

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**
Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana

Financial Report

Year Ended December 31, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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The Honorable Charles A. Riddle, III
District Attorney of the Twelfth Judicial District
Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District Attorney of the Twelfth Judicial District ("District Attorney") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District Attorney's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District Attorney as of December 31, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District Attorney, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District Attorney's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in aggregate, they would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District Attorney's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District Attorney's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

The District Attorney has omitted management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information and pension schedules on pages 31-35 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District Attorney's basic financial statements. The accompanying justice system funding schedules on pages 37 - 38 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the justice system funding schedules are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated September 20, 2024, on our consideration of the District Attorney's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District Attorney's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District Attorney's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC
Certified Public Accountants

Alexandria, Louisiana
September 20, 2024

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (GWFS)**

DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
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Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2023

ASSETS	
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$ 15,563
Receivables -	
Commissions on fines and forfeitures	150,794
Grants	25,642
Capital assets:	
Non-depreciable	76,500
Depreciable, net	<u>361,655</u>
Total assets	<u>630,154</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Pension related	<u>369,721</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts and other payables	42,333
Due to other governments	41,984
Net pension liability	<u>480,488</u>
Total liabilities	<u>564,805</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Pension related	<u>40,541</u>
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	438,155
Unrestricted	<u>(43,626)</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 394,529</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
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Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Activities	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenues and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	
Governmental activities:				
General government -				
Judicial	<u>\$ 2,275,174</u>	<u>\$ 673,573</u>	<u>\$ 1,439,114</u>	\$ (162,487)
				General revenues:
				Non-employer contributions
				54,059
				Miscellaneous
				<u>28,509</u>
				Total general revenues
				<u>82,568</u>
				Change in net position
				(79,919)
				Net position, beginning
				<u>474,448</u>
				Net position, ending
				<u>\$ 394,529</u>

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FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (FFS)

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Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2023

	<u>General Fund</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$ 15,563
Receivables, net	
Commissions on fines and forfeitures	150,794
Grants	<u>25,642</u>
 Total assets	 <u>\$ 191,999</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 29,561
Accrued liabilities	12,772
Due to other governments	<u>41,984</u>
Total liabilities	<u>84,317</u>
 Fund balance:	
Unassigned	<u>107,682</u>
 Total liabilities and fund balances	 <u>\$ 191,999</u>

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
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Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet
to the Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2023

Total fund balances for governmental funds		\$ 107,682
Capital assets, net		438,155
Pension:		
Net pension (liability)/asset	\$ (480,488)	
Deferred outflows of resources	369,721	
Deferred inflows of resources	<u>(40,541)</u>	<u>(151,308)</u>
Net position at December 31, 2023		<u>\$ 394,529</u>

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	General Fund
Revenues:	
Fees, services, and commissions	\$ 777,564
Intergovernmental revenues-	
Federal	516,180
State	30,000
Local	337,312
On-behalf payments	455,000
Other revenues	28,509
Total revenues	2,144,565
Expenditures:	
Current -	
General government - judicial	
Personnel services and related benefits	1,673,327
General insurance	8,668
Association dues	27,489
Conventions and meetings	10,254
Miscellaneous	76,140
Office supplies	30,700
Postage	6,360
Professional services	249,351
Repairs and maintenance	16,541
Utilities	22,374
Capital outlay	8,295
Total expenditures	2,129,499
Net change in fund balances	15,066
Fund balance, beginning	92,616
Fund balance, ending	\$ 107,682

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Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and
Changes in Fund Balance of Governmental Funds
to the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Total net change in fund balance per Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances		\$ 15,066
Capital assets:		
Capital outlay	\$ 8,295	
Depreciation expense	<u>(29,164)</u>	(20,869)
Effect of the change in net pension asset/(liability), deferred outflows/inflows of resources:		
Change in pension expense	(128,175)	
Nonemployer pension contribution revenue recognized	<u>54,059</u>	<u>(74,116)</u>
Total change in net position per Statement of Activities		<u>\$ (79,919)</u>

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Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
Asset Forfeiture Fund
December 31, 2023

ASSETS	
Cash	<u>\$ 19,988</u>
NET POSITION	
Fiduciary net position - held for others	<u>\$ 19,988</u>

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Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
Asset Forfeiture Fund
December 31, 2023

	<u>Custodial Funds</u>
Additions:	
Asset forfeitures	<u>\$ 12,379</u>
Deductions:	
Deposits settled to -	
State agencies	3,372
Sheriff	4,351
District Attorney	4,444
Judicial expense fund	4,444
DART	120
City of Bunkie	1,433
Rapides Parish District Attorney	9,500
Town of Cottonport Police	1,982
Tunica Biloxi Tribal Police	536
Village of Simmsport Police	366
Village of Moreauville Police	1,292
Other	<u>2,245</u>
Total deductions	<u>34,085</u>
Net change in fiduciary net position	(21,706)
Net position - beginning	<u>41,694</u>
Net position - ending	<u>\$ 19,988</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

As provided by Article V, Section 26 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, the District Attorney of the Twelfth Judicial District Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana (District Attorney), has charge of every criminal prosecution by the state in his district, is the representative of the state before the grand jury in his district, and is the legal advisor to the grand jury. He performs other duties as provided by law. The District Attorney is elected by the qualified electors of the judicial district for a term of six years. The judicial district encompasses Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana.

