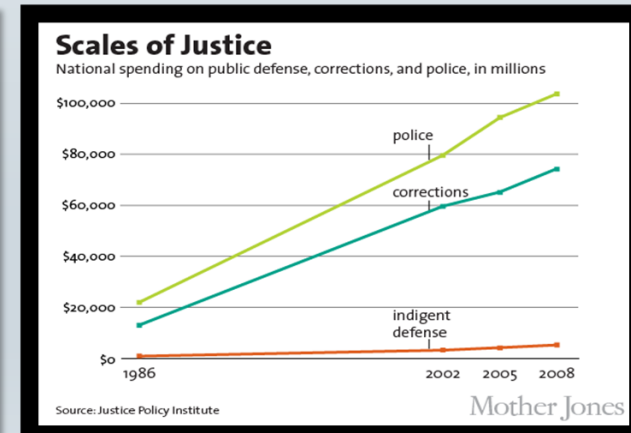
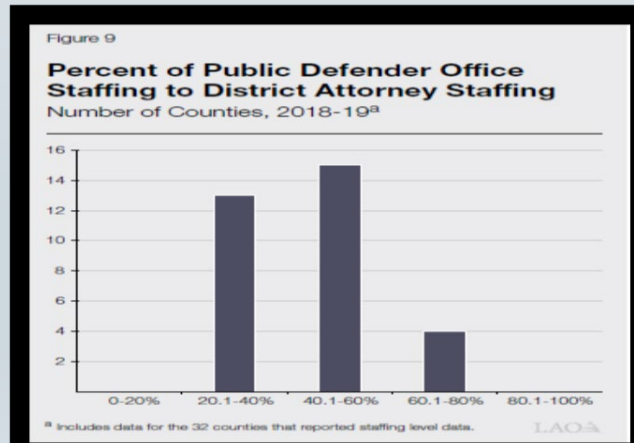
Total Operating Appropriations

Alternate Public Defender

- Revenue: \$17,500 (AB 109)
- Appropriations: \$1,281,483
- NCC: \$1,263,983

Indigent Defense:

- No Revenue Budgeted
- Appropriations: \$660,874
- NCC: \$660,874



Service and Performance Indicators



Legal Services

Pre-Trial Intervention and Specialty Courts

Investigations

Appeals

Conservatorships

Juvenile

Civil Contempt Issues

Resentencing Issues pertaining to new laws

Role in the Strategic Plan

Work Force Excellence

- As a legally mandated department we strive to operate by the county's core values of integrity and service excellence.
- Our employees complete regular training to continue professional growth and provide our clients with the best service possible.

Thriving Economy

- As a critical part of the justice system, we help our clients return to work and try to help them become productive members of society.
- We collaborate with other government agencies to achieve the best possible outcomes for our clients.

Safe and Healthy Communities

- Work with the district attorneys to look for alternatives to incarceration that serves the clients' mental health and substance abuse issues.
- Our department actively encourages our clients to make use of the resources provided through the legal system and other county departments so that we can reduce recidivism.

Upcoming Policy and Programmatic Changes

National Public
Defense Workload
Study

Ethics rules require lawyers to limit their workloads to ensure competent representation

Welfare and
Institutions Code
4336

Cap for state hospital commitments.
Penalty of \$113,000 per committed client that exceeds the cap

SB 1338 - The
Community
Assistance, Recovery,
and Empowerment
Act

Effective on 1/1/2024