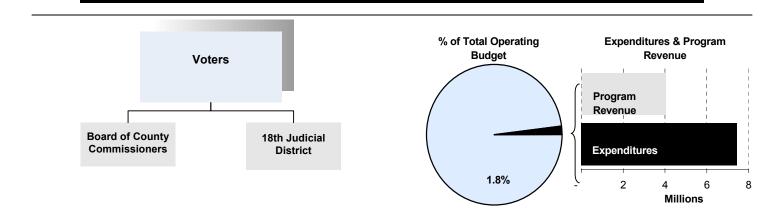




Mission:

□ To provide courteous and dignified treatment to all citizens in an environment that always promotes efficient and fair administration of justice.



Program Information

The Kansas Constitution creates judicial districts and their services are guided by the Statutes of the State of Kansas. These individual judicial districts are the trial courts of Kansas. Judicial districts have jurisdiction over all civil, and criminal cases, including divorce and domestic relations, damage suits, probate and administration of estates, guardianships, conservatorships, care of the mentally ill, juvenile matters, and small claims.

Kansas is divided into judicial districts of which counties are assigned, with a varying number of judges in each judicial district. Sedgwick County is the sole county located in the 18th Judicial District. Currently, there are 26 judges serving on the bench for the 18th Judicial District, but two more judges will be added in 2009. Also, with the retirement of three District judges in 2008, there will be at least five new judges in 2009.

The State Supreme Court appoints a district judge as Chief Judge for each judicial district. The Chief Judge, in addition to judicial responsibilities, has general control over the assignment of cases within the judicial district and general supervisory authority over clerical and administrative support functions for the district.

Funding for the 18th Judicial District is provided through a combination of sources, including the state, county, and various fees charged to those utilizing the court system. Although the 18th Judicial District staff are employees of the State of Kansas, Sedgwick County is responsible for providing facilities and operating expenses for the operation of the courts.

The 18th Judicial District handles a variety of cases. In recent years, the largest number of cases handled by the District have been traffic tickets, limited, and divorce cases. In descending order by the number of cases handled, other cases include: civil, marriage licenses, criminal, juvenile offender, probate, small claims, and Juvenile Court Child in Need of Care (CINC).

The 18th Judicial District relies on partnerships to assist in accomplishing their mission and goals. The District's partners include the Sedgwick County Board of County



Commissioners, the Office of Judicial Administration, and the Kansas Supreme Court.

Departmental Sustainability Initiatives

The 18th Judicial District encourages actions among its employees to reduce their impact on the environment. This includes promoting paper and aluminum can recycling. The District Court also provides court rules and forms on their website, reducing the need of citizens to drive to the courthouse to receive this information.

Steps are also taken by the 18th Judicial District to ensure services and assistance are delivered in a fair and

equitable manner. These include responding to ADA requirements of employees and participants court and providing interpreters in court hearings. The District Court also has real-time and hearing assistance available for litigants and jurors. Additionally, fair treatment for anyone who participates in the court system is a priority for the District Court.

To improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the 18th Judicial District, the District Court has partnered with Sedgwick County to utilize the new Day Reporting Center. Sedgwick County is also implementing a new Drug Court Program in which the 18th District Court is heavily involved. Additionally, the District Court continues to

review spending and research with other urban court to find successful models for contracting services and providing services.

Department Accomplishments

The 18th Judicial District is involved in the planning and creation of the Sedgwick County Drug Court Program. The Drug Court Program is designed to achieve reductions in recidivism and substance abuse among drug dependent offenders and increase the offenders' likelihood of successful habilitation. This will be done

through timely, continuous, and intense judicially supervised treatment, mandatory periodic drug testing, and use of sanctions and other habilitation services. Key components of this program are the ongoing judicial interaction with each drug court participant, and the integration of drug treatment services with justice system case processing. Initial funding for the Sedgwick County Drug Court Program was approved May 28, 2008 by the Sedgwick County Board of County Commissioners. The projected start date is October 1, 2008.