The accompanying financial statements of the District Attorney of the Twelfth Judicial District have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. GAAP includes all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. The accounting and reporting framework and the more significant accounting policies are discussed in subsequent subsections of this note.

A. Financial Reporting Entity

These financial statements include all funds and activities that are controlled by the District Attorney as an independently elected parish official. Control by or dependence on the District Attorney was determined on the basis of general oversight responsibility. The District Attorney's office receives assistance from the Police Jury for salaries and other operating expenses as required by Louisiana law and is part of the district court system of the State of Louisiana. Although the District Attorney receives this assistance, the District Attorney is financially independent and operates autonomously from the State of Louisiana and independently from the district court system.

As an independently elected official, the District Attorney is solely responsible for the operations of his office, which includes the hiring or retention of employees, authority over budgeting, responsibility for deficits, and the receipt and disbursement of funds.

B. Basis of Presentation

The District Attorney's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the District Attorney and the major fund financial statements. The statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to governmental units.

Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The statement of net position and statement of activities display information about the reporting government as a whole. They include all funds of the reporting entity, which are considered governmental activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange revenues.

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The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the District Attorney's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include (a) fees, fines, and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs, and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements (FFS)

The accounts of the District Attorney are organized and operated on the basis of funds. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a separate set of self-balancing accounts. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions. The minimum number of funds is maintained consistent with legal and managerial requirements.

The various funds of the District Attorney are classified as governmental. The emphasis on fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the entity or the total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures of that individual governmental fund is at least 10 percent of the corresponding total for all governmental funds combined.

The District Attorney reports the following major governmental fund:

General Fund –

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the District Attorney. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

In addition, the District Attorney reports the following fund:

Fiduciary Fund –

Custodial Fund – The Fiduciary fund consists of custodial funds of the District Attorney. Custodial funds account for assets held by the District Attorney for various local governments and others. Fiduciary statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and full accrual basis of accounting.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements

C. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

Measurement focus is a term used to describe “which” transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to “when” transactions are recorded regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Measurement Focus

For the government-wide statement of net position and the statement of activities, governmental activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus. The accounting objectives of this measurement focus are the determination of operating income, changes in net position (or cost recovery) and financial position. All assets and liabilities (whether current or non-current) associated with its activities are reported. Government-wide fund equity is classified as net position. In the fund financial statements, the “current financial resources” measurement focus is used. Only current financial assets and liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The operating statement presents sources and uses of available spendable financial resources during a given period. Fund balance is used as the measure of available spendable financial resources at the end of the period.

Basis of Accounting

For the government-wide statement of net position and statement of activities, governmental activities are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred, or economic asset used. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District Attorney considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Revenues are classified by source and expenditures are classified by function and character. Expenditures (including capital outlay) generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures are recorded only when payment is due.

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Allocation of indirect expenses

The District Attorney reports all direct expenses by function in the Statement of Activities. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a function. Indirect expenses of other functions are not allocated to those functions but are reported separately in the Statement of Activities. Depreciation expense is specifically identified by function and is included in the direct expense of each function.

Program revenues

Program revenues included in the statement of activities are derived directly from the program itself or from parties outside the District Attorney's citizenry, as a whole; program revenues reduce the cost of the function to be financed from the District Attorney's general revenues.

D. Assets, Deferred Outflows, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Equity

Cash and interest-bearing deposits

For the purposes of the statement of net position, cash and interest-bearing deposits include all demand accounts, savings accounts, and certificates of deposits of the District Attorney.

Receivables

In the government-wide statements, receivables consist of all revenues earned at year-end and not yet received. Major receivable balances for the governmental activities include grant revenue and commissions from fines and forfeitures.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, are reported in the governmental activities' column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at acquisition cost or estimated cost if acquisition cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair acquisition costs at the date of donation. The District Attorney maintains a threshold level of \$500 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets is recorded as an expense in the statement of activities, with accumulated depreciation reflected in the statement of net position. Depreciation is provided over the assets' estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation. The range of estimated useful lives by type of asset is as follows:

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements

Buildings and improvements	39 years
Furniture and equipment	5-10 years

In the fund financial statements, capital assets used in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition.

Compensated Absences

Vacation and sick leave are recorded as expenditures of the period in which they are paid. Vacation must be taken in the year accrued and cannot be carried over. Sick leave is accumulated by employees at a rate of one day per calendar month of employment and may not exceed twenty days. Although sick leave is available for employees when needed, it does not vest nor is it payable at termination of employment. At December 31, 2023, the District Attorney has no accumulated leave benefits required to be reported.

Deferred Outflows or Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources

In some instances, the GASB requires a government to delay recognition of decreases in net position as expenditures until a future period. In other instances, governments are required to delay recognition of increases in net position as revenues until a future period. In these circumstances, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources result from the delayed recognition of expenditures or revenues, respectively.

Equity Classifications

In the government-wide statements, equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

1. Net investment in capital assets – consists of net capital assets reduced by outstanding balances of any related debt obligations and deferred inflows of resources attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets and increased by balances of deferred outflows of resources related to those assets.
2. Restricted net position – consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Restricted net position is reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to the restricted assets.
3. Unrestricted net position – consist of all other net position that does not meet the definition of “restricted” or “net investment in capital assets.”

