

The State of Collin County District Courts



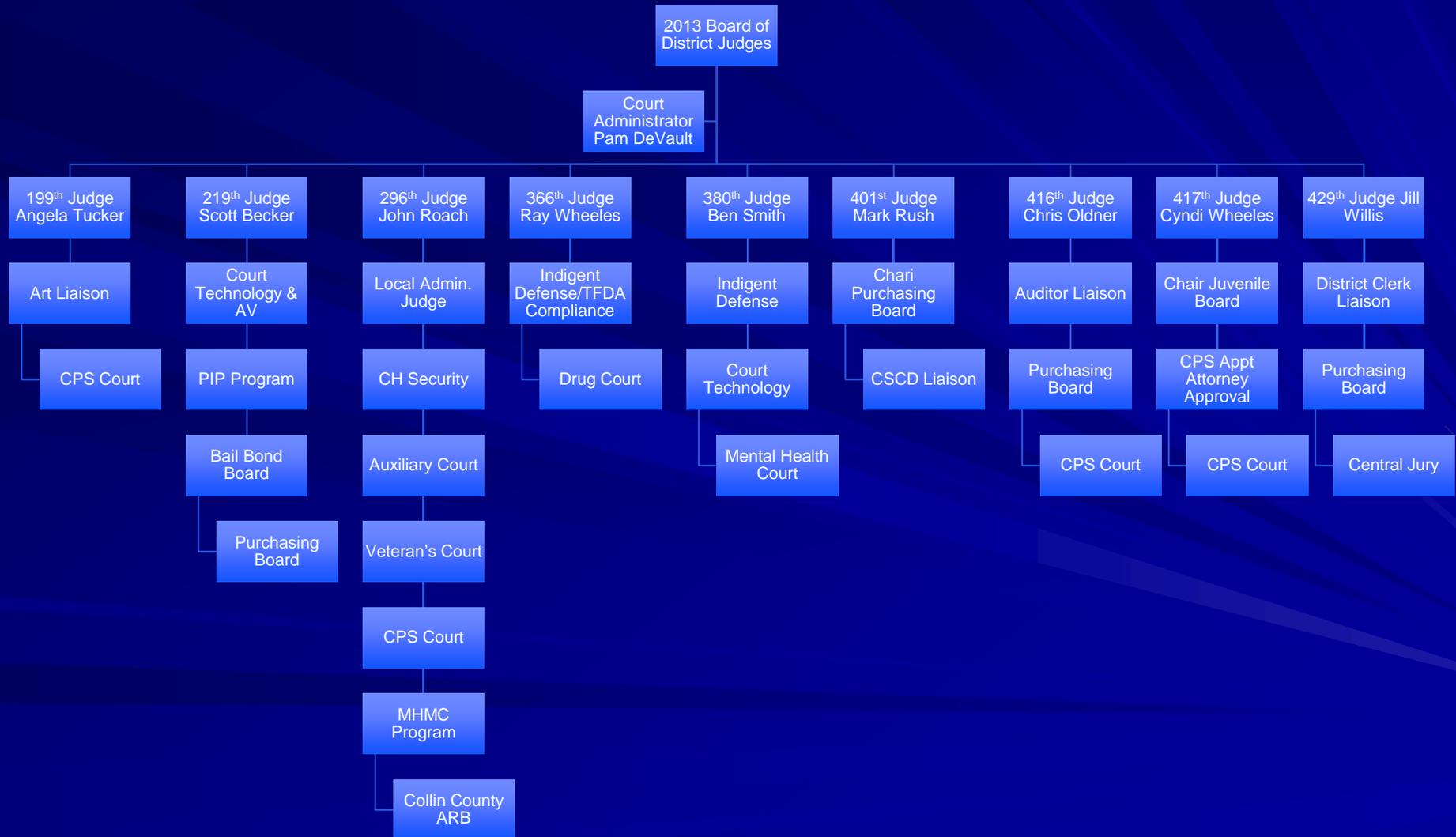
Article III, U.S. Constitution

- Judiciary created by the United States Constitution
 - Designated to stand guard between an overpowered government and the people.