Another initiative of the District Court is succession planning and staff development. Through the use of the

County's Management Model and meetings with department managers. the Court has focused on promoting employees who have a strong desire and skill set to supervise and lead. In turn, the Court has invested time and money in their employee development. Additionally, each employee understands the Court's mission and expectations.

Budget Adjustments

2009 budget adjustments for the 18th Judicial District include a \$61,956 increase in administrative charges for the Court Trustee and a \$774 decrease in administrative charges for the Court Alcohol and Drug Safety Program. There were no other significant budget adjustments.

There are multiple upcoming challenges for the 18th Judicial District. First, the Board of Indigent Defense is no longer paying for interpreter fees for felony cases. In turn, the District Court has shifted \$35,000 from other parts of their budget to address this increase.

The District Court will also be impacted by a recent Kansas Supreme Court ruling relating to the allowance of juries in juvenile trials. The District Court may need to make modifications to their juvenile courtrooms to accommodate juvenile jury trials. There could also be additional operational costs associated with this ruling.



Alignment with County Values

competent, professional, ethical and committed

and maintains public trust and confidence

new judges and additional support staff

The District Court is an equal opportunity employer that

recruits, selects, and evaluates employees who are

The District Court is committed to fair treatment for

By setting priorities and managing competing demands on

existing resources, the Court preserves its independence,

ensures accountability, improves performance and builds

Goals & Initiatives

Remodel the former emergency communications location

in the basement of the Courthouse for Adult Probation

Add two courtrooms and chambers to accommodate two

• Upgrade the wiring in courtrooms to safely utilize modern

everyone who works in or participates in the court system

• Equal Opportunity -

• Commitment -

Accountability -

technologies

Budget Adjustments From Previous Fiscal Year

- Cost allocation plan adjustments - Court Trustee

- Cost allocation plan adjustments - Court Alcohol and Drug Safety Program

Expenditures Revenue FTEs 61,956 (774)

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Budget Summary by Categ	ory					Budget Summary b	y Fund	
Expenditures	2007 Actual	2008 Adopted	2008 Revised	2009 Budget	% Chg. 08-09	Expenditures	2008 Revised	2009 Budget
Personnel	2,788,196	3,196,914	3,196,914	3,354,143	4.9%	General Fund	2,581,544	2,513,587
Contractual Services Debt Service	2,624,880 1,275,170	3,064,526	3,102,126	2,713,989	-12.5%	Court Trustee Court A/D Safety Pgm	4,282,265 136,149	4,123,513 195,442
Commodities Capital Improvements	494,403 4,219	566,350 141,168	561,950 141,168	378,125 525,000	-32.7% 271.9%	Dist Court - Grants	215,000	612,000
Capital Equipment Interfund Transfers	71,346	246,000	212,800 -	473,285	122.4%			
Total Expenditures	7,258,214	7,214,958	7,214,958	7,444,542	3.2%	Total Expenditures	7,214,958	7,444,542
Revenue Taxes	-	-	-	-				
Intergovernmental	2,390,923	2,669,845	2,669,845	2,487,516	-6.8%			
Charges For Service	1,350,410	1,329,116	1,329,116	1,509,636	13.6%			
Other Revenue Total Revenue	27,119 3,768,453	38,107 4,037,068	38,107 4,037,068	38,925 4,036,077	2.1%			
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	62.50	62.50	62.50	62.00	-0.8%			

Budget Summary by Program

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Program	Fund	2007 Actual	2008 Adopted			•			2 Buo
Court Administration	110	3,281,263	2,065,994		`		i	-	
Court Probation	110	76,995	63,250	63,250	78,637	24.3%	-	-	
Court Clerks	110	186,621	188,100	188,100	215,600	14.6%	-	-	
Court Technology	110	242,845	264,200	264,200	265,000	0.3%	-	-	
Court ADSAP	214	139,576	136,149	136,149	195,442	43.5%	1.00	1.00	1
Drug Testing	262	52,242	215,000	215,000	612,000	184.7%	-	-	
Court Trustee IV-D	211	2,545,777	3,275,916	3,275,916	3,226,750	-1.5%	47.00	47.00	46
Court Trustee Non IV	211	732,894	1,006,349	1,006,349	896,763	-10.9%	14.50	14.50	14