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In the fund statements, governmental equity is classified as fund balances. Fund balances of the governmental funds are classified as follows:

1. Non-spendable – amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in non-spendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
2. Restricted – amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions or enabling legislation or because of constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments.
3. Committed – amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal decision of the District Attorney. The District Attorney is the highest level of decision-making authority for the District Attorney’s office.
4. Assigned – amounts that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed but that are intended to be used for specific purposes. Under the District Attorney’s adopted policy, only the District Attorney may assign amounts for specified purposes.
5. Unassigned – all other spendable amounts.

When an expenditure is incurred for the purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the District Attorney considers restricted funds to have been spent first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the District Attorney considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed, unless the District Attorney has provided otherwise in his commitment or assignment actions.

E. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements

F. Pensions

The net pension asset/liability, deferred outflows of resources, and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, (described in more detail in Note 4), has been determined using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and full accrual basis of accounting. Non-employer contributions are recognized as revenues in the government-wide financial statements. In the governmental fund financial statements contributions are recognized as expenditures when due.

(2) Cash and Interest-Bearing Deposits

Under state law, the District Attorney may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the Union, or the laws of the United States. The District Attorney may invest in certificates and time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana.

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the District Attorney's deposits may not be covered or will not be able to recover the collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The District Attorney does not have a policy for custodial credit risk; however, under state law, deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance, or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent bank. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. Deposit balances (bank balances) of \$79,101 were fully insured and not exposed to custodial credit risk at December 31, 2023.

(3) Capital Assets

Capital asset activity was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 76,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 76,500
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Building and improvements	869,831	-	-	869,831
Furniture and equipment	162,962	8,295	-	171,257
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>1,032,793</u>	<u>8,295</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,041,088</u>

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
Less accumulated depreciation -				
Buildings and improvements	508,012	22,378	-	530,390
Furniture and equipment	142,257	6,786	-	149,043
Total accumulated depreciation	650,269	29,164	-	679,433
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	382,524	(20,869)	-	361,655
Capital assets, net	\$ 459,024	\$ (20,869)	\$ -	\$ 438,155

Depreciation expense of \$29,164 was charged to the judiciary function.

(4) Employee Retirement Systems

The District Attorney participates in two cost-sharing defined benefit plans, each administered by separate public employee retirement systems. Article X, Section 29(F) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions of all plans administered by these public employee retirement systems to the State Legislature. These plans are not closed to new entrants. Substantially all District Attorney employees participate in one of the following retirement systems:

Plan Descriptions:

Parochial Employees' Retirement System (PERS) provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to eligible employees and their beneficiaries as defined in LRS 11:1901 and 11:1941. The District Attorney's office participates in Plan B.

District Attorneys' Retirement System (DARS) provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to district attorneys, assistant district attorneys, and employees of the Louisiana District Attorneys' Association and their beneficiaries as defined in the Louisiana Revised Statutes. Eligibility for retirement benefits and the computation of retirement benefits are defined in LRS 11:1632-1633.

The systems' financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Employer and employee contributions are recognized in the period in which the employee is compensated for services performed. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of each plan. Interest income is recognized when earned.

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A brief summary of eligibility and benefits of the plans are provided in the following table:

	<u>PERS</u>	<u>DARS</u>
Final average salary	Final average compensation	Final average compensation
Years of service required and/or age eligible for benefits	30 years at age 55 10 years age 60 ¹ 7 years age 65 ¹	30 years at any age 23 years age 55 ² 18 years age 60 10 years age 62 ²
Benefit percent per years of service	2.00%	3.0% - 3.5% ²

¹ Employees hired after January 1, 2007: 30 years age 55, 10 years age 62, 7 years age 67

² Employees hired after July 1, 1990 3.5% per year; 30 years any age; 24 years age 55; 10 years age 60

Contributions

Article X, Section 29(E)(2)(a) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 assigns the Legislature the authority to determine employee contributions. Employer contributions are actuarially determined using statutorily established methods on an annual basis and are constitutionally required to cover the employer’s portion of the normal cost and provide for the amortization of the unfunded accrued liability. Employer contributions are adopted by the Legislature annually upon recommendation of the Public Retirement Systems’ Actuarial Committee. Contributions of employees, employers, and non-employer contributing entities effective for the year ended December 31, 2023 for the defined benefit pension plans in which the District Attorney is a participating employer were as follows:

<u>Plan</u>	<u>Active Member Contribution Percentage</u>	<u>Employer Contribution Percentage</u>	<u>Amount from Non-employer Contributing Entities</u>	<u>Amount of District Attorney Contributions</u>
PERS	3.00%	7.50%	\$ 7,213	\$ 40,521
DARS	8.00%	10.75%	\$ 46,846	\$ 31,765

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Net Pension (Asset) / Liability

The District Attorney’s net pension liability at December 31, 2023 is comprised of its proportionate share of the net pension liability relating to each of the cost-sharing plans in which the District Attorney is a participating employer. The District Attorney’s net pension liability for each plan was measured as of the plan’s measurement date (December 31, 2022 for PERS and June 30, 2023 for DARS) and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District Attorney’s proportionate share of the net pension liability for each of the plans in which it participates was based on the District Attorney’s required contributions in proportion to total required contributions for all employers.

As of the most recent measurement date, the District Attorney’s proportion for each plan and the change in proportion from the prior measurement date were as follows:

<u>Plan</u>	<u>Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability(Asset)</u>	<u>Proportionate Share (%) of Net Pension Liability(Asset)</u>	<u>Increase/(Decrease) from Prior Measurement Date</u>
PERS	\$ 107,737	0.452507%	-0.026110
DARS	<u>372,751</u>	0.434669%	0.009262
Total	<u>\$ 480,488</u>		

Since the measurement date of the net pension liability was December 31, 2022 for PERS and June 30, 2023 for DARS, the net pension liability is based upon fiduciary net position for each of the plans as of those dates. Detailed information about each pension plan’s assets, deferred outflows, deferred inflows, and fiduciary net position that was used in the measurement of the District Attorney’s net pension liability is available in the separately issued plan financial reports for those fiscal years. The financial report for each plan may be accessed on their website as follows:

- PERS - <http://www.persla.org/>
- DARS - <http://ladars.org/>

Actuarial Assumptions

The following table provides information concerning actuarial assumptions used in the determination of the total pension liability for each of the defined benefit plans in which the primary government is a participating employer:

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	PERS	DARS
Date of experience study on which significant assumptions are based	1/1/2013-12/31/2017	7/1/2014-6/30/2019
Expected remaining service lives	4	5
Inflation Rate	2.30%	2.20%
Projected salary increases	4.25%	5.00%
Projected benefit changes including COLAs	None	None
Source of mortality assumptions	(1), (2), (3)	(4), (5), (6)

(1) Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Health Retirees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females using MP2018 scale for annuitant and beneficiary mortality.

(2) Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Employees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females using MP2018 scale.

(3) Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Disabled Retirees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females using MP2018 scale for disabled annuitants.

(4) Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Above-Median Employees multiplied by 115% for males and females for current employees, each with full generational projection using the MP2019 scale.

(5) Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Above-Median Healthy Retirees multiplied by 115% for males and females for annuitants and beneficiaries, each with full generational projection using MP2019 scale.

(6) Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Disabled Retirees multiplied by 115% for males and females for disabled retirees, each with full generational projection using MP2019 scale.

Cost of Living Adjustments

The pension plans in which the District Attorney participates have the authority to grant cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) on an ad hoc basis. COLAs may be granted to the state systems if approved with a two-thirds vote of both houses of the Legislature, provided the plan meets certain statutory criteria related to the funded status and interest earnings.

Pursuant to LRS 11:242(B), the power of the Board of Trustees of the statewide systems (PERS and DARS) to grant a COLA is effective in calendar years that the legislature fails to grant a COLA, unless in the legislation granting a COLA, the legislature authorizes the Board of Trustees to provide an additional COLA. The authority to grant a COLA by the Board is subject to the funded status and interest earnings. The effects of the benefit changes made as a result of the COLAs is included in the measurement of the total pension liability as of the measurement date at which the ad hoc COLA was granted and the amount is known and reasonably estimable.

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Discount Rate

The discount rates used to measure the District Attorney’s total pension liability for each plan and the significant assumptions used in the determination of the discount rate for each plan are as follows:

	<u>PERS</u>	<u>DARS</u>
Discount rate	6.40%	6.10%
Change in discount rate from prior valuation	0.00%	0.00%
*Plan cash flow assumptions	(1)	(1)
Rates incorporated in the Discount Rate:		
Long-term Rate of Return	7.70%	7.70%
Periods applied	All	All
Municipal Bond Rate	N/A	N/A

*Plan Cash Flow Assumptions:

- 1) Plan member contributions will be made at the current contributions rates and sponsor contributions will be made at the actuarially determined rates.

The discount rates used to measure the District Attorney’s total pension liability for each plan is equal to the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments that are expected to be used to finance the payment of benefits.

For DARS, the long-term expected rate of return for each plan was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expenses and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification.

For PERS, the rate was determined using a triangulation method which integrated the Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM), a treasury yield curve approach and an equity building block model. Risk return and correlation are projected on a forward-looking basis in equilibrium, in which best-estimates of expected future real rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These rates are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification.

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The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized for each plan in the following table:

Asset Class	PERS		DARS	
	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return
Fixed Income	33.0%	1.17%	32.8%	3.81%
Equities	51.0%	3.58%	50.1%	10.66%
Alternative Investments	14.0%	0.73%	16.9%	6.50%
Real Assets	2.0%	0.12%	0.2%	2.31%
Total	<u>100%</u>		<u>100%</u>	

Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions:

Changes in the net pension liability may either be reported in pension expense in the year the change occurred or recognized as a deferred outflow of resources or a deferred inflow of resources in the year the change occurred and amortized into pension expense, over a number of years. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the District Attorney recognized \$199,432 in pension expenses related to all defined benefit plans in which it participates.

