

YUBA

Population: 73,682 • Authorized Judges: 5 • Staff: 52 FTE

Civil Filings: 1,165 • Criminal Filings: 12,729 • Family/Juvenile Filings: 1,471 • Other Filings: 1,676

OPERATIONAL CHALLENGES

Reduce wait time for sealing/expunging criminal records to help people get jobs and to protect privacy.

- **1-year delay in DOJ reporting.**
- **1-year delay reporting to DMV**
- **1- year delay to prepare some felony criminal minutes.**
- **1-month delay processing probation transfers in and out of county.**
- **Extensions are requested by reporters for preparing appellate transcripts.**

Ensure court clerks are available when and how people need them.

- **Phone service hours have been reduced by 3 hours each day.**
- **Clerks must answer phones while helping customers at the window and while processing case paperwork, court hearing minutes and filings.**

Help more self-represented litigants in family at the Self Help/Facilitator's office.

- **After the Director of Family Court Services retired, the court had to keep this position vacant due to budget cuts.**
- **The Self-Help/Family Law Facilitator cut services to the public in order to take on administrative functions of the director.**

Protect families with emergency orders and restore family stability with mediated custody agreements.

- **This case type is handled promptly.**
- **By triaging in favor of family law, other court divisions experience delays and backlogs.**

PRIORITIES FOR REINVESTMENT

Assuming an additional investment in operations funds, we intend to...

- Hire 2 clerks for the criminal/traffic division to reduce mandatory DOJ/DMV reporting time.
- Hire 1 clerk to handle phone calls and window customer service.
- Restore previously reduced public telephone hours.
- Hire 1 FTE Child Custody Recommending Counselor to handle more mediations, as well as assist with grant administration work currently performed by the Self-Help Attorney/Family Law Facilitator
- Leverage technology to move to a paperless court file process.
- Address inflationary cost increases and make needed adjustments to recruit qualified candidates and retain experienced staff.