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Total	7,258,214	7,214,958	7,214,958	7,444,542	3.2%	62.50	62.50	62.00



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Court Administration

The 18th Judicial District has jurisdiction over civil, probate, juvenile, criminal matters and appellate jurisdiction for municipal courts in Sedgwick County. Under the Constitution, the judiciary is a separate branch of government equal to, but coordinates with the legislative and executive branches. District courts exist for the determination of the rights of private persons and the public in general under the constitutions and the laws of the United States and the State of Kansas.

Expenditures for Court Administration support the operational costs for 28 judges, aides and court reporters, and other administrative staff. These individuals are state employees resulting in no personnel costs from this program. Administrative costs support the statutorily required payments of indigent attorney fees, translators, jurors, transcripts, and psychological evaluations.

Fund(s): General Fund 110					19001-110
	2007	2008	2008	2009	% Chg.
Expenditures	Actual	Adopted	Revised	Budget	08-09
Personnel	-	-	-	-	
Contractual Services	1,787,939	1,834,276	1,834,276	1,843,350	0.5%
Debt Service	1,275,170	-	-	-	
Commodities	194,494	90,550	90,550	86,000	-5.0%
Capital Improvements	4,219	141,168	141,168	-	-100.0%
Capital Equipment	19,442	-	-	25,000	
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	
Total Expenditures	3,281,263	2,065,994	2,065,994	1,954,350	-5.4%
Revenue					
Taxes	-	-	-	-	
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	
Charges For Service	298,531	293,277	293,277	316,554	7.9%
Other Revenue	27,089	37,176	37,176	38,893	4.6%
Total Revenue	325,620	330,453	330,453	355,447	7.6%
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	-	-	-	-	

Goal(s):

• Provide courteous and dignified treatment to all citizens, in an environment that always promotes efficient and fair administration of justice

Court Probation

Under the authority of the Kansas Judicial Branch and the laws of the State of Kansas, Court Probation Officers hold offenders accountable for their behavior in a professional and ethical manner through the judicial process. In Sedgwick County, this purpose is accomplished with court service officers who complete the responsibilities of court reports and offender supervision. Also included in this Department are Child Custody Investigators who conduct investigations for Family Law Judges and Child in Need of Care Officers who help coordinate abuse/neglect or truancy cases through the juvenile court system.

Fund(s): General Fund 110					19002-110
	2007	2008	2008	2009	% Chg.
Expenditures	Actual	Adopted	Revised	Budget	08-09
Personnel	-	-	-	-	
Contractual Services	32,591	45,250	45,250	50,137	10.8%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	
Commodities	34,023	18,000	18,000	18,000	0.0%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	
Capital Equipment	10,381	-	-	10,500	
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	
Total Expenditures	76,995	63,250	63,250	78,637	24.3%
Revenue					
Taxes	-	-	-	-	
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	
Charges For Service	-	77	77	-	-100.0%
Other Revenue	-	931	931	-	-100.0%
Total Revenue	-	1,008	1,008	-	-100.0%
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	-	-	-	-	

Goal(s):

• Remodel basement of main courthouse for Adult Probation and Intake

• Utilize YLS tool in juvenile probation (consistent with evidence based practice per statute)

• Provide supervisory training for Court Service Officers



Court Clerks

The Clerk of Court is a ministerial officer of the District Court. This position is required to perform all duties required by law or court rules and practices. These duties include, but are not limited to, preserving all papers filed or by law placed under the clerk's control, keeping appearance dockets or other records as may be ordered by the court, the issuing writs and orders for provisional remedies, and making records and information accessible to the public during normal working hours.

Fund(s): General Fund 110					19003-110
	2007	2008	2008	2009	% Chg.
Expenditures	Actual	Adopted	Revised	Budget	08-09
Personnel	-	-	-	-	
Contractual Services	123,460	125,800	125,800	139,850	11.2%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	
Commodities	63,162	51,300	51,300	43,750	-14.7%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	
Capital Equipment	-	11,000	11,000	32,000	190.9%
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	
Total Expenditures	186,621	188,100	188,100	215,600	14.6%
Revenue					
Taxes	-	-	-	-	
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	
Charges For Service	-	-	-	-	
Other Revenue	-	-	-	-	
Total Revenue	-	-	-	-	
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	-	-	-	-	

Goal(s):

• Provide courteous and dignified treatment to all citizens, in an environment that always promotes efficient and fair administration of justice

- Explore acceptance of credit card for court fines and fee payments
- Provide supervisory training for clerical offices

Court Technology

The 18th Judicial District operates its own computer network. This network provides support to all judicial and non-judicial employees in the areas of case management, document imaging (scanning), digital recording, e-mail and internet access, and in the future will provide a means for electronic case filing. Efficient hardware, software and interfacing with other agencies, including the District Attorney and Sheriff, are essential to all successful court operations.

Fund(s): General Fund 110					19004-110
	2007	2008	2008	2009	% Chg.
Expenditures	Actual	Adopted	Revised	Budget	08-09
Personnel	-	-	-	-	
Contractual Services	79,258	92,700	92,700	91,500	-1.3%
Debt Service	-	-		-	
Commodities	131,041	96,500	129,700	115,000	-11.3%
Capital Improvements	-	-		-	
Capital Equipment	32,546	75,000	41,800	58,500	40.0%
Interfund Transfers	-	-		-	
Total Expenditures	242,845	264,200	264,200	265,000	0.3%
Revenue					
Taxes	-	-	-	-	
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	
Charges For Service	-	-		-	
Other Revenue	-	-		-	
Total Revenue	-	-	-	•	
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	-	-	-	-	

Goal(s):

• Provide courteous and dignified treatment to all citizens, in an environment that always promotes efficient and fair administration of justice

• Expand digital recording to 4 more courtrooms

• Work with clerical offices to explore acceptance of credit card payments



Court ADSAP

K.S.A. 8-1008 authorizes the Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program (ADSAP). In every case of diversion or conviction of driving-under-the-influence (DUI), a \$150 fee is assessed against the convicted person. The fee is used to pay for diagnosis, treatment, and supervision of the motorist involved. The services delivered are supported entirely by revenues generated from fees.

Fund(s): Court A/D Safety Pgm 214

	2007	2008	2008	2009	% Chg.
Expenditures	Actual	Adopted	Revised	Budget	08-09
Personnel	33,954	34,649	34,649	41,442	19.6%
Contractual Services	105,622	101,500	101,500	154,000	51.7%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	
Commodities	-	-	-	-	
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	
Total Expenditures	139,576	136,149	136,149	195,442	43.5%
Revenue					
Taxes	-	-	-	-	
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	
Charges For Service	142,222	146,947	146,947	193,127	31.4%
Other Revenue	-	-	-	-	
Total Revenue	142,222	146,947	146,947	193,127	31.4%
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.0%

Goal(s):

19001-214

• Provide courteous and dignified treatment to all citizens, in an environment that always promotes efficient and fair administration of justice

• Administer program in accordance with statute

• Drug Testing

The Drug Testing program began as a \$1,500 Project Freedom Grant in 1992. Since the original one-time funding, the program has grown to be a 100% self-sufficient testing program. Court Service Officers provide random testing of their clients at the time of reporting. The client is required to pay for the test. This money is deposited through the Clerk of the District Court into a special fund for the purpose of purchasing supplies and equipment required by the Court Service Officers to conduct drug tests.

In 2008, the basement of the Courthouse will be remodeled for the Adult Probabtion and Intake offices. The project, which is expected to cost approximately \$525,000, will be paid for with Drug Testing program funds.

Fund(s): Dist Court - Grants 262					19001-262
	2007	2008	2008	2009	% Chg.
Expenditures	Actual	Adopted	Revised	Budget	08-09
Personnel	-	-		-	
Contractual Services	8,568	15,000	52,600	10,000	-81.0%
Debt Service	-	-		-	
Commodities	43,674	200,000	162,400	77,000	-52.6%
Capital Improvements	-	-		525,000	
Capital Equipment	-	-		-	
Interfund Transfers	-	-		-	
Total Expenditures	52,242	215,000	215,000	612,000	184.7%
Revenue					
Taxes	-	-		-	
Intergovernmental	-	-		-	
Charges For Service	140,828	134,606	134,606	152,319	13.2%
Other Revenue	-	-		-	
Total Revenue	140,828	134,606	134,606	152,319	13.2%
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	-	-	-	-	

Goal(s):

• Provide courteous and dignified treatment to all citizens, in an environment that always promotes efficient and fair administration of justice

• Remodel basement of Courthouse for Adult Probation and Intake offices

• Ensure drug and alcohol testing consistent with court orders



Court Trustee IV-D

The 18th Judicial District Court Trustee is under contract with the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) to provide child support enforcement services within Sedgwick County under Title IV-D of the Social Security Act. The program is funded entirely through this contract.

Fund(s): Court Trustee 211

	2007	2008	2008	2009	% Chg.
Expenditures	Actual	Adopted	Revised	Budget	08-09
Personnel	2,044,708	2,365,916	2,365,916	2,454,388	3.7%
Contractual Services	464,309	750,000	750,000	400,702	-46.6%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	
Commodities	27,784	60,000	60,000	35,875	-40.2%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	
Capital Equipment	8,977	100,000	100,000	335,785	235.8%
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	
Total Expenditures	2,545,777	3,275,916	3,275,916	3,226,750	-1.5%
Revenue					
Taxes	-	-	-	-	
Intergovernmental	2,390,923	2,669,845	2,669,845	2,487,516	-6.8%
Charges For Service	-	-	-	-	
Other Revenue	30	-	-	32	
Total Revenue	2,390,953	2,669,845	2,669,845	2,487,548	-6.8%
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	47.00	47.00	47.00	46.50	-1.1%

Goal(s):

19001-211

• Provide courteous and dignified treatment to all citizens, in an environment that always promotes efficient and fair administration of justice

• Increase Child Support collections by 10%

• Develop automatic arrearage calculator in case management system

• Court Trustee Non IV

The Court Trustee is responsible for providing child support enforcement services in Non IV-D cases under rule 423 of the 18th Judicial District. Under this rule, all new non-IV-D child support orders are referred to the Court Trustee for enforcement. The Court Trustee receives a fee of 2.5% of the amount of child support ordered to offset the cost of enforcement. This program is funded entirely by the revenue generated through the user fees.

Fund(s): Court Trustee 211					19002-211
	2007	2008	2008	2009	% Chg.
Expenditures	Actual	Adopted	Revised	Budget	08-09
Personnel	709,535	796,349	796,349	858,313	7.8%
Contractual Services	23,133	100,000	100,000	24,450	-75.6%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	
Commodities	226	50,000	50,000	2,500	-95.0%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	
Capital Equipment	-	60,000	60,000	11,500	-80.8%
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	
Total Expenditures	732,894	1,006,349	1,006,349	896,763	-10.9%
Revenue					
Taxes	-	-	-	-	
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	
Charges For Service	768,830	754,209	754,209	847,635	12.4%
Other Revenue	-	-	-	-	
Total Revenue	768,830	754,209	754,209	847,635	12.4%
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	0.0%

Goal(s):

• Provide courteous and dignified treatment to all citizens, in an environment that always promotes efficient and fair administration of justice

• Increase collections by 5%

• File a minimum of 20 contempt orders per week