At December 31, 2023, the District Attorney reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 25,433	\$ 33,926
Changes of assumptions	62,174	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	212,358	-
Change in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	11,471	6,615
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>58,285</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 369,721</u>	<u>\$ 40,541</u>

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Deferred outflows of resources of \$58,285 resulting from the employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability during the year ending December 31, 2023. Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions to be recognized in pension expense are as follows:

Year Ended December 31	Net Amount Recognized in Pension Expense
2024	\$ 38,911
2025	56,390
2026	117,813
2027	57,781
	\$ 270,895

Sensitivity of the District Attorney’s Proportional Share of the Net Pension Liabilities to Changes in the Discount Rate:

The following presents the District Attorney’s proportionate shares of the net pension liabilities of the plans, calculated using their respective discount rates, as well as what the District Attorney’s proportionate shares of the net pension liabilities would be if they were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current rate:

Plan	Current Discount Rate	Net Pension Liability(Asset)		
		1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
PERS	6.40%	\$ 348,619	\$ 107,737	\$ (93,903)
DARS	6.10%	696,607	372,751	101,061
Total		\$ 1,045,226	\$ 480,488	\$ 7,158

(5) Risk Management

The District Attorney is exposed to risks of loss in the areas of health care, general liability, property hazards and workers’ compensation. All of these risks are handled by purchasing commercial insurance coverage. There have been no significant reductions in the insurance coverage during the year nor have insurance settlements exceeded insurance coverage the past three years.

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(6) On-Behalf Payments for Fringe Benefits and Salaries

GASB Statement No. 24, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Grants and Other Financial Assistance, requires the District Attorney to report in the financial statements on-behalf salary and fringe benefit payments made by the State of Louisiana and by the parish government to certain employees of the District Attorney's office.

Supplemental salary payments are made by the state and the parish government directly to the District Attorney and to the Assistant District Attorneys. The District Attorney's office is not legally responsible for these salaries. Therefore, the basis for recognizing the revenue and expenditure payments is the actual contributions made by the state and parish governments. On-behalf payments recorded as revenue and expenditures in the 2023 financial statements amount to \$455,000.

(7) Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to District Attorney

A detail of compensation, benefits and other payments paid to District Attorney Charles A. Riddle III were as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salary	\$ 109,656
Benefits - insurance	7,074
Benefits - pension	11,788
Reimbursements	2,902
Conference travel	1,907
Total	<u>\$ 133,327</u>

(8) Litigation

At December 31, 2023, the District Attorney is a defendant in pending litigation. The District Attorney intends to vigorously defend against this litigation. While damages are alleged, the outcome of this litigation cannot be predicted with certainty at year end.

(9) New Accounting Pronouncements

In June 2023, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. This statement changes the way governments will recognize and measure liabilities for leave time earned by employees, including recognition of liabilities for leave that is expected to be paid as salaries for periods during which employees use leave, as well as for leave that will be paid in cash or settled in some other manner during or at the end of an employee's active service. The provisions of GASB Statement No. 101 are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023. The effect of implementation on the District Attorney's financial statements has not yet been determined.

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General Fund
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Budget		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		(Negative)
Revenues:				
Fees, services, and commissions	\$ 476,878	\$ 525,000	\$ 777,564	252,564
Intergovernmental revenue-				
Federal	357,933	490,723	516,180	25,457
State	33,500	34,000	30,000	(4,000)
Local	687,570	611,820	337,312	(274,508)
On-behalf payments	323,500	375,000	455,000	80,000
Other revenues	108,200	107,400	28,509	(78,891)
Total revenues	<u>1,987,581</u>	<u>2,143,943</u>	<u>2,144,565</u>	<u>622</u>
Expenditures:				
Current -				
General government - judicial				
Personnel services and related benefits	1,635,377	1,663,389	1,673,327	(9,938)
General insurance	8,000	7,500	8,668	(1,168)
Association dues	18,000	26,000	27,489	(1,489)
Conventions and meetings	10,000	10,000	10,254	(254)
Miscellaneous	25,500	32,000	76,140	(44,140)
Office supplies	30,000	34,000	30,700	3,300
Postage	5,000	5,000	6,360	(1,360)
Professional services	243,933	284,246	249,351	34,895
Repairs and maintenance	8,800	6,750	16,541	(9,791)
Utilities	25,000	24,558	22,374	2,184
Capital outlay	-	-	8,295	(8,295)
Total expenditures	<u>2,009,610</u>	<u>2,093,443</u>	<u>2,129,499</u>	<u>(36,056)</u>
Net change in fund balance	(22,029)	50,500	15,066	(35,434)
Fund balance, beginning	<u>92,616</u>	<u>92,616</u>	<u>92,616</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 70,587</u>	<u>\$ 143,116</u>	<u>\$ 107,682</u>	<u>\$ (35,434)</u>

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Notes to Budgetary Comparison Schedule

(1) Budget and Budgetary Accounting

The District Attorney follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- a. The accountant prepares a proposed budget and submits it to the District Attorney for the fiscal year no later than fifteen days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year.
- b. A summary of the proposed budget is published, and the public is notified that the proposed budget is available for public inspection. At the same time, a public hearing is called.
- c. A public hearing is held on the proposed budget at least ten days after publication of the call for a hearing.
- d. After the holding of the public hearing and completion of all action necessary to finalize and implement the budget, the budget is legally adopted prior to the commencement of the fiscal year for which the budget is being adopted.
- e. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
- f. The budget is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Budgeted amounts included in the accompanying financial statements are as originally adopted or as finally amended by the District Attorney.

(2) Excess of Expenditures over Appropriations

The General Fund incurred expenditures in excess of appropriations.

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Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability/Asset
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Year Ended December 31,	Employer Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer's Covered Payroll	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability(Asset)
Parochial Employees Retirement System - Plan B *					
2015	0.575067%	\$ 1,597	\$ 494,970	0.3%	99.89%
2016	0.544404%	\$ 96,929	\$ 523,255	18.5%	93.48%
2017	0.517458%	\$ 67,222	\$ 515,490	13.0%	95.50%
2018	0.504906%	\$ (63,527)	\$ 510,781	12.4%	104.02%
2019	0.488161%	\$ 131,884	\$ 505,104	26.1%	91.93%
2020	0.479753%	\$ (34,708)	\$ 533,009	6.5%	98.23%
2021	0.477340%	\$(122,546)	\$ 546,704	22.4%	106.76%
2022	0.478617%	\$(267,456)	\$ 532,960	50.2%	114.20%
2023	0.452507%	\$ 107,737	\$ 523,266	20.6%	94.26%
District Attorney's Retirement System **					
2015	0.558014%	\$ 30,058	\$ 327,423	9.2%	98.56%
2016	0.617896%	\$ 118,270	\$ 374,105	31.6%	95.09%
2017	0.595941%	\$ 160,738	\$ 362,153	44.4%	93.57%
2018	0.446366%	\$ 143,637	\$ 277,528	51.8%	92.92%
2019	0.466007%	\$ 149,916	\$ 274,021	54.7%	93.13%
2020	0.404448%	\$ 320,433	\$ 134,591	238.1%	84.86%
2021	0.433907%	\$ 77,249	\$ 274,712	28.1%	96.79%
2022	0.425407%	\$ 458,254	\$ 280,067	163.6%	81.65%
2023	0.434669%	\$ 372,751	\$ 289,513	128.8%	85.85%

* The amounts presented have a measurement date of the previous fiscal year.

** The amounts presented have a measurement date of June 30.

This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

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Schedule of Employer Contributions
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Year Ended December 31,	Contractually Required Contribution	Contributions in Relation to Contractually Required Contribution	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Employer's Covered Payroll	Contributions as a % of Covered Employee Payroll
Parochial Employees Retirement System - Plan B					
2015	\$ 47,093	\$ 47,093	\$ -	\$ 523,255	9.00%
2016	\$ 41,239	\$ 41,239	\$ -	\$ 515,490	8.00%
2017	\$ 40,863	\$ 40,863	\$ -	\$ 510,781	8.00%
2018	\$ 38,633	\$ 38,633	\$ -	\$ 505,104	7.65%
2019	\$ 39,976	\$ 39,976	\$ -	\$ 533,009	7.50%
2020	\$ 41,003	\$ 41,003	\$ -	\$ 546,704	7.50%
2021	\$ 39,972	\$ 39,972	\$ -	\$ 532,960	7.50%
2022	\$ 39,245	\$ 39,245	\$ -	\$ 523,266	7.50%
2023	\$ 40,521	\$ 40,521	\$ -	\$ 540,273	7.50%
District Attorney's Retirement System					
2015	\$ 18,059	\$ 18,059	\$ -	\$ 348,903	5.18%
2016	\$ 6,736	\$ 6,736	\$ -	\$ 383,462	1.76%
2017	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 315,783	0.00%
2018	\$ 1,661	\$ 1,661	\$ -	\$ 265,771	0.62%
2019	\$ 6,943	\$ 6,943	\$ -	\$ 270,635	2.57%
2020	\$ 10,241	\$ 10,241	\$ -	\$ 256,031	4.00%
2021	\$ 18,542	\$ 18,542	\$ -	\$ 274,712	6.75%
2022	\$ 26,607	\$ 26,607	\$ -	\$ 280,067	9.50%
2023	\$ 31,765	\$ 31,765	\$ -	\$ 295,413	10.75%

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Notes to Retirement System Schedules

(1) Retirement Systems

Changes of benefit terms –

There were no changes of benefit terms.

Changes of assumptions –

Year ended December 31,	Discount Rate	Investment Rate of Return	Inflation Rate	Expected Remaining Service Lives	Projected Salary Increase
*Parochial Employees Retirement System - Plan B:					
2015	7.25%	7.25%	3.00%	4	5.75%
2016	7.00%	7.00%	2.50%	4	5.25%
2017	7.00%	7.00%	2.50%	4	5.25%
2018	6.75%	6.75%	2.50%	4	5.25%
2019	6.50%	6.50%	2.40%	4	4.25%
2020	6.50%	6.50%	2.40%	4	4.25%
2021	6.40%	6.40%	2.30%	4	4.25%
2022	6.40%	6.40%	2.30%	4	4.25%
2023	6.40%	6.40%	2.30%	4	4.25%
**District Attorneys' Retirement System:					
2015	7.00%	7.00%	2.50%	6	3.00%
2016	7.00%	7.00%	2.50%	7	3.00%
2017	6.75%	6.75%	2.50%	7	3.00%
2018	6.50%	6.50%	2.40%	6	3.10%
2019	6.50%	6.50%	2.40%	6	3.10%
2020	6.25%	6.25%	2.40%	6	5.00%
2021	6.10%	6.10%	2.20%	5	5.00%
2022	6.10%	6.10%	2.20%	5	5.00%
2023	6.10%	6.10%	2.20%	5	5.00%

* The amounts presented have a measurement date of the previous fiscal year end.

** The amounts presented have a measurement date of June 30.

**OTHER
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Justice System Funding Schedule - Collecting/Disbursing Entity
As Required by ACT 87 of the 2020 Regular Legislative Session
General Fund
Cash Basis Presentation
Year Ended December 31, 2023

	First Six Month Period Ended 6/30/2023	Second Six Month Period Ended 12/31/2023
Beginning balance of amounts collected	<u>\$ 1,178</u>	<u>\$ 895</u>
Add: Collections		
Bond Fees	10,926	23,252
Pre-Trial Diversion Program Fees	220,730	217,892
Criminal Court Costs/Fees	18,627	29,364
Criminal Fines - Other	56,291	49,668
Restitution - Victims	38,863	28,286
Restitution - Worthless Checks	<u>1,470</u>	<u>1,761</u>
Total collections	<u>346,907</u>	<u>350,223</u>
Less: Disbursements to Governments and Nonprofits		
Louisiana State Police - LACE	29,991	22,469
APCSF - LACE	6,870	2,750
Avoyelles Indigent Defender's Board - Criminal Court Costs/Fees	1,700	1,875
Avoyelles Parish Sheriff - Criminal Court Costs/ Fees	54,041	46,433
Marksville City Court - Criminal Court Costs/ Fees	2,050	2,990
Bunkie City Court - Criminal Court Costs/ Fees	200	245
12th Judicial District Court - Criminal Court Costs/Fees	5,225	5,842
Less: Amounts retained by collecting agency		
Bond Fees	10,926	23,252
Criminal Court Costs/Fees	18,627	29,364
Criminal Fees - Other	56,291	49,668
Worthless Checks Fees	282	2,022
Pre-Trial Diversion Program Fees	120,654	134,161
Less: Disbursements to individuals/3rd party collection or processing agencies		
Restitution to individuals	<u>40,333</u>	<u>30,047</u>
Total disbursements	<u>347,190</u>	<u>351,118</u>
Total ending balance of amounts collected but not disbursed/retained	<u>\$ 895</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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Justice System Funding Schedule - Collecting/Disbursing Entity
As Required by ACT 87 of the 2020 Regular Legislative Session
Asset Forfeiture Fund
Cash Basis Presentation
Year Ended December 31, 2023

	First Six Month Period Ended <u>6/30/2023</u>	Second Six Month Period <u>Ended 12/31/2023</u>
Beginning balance of amounts collected	<u>\$ 41,694</u>	<u>\$ 31,233</u>
Add: Collections		
Asset forfeitures/sales	<u>11,271</u>	<u>1,108</u>
Less: Disbursements to Governments and Nonprofits		
12th Judicial Criminal Court - Asset forfeitures/sales	2,370	2,074
12th Judicial District Attorney - Asset forfeitures/sales	2,370	2,074
Avoyelles Parish Sheriff - Asset forfeitures/sales	1,808	2,543
Louisiana State Police - Asset forfeitures/sales	984	2,388
Louisiana DART - Asset forfeitures/sales	120	-
Village of Simmsport - Aset forfeitures/sales	366	-
City of Bunkie - Asset forfeitures/sales	1,433	-
Tunica Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana-Asset forfeitures/sale	536	-
Town of Moreauville- Asset forfeitures/sale	-	1,292
Town of Cottonport -Asset forfeitures/sale	-	1,982
Rapides Parish District Attorney - Asset forfeitures/sales	9,500	-
Less: Disbursements to Individuals		
Other Disbursements to Individuals (additional detail is not required)	<u>2,245</u>	<u>-</u>
Total disbursements	<u>21,732</u>	<u>12,353</u>
Total ending balance of amounts collected but not disbursed/retained	<u>\$ 31,233</u>	<u>\$ 19,988</u>

**INTERNAL CONTROL, COMPLIANCE
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

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The Honorable Charles A. Riddle, III,
District Attorney of the Twelfth Judicial District
Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District Attorney of the Twelfth Judicial District (District Attorney), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District Attorney's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated September 20, 2024.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District Attorney's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District Attorney's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District Attorney's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of entity's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We identified a certain deficiency in internal control described in the accompanying schedule of current and prior year audit findings and management’s corrective action plan, as item 2023-001, that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District Attorney’s financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statement. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed one instance of noncompliance or other matters that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is described in the accompanying schedule of current and prior year audit findings and management’s corrective action plan as item 2023-002.

District Attorney of the Twelfth Judicial District’s Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the District Attorney’s response to the findings identified in our audit as described in the accompanying schedule of current and prior year findings and management’s corrective action plan. The District Attorney’s response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity’s internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity’s internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. However, under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC
Certified Public Accountants

Alexandria, Louisiana
September 20, 2024

DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana

Schedule of Current and Prior Year Audit Findings
and Management's Corrective Action Plan
Year Ended December 31, 2023

Part I: Current Year Findings and Management's Corrective Action Plan

A. Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

2023-001 Application of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP)

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: 2014

CONDITION: Management and staff lack the expertise and/or experience in the selection and application of generally accepted accounting principles, as applicable to governmental entities in the financial statement preparation process.

CRITERIA: The District Attorney of the Twelfth Judicial District's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that pertain to its ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions embodied in the financial statement, including the ability of its management and staff to detect potential misstatements that may exist in the financial statements and related disclosures.

CAUSE: The cause of the condition is the result from a reliance on the external auditor as part of the internal control process.

EFFECT: Financial statements and related supporting transactions may reflect a departure from generally accepted accounting principles.

RECOMMENDATION: Management should evaluate the additional costs required to achieve the desired benefit and determine if it is economically feasible in relation to the benefit received.

MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN: We evaluated the cost vs. benefit of establishing enhanced controls over financial reporting and determined that it would not be cost effective to enhance these controls. Currently, our financial staff receive annual training related to their job duties. Additionally, we carefully review the financial statement, related notes and all proposed journal entries. All questions are adequately answered by our Auditors to allow us to appropriately supervise these functions. We feel that we have taken appropriate steps to reduce the financial statement risk caused by this finding.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana

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B. Compliance

2023-002 Late Filing of Audit Report

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: 2023

CONDITION: The District Attorney of the Twelfth Judicial District did not comply with the provisions of LA R.S. 24:513 *Powers and Duties of Legislative Auditor* by not submitting its audited financial statements to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor within six months after the fiscal year end.

CRITERIA: Provisions of LA R.S. 24:513 *Powers and Duties of Legislative Auditor*.

CAUSE: The District Attorney of the Twelfth Judicial District had difficulty providing financial information requested during the performance of the annual audit due to the sudden death of his contract accountant during the current year.

EFFECT: The District Attorney of the Twelfth District is not in compliance with state law.

RECOMMENDATION: The District Attorney of the Twelfth District should ensure compliance with LA R.S. 24:513 *Powers and Duties of Legislative Auditor* by preparing and producing accurate financial information in a timely manner.

MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN: The District Attorney of the Twelfth District has engaged the services of another accounting firm to assist with the annual closeout of the accounting records.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana

Schedule of Current and Prior Year Audit Findings
and Management's Corrective Action Plan
Year Ended December 31, 2023

Part II: Prior Year Findings:

A. Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

2022-001 Application of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP)

CONDITION: The District Attorney of the Twelfth Judicial District does not have adequate internal controls over recording the entity's financial transactions or preparing its financial statements, including the related notes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

RECOMMENDATION: Management should evaluate the additional costs required to achieve the desired benefit and determine if it is economically feasible in relation to the benefit received.

CURRENT STATUS: Unresolved. See item 2023-001.

District Attorney of the Twelfth Judicial District
Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana

Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures Report

Fiscal Period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Honorable Charles A. Riddle, III
Attorney of the Twelfth Judicial District and the
and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. The Twelfth Judicial District's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

The District Attorney of the Twelfth Judicial District has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in the LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. Additionally, the LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purpose. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

1) Written Policies and Procedures

- A. Obtained and inspected the entity's written policies and procedures and observed that they address each of the following categories and subcategories if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations:
- i) ***Budgeting***, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.
 - ii) ***Purchasing***, including (1) how purchases are initiated, (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list, (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and

purchase orders, (4) controls to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law, and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.

- iii) **Disbursements**, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
- iv) **Receipts/Collections**, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g. periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).
- v) **Payroll/Personnel**, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee(s) rate of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.
- vi) **Contracting**, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.
- vii) **Travel and Expense Reimbursement**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
- viii) **Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, P-Cards, if applicable)**, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).
- ix) **Ethics**, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.
- x) **Debt Service, not applicable for this entity** including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
- xi) **Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity**, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.
- xii) **Prevention of Sexual Harassment**, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

2) Board or Finance Committee/ Not applicable for this entity

- A. Obtained and inspected the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and:
- i) Observed that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.
 - ii) For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observed that the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds. *Alternately, for those entities reporting on the non-profit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity relating to public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.*
 - iii) For governmental entities, obtained the prior year audit report and observed the unassigned fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year audit report, observed that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unrestricted fund balance in the general fund.
 - iv) Observed whether the board/finance committee received written updates of the progress of resolving audit finding(s), according to management's corrective action plan at each meeting until the findings are considered fully resolved.

3) Bank Reconciliations

- A. Obtained a listing of entity's bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Asked management to identify the entity's main operating account. Selected the entity's main operating account and randomly selected 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly selected one month from the fiscal period, obtained and inspected the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for selected each account, and observed that:
- i) Bank reconciliations included evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged).
 - ii) Bank reconciliations included evidence that a member of management/board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation within 1 month of the date the reconciliation was prepared (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged).
 - iii) Management has documentation reflecting that it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

4) Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)

- A. Obtained a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly selected 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).
- B. For each deposit site selected, obtained a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly selected one collection location for each deposit site (i.e. 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtained and inspected written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if no written policies or procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observed that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that:
 - i) Employees that are responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.
 - ii) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for preparing/making bank deposits unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g. pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit.
 - iii) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit.
 - iv) The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions are not responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.
- C. Obtained from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash and observed the bond or insurance policy for theft was enforced during the fiscal period.
- D. Randomly selected two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for procedure #3 under "Bank Reconciliations" above (selected the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly selected a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). *Alternately, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc.* Obtained supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:
 - i) Observed that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
 - ii) Traced sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
 - iii) Traