

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

2022-2023



Judicial Council

Mission Statement

To oversee the delivery of effective legal representation to indigent NH residents in criminal, child protection and guardianship court proceedings and to engage in public/private partnerships for civil legal services.

House Finance Committee – Division I

Representative Lynne Ober - Chair

Members of the Judicial Council

Pursuant to RSA 494:1, the Judicial Council is comprised of the following members:

- The 4 members of the judicial branch administrative council, appointed pursuant to Supreme Court rules.
- The attorney general or designee.
- A clerk of the superior court, selected by the chief justice of the superior court.
- A clerk of the circuit court, selected by the administrative judge of the circuit court.
- The president-elect of the New Hampshire Bar Association.
- The chairperson of the senate judiciary committee or a designee from such committee appointed by the chairperson.
- The chairperson of the house judiciary committee or a designee from such committee appointed by the chairperson.
- Eight other members appointed by the governor and council, 3 of whom shall be members of the New Hampshire Bar Association of wide experience who have been admitted to practice in the state for more than 5 years, and 5 of whom shall be members of the public who are not lawyers.
- Five other members appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court, 3 of whom shall be members of the New Hampshire Bar Association of wide experience who have been admitted to practice in the state for more than 5 years, and 2 of whom shall be members of the public who are not lawyers.

Current Members of the Council

Supreme Court Justice	The Hon. James Bassett
Superior Court Chief Justice	The Hon. Tina Nadeau
Circuit Court Administrative Judge	The Hon. David King
Administrative Office of the Courts Director	Christopher Keating
Senate Judiciary Chair	Senator Sharon Carson
House Judiciary Chair	Representative Paul Berch
Attorney General	Gordon MacDonald
President Elect of the Bar	Richard Guerriero
Clerk of the Superior Court	Karen Gorham
Clerk of the Circuit Court	Gina Belmont

8 members appointed by Governor and Council, 3 of whom shall be Bar members:

Attorney Daniel Will
Attorney Philip Utter
Attorney Brian J.X. Murphy
Kimberly Casey
Steven Lubrano
Dino Scala
Dr. Alan Seidman

5 members appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, 3 of whom shall be Bar members:

Attorney Stephanie Bray
Attorney John Durkin
Attorney Richard Samdperil
Nina Gardner (Chair)
Stephen Reno

Standing Committees

Indigent Defense Subcommittee

Attorney Phil Utter
Attorney John Durkin
Attorney Christopher Keating
Attorney Richard Samdperil

Child Protection Subcommittee

Dr. Alan Seidman
The Hon. Kris Spath
Gina Belmont
Nina Gardner
Attorney Christopher Keating

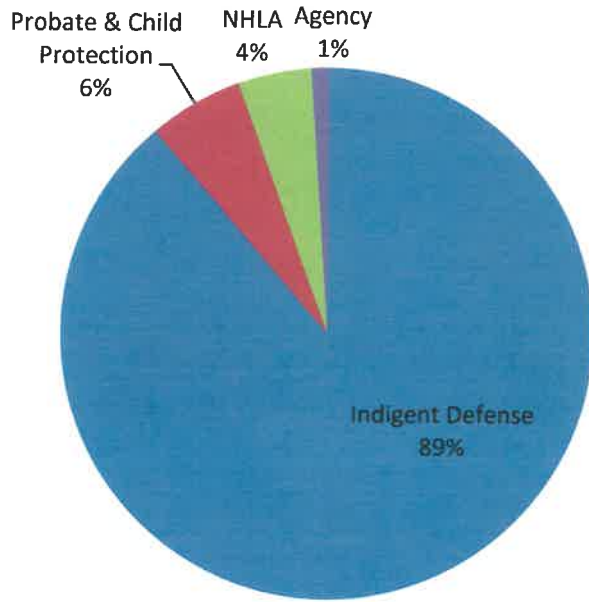
Executive Committee

The Hon. Tina Nadeau
Kimberly Casey
Attorney Daniel Will
Attorney Christopher Keating
Nina Gardner

**New Hampshire Judicial Council
Budget History**

	FY 2014 Actual	FY 2015 Actual	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Appropriation	FY 2022 Efficiency Budget	FY 2022 Prioritized Needs	FY 2023 Efficiency Budget	FY 2023 Prioritized Needs
1091 Assigned Counsel Representation in criminal and delinquency cases Representation for parents in abuse & neglect cases	603,229	973,978	1,305,598	1,877,368	1,729,981	1,697,613	1,449,091	1,480,000	1,480,000	NONE	1,480,000	NONE
1092 GAL Fund Representation for proposed wards in guardianship proceedings Representation for parents in termination-of-parental-rights cases Non-CASA G.A.L. services for children in termination-of-parental-rights cases Representation for parents in supreme court cases for termination-of-parental rights cases	458,696	484,357	425,065	426,053	563,029	775,495	754,812	508,050	508,050	241,950	508,050	241,950
1093 Contract Attorneys Representation in criminal and delinquency cases	1,801,384	1,666,630	1,811,153	1,744,800	2,300,927	1,958,224	1,761,125	2,033,000	2,033,000	NONE	2,033,000	NONE
*1094 NH Public Defender Representation in criminal and delinquency cases	18,875,447	19,541,710	19,541,710	20,127,961	21,189,719	22,215,177	23,119,355	23,751,832	23,751,832	NONE	23,751,832	NONE
1097 Agency Budget	275,484	286,658	246,113	280,544	301,212	280,365	325,963	384,682	352,041	5,755	367,174	5,778
1098 NH Legal Assistance Civil legal services for the poor	1,100,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	NONE	1,500,000	NONE
*1099 CASA Guardians ad Litem G.A.L. services for children in abuse & neglect cases G.A.L. services for children in termination-of-parental-rights cases	494,000	539,000	589,000	639,000	639,000	639,000	798,750	926,550	926,550	NONE	926,550	NONE
1101 Non-CASA Guardians ad Litem G.A.L. services for children in abuse & neglect cases	148,192	113,446	160,547	225,552	304,972	381,218	358,893	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000.00	150,000
1103 Services Other than Counsel Ancillary services in criminal and delinquency cases	848,350	897,589	872,711	1,211,862	1,379,971	1,931,238	1,879,899	1,030,000	1,030,000	483,129	1,030,000.00	467,966
TOTALS	24,604,782	25,703,368	26,151,898	27,733,139	29,608,811	31,078,331	31,947,887	31,764,114	31,731,473	880,834	31,746,606	865,644

FY14 Expenditures



FY20 Expenditures