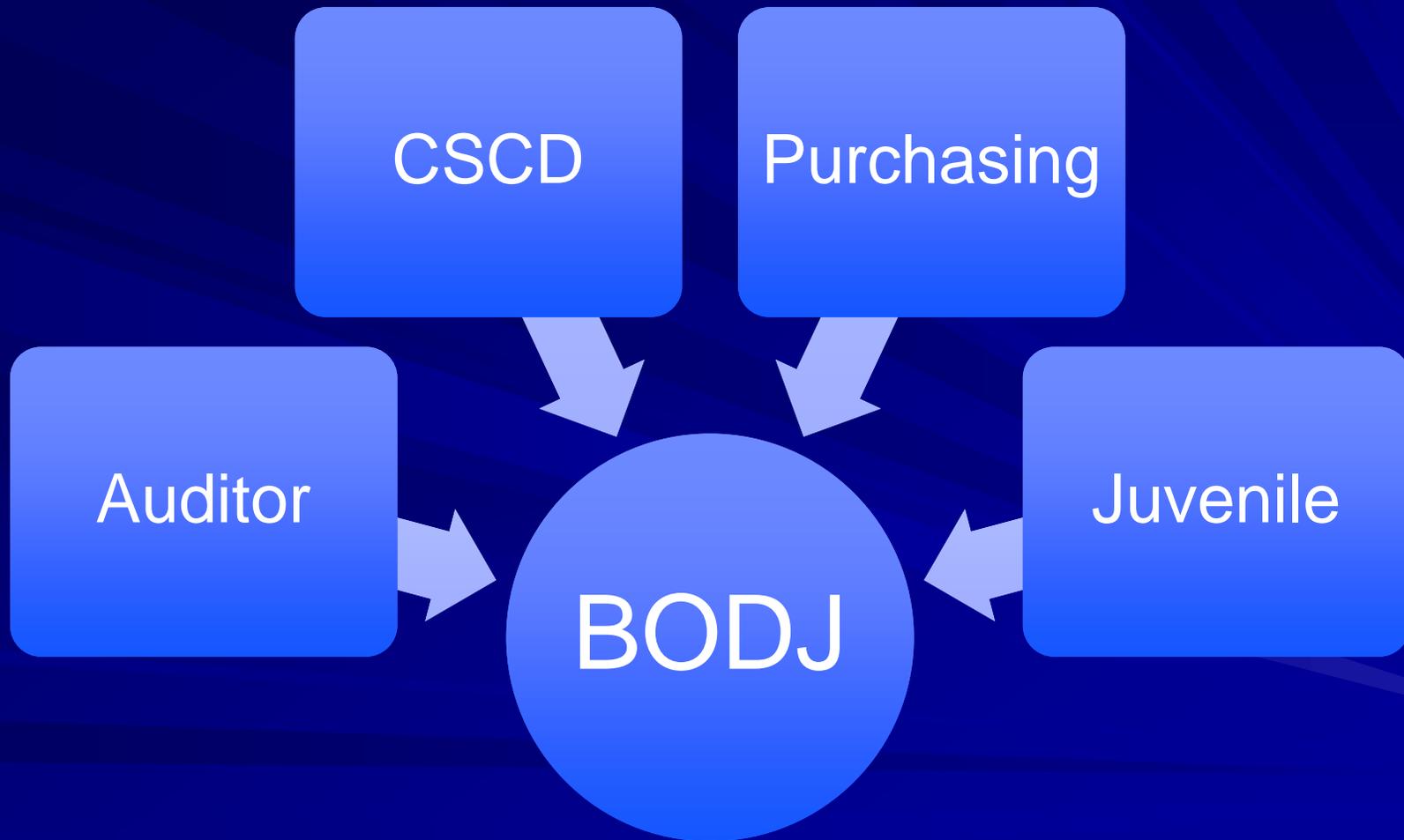
District Court

- Mission Statement: To efficiently, impartially and fairly manage and resolve the variety of controversies and disputes that are filed with and fall under the jurisdiction of the court. The jurisdiction of this court is determined by the constitution and statute. It is subject to change and alteration by the legislature, but generally speaking, the jurisdiction includes felony criminal cases, civil cases with higher amounts of controversy, and family law matters.
- The District Court Judges also serve on several boards throughout the County.

Board of District Judges



BODJ Agency Oversight



District Courts

■ 9 General Jurisdiction Courts

- 4 Courts hear all CPS cases (199, 296, 416, 417)
- 1 Felony Drug Court (366)
- 1 Juvenile Drug Court (417)
- 1 Veteran's Court (296)
- Crimes Against Children Court

District Court Successes

- Established employee & court staff wifi
- Consistent tracking of oldest criminal cases
- Streamlined criminal judgments
- Audited DC files to get accurate number of pending cases
 - 1400+ cases overstated
- Implemented video visitation system
- Created MHMC and CAC appointed attorney wheel

Court Administrator Successes

- MHMC / TIDC Grant
- Courtroom and jury room technology upgrade
- Judge iPad grant
- Indigent Defense project
- OCA liaison, good relationship built
- Successfully aiding BODJ

Tracking Systems Implemented

- Monitor expenditures
 - Visiting Judges
 - Substitute Court Reporters
 - Interpreters
- Monitor courts efficiency
 - Administrative Transfers
 - Motions to Recuse
 - CPS Transfer
- Monthly evaluation of OCA stats
 - Ensures case load balance between courts

Innovative Programs

- MHMC Program
- Veteran's Court
- Pleas done from jail using video teleconferencing equipment
- Attorney / Client Video Visitation
- CAC Court
- eManagement software for Indigent Defense

Grants Awarded

- Felony Drug Court Coordinator \$57,780
- TIDC - Mental Health Managed Counsel Grant \$250k
- TIDC eManagement Software Grant \$436k
- OOG/JAG Grant \$21,840

Drug Court Coordinator

- Oversees:
 - District Court Drug Court
 - County Court Drug Court
 - Veteran's Court
- Reduces recidivism
- Efficiently streamlined intake and management process of cases referred.

Mental Health Manage Counsel

■ Successes

- Date of arrest to transport-to-hospital date has decreased by 50%
- Average length of stay for MH inmate is less than 100 days
 - Down about 75% within 9 months

■ Fiscal Gains

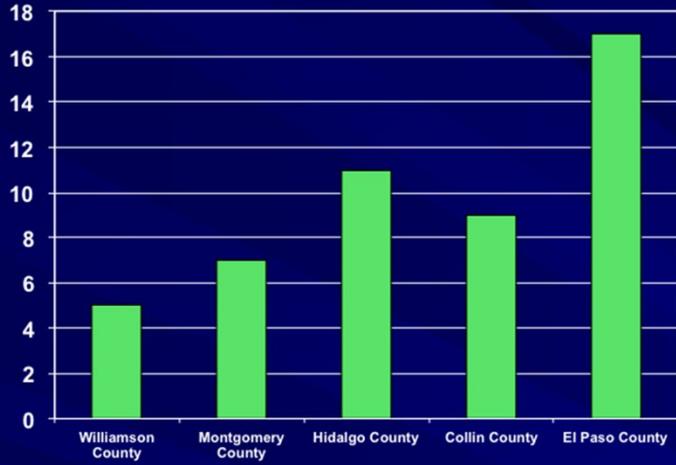
- 2012 MH inmate costs: \$205,559.46
- 2013 MH inmate costs: \$57,932.68 (as of 9/6/2013)
- County Savings: \$147,626.78

TIDC eManagement

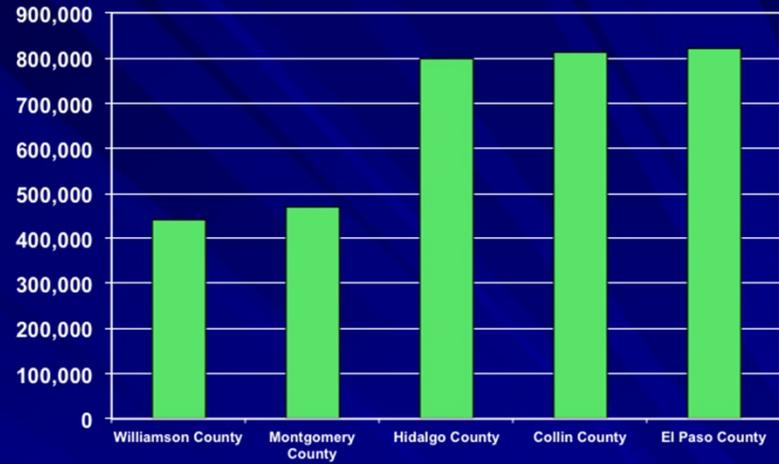
- Web-based Indigent Defense management system
- Modern, transparent tracking system
 - Collaborative effort with other counties to track indigent defense caseload
 - Appointment & payment of indigent defense counsel
 - Offers defendant better representation

Office of the Governor / JAG

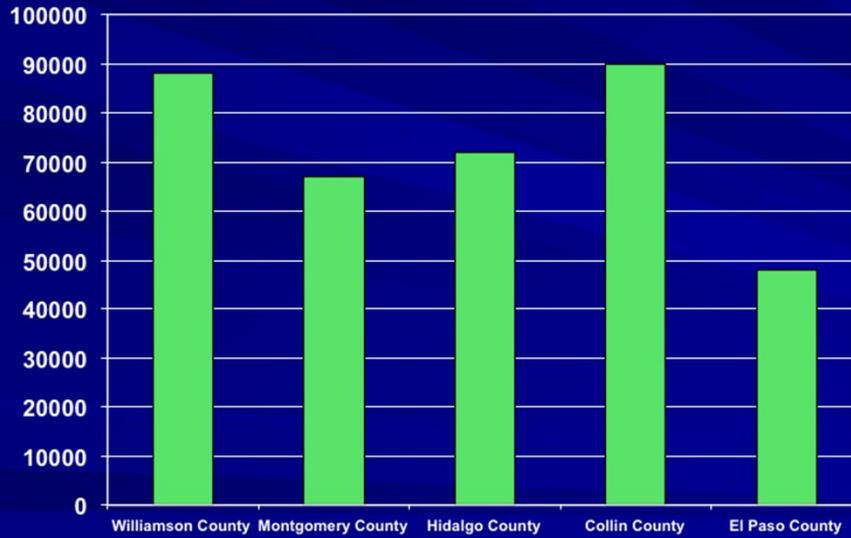
- iPads for Judges
- Facilitates quicker response
 - Warrants signed while away from office
 - DWI blood warrant program



Number of Courts by County

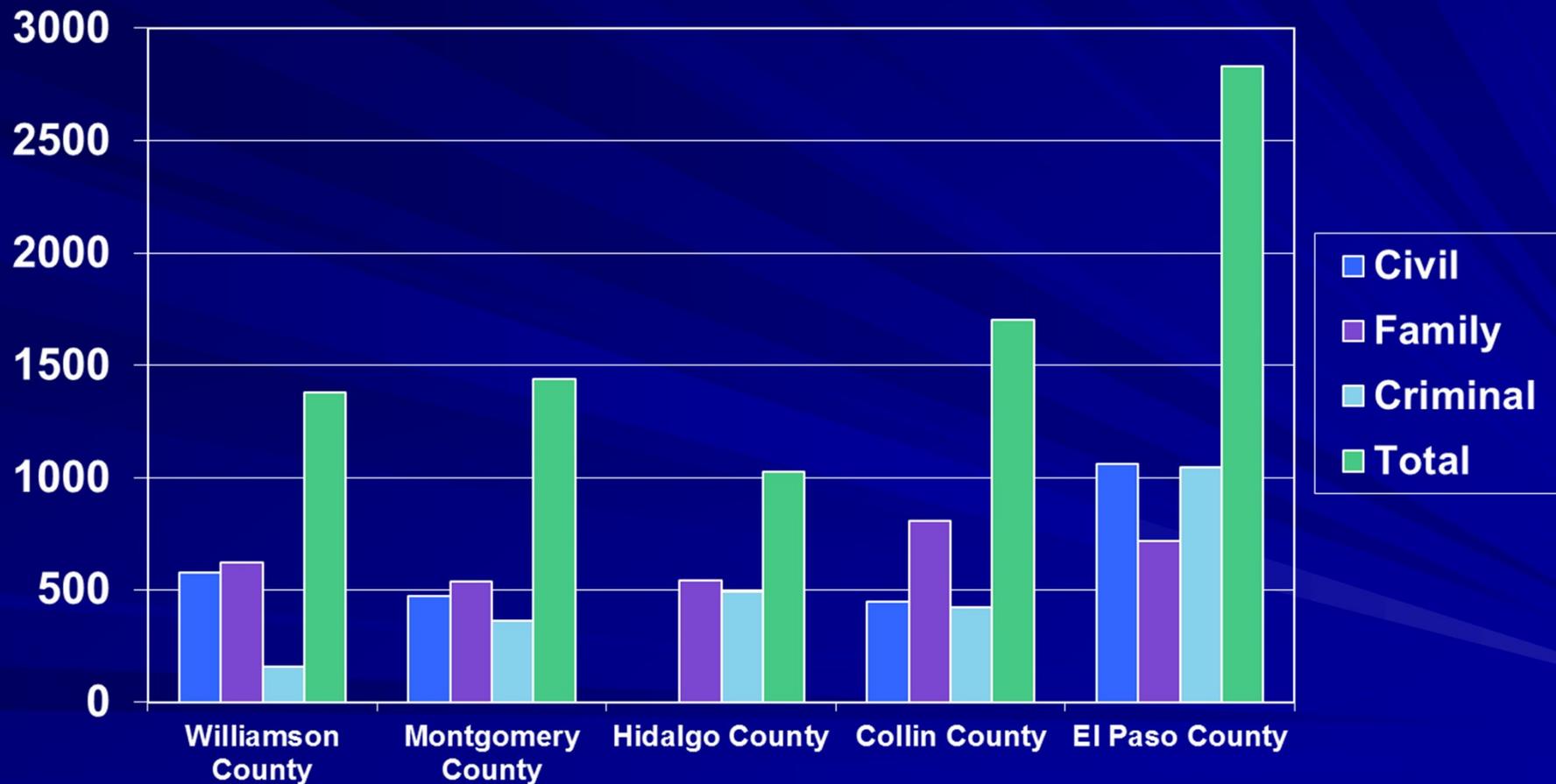


County Populations



Average People per Court

Active Pending Case Load



Performance Measures

Number of cases disposed + Cases placed on inactive status
Divided by
Number of cases added (including cases reactivated)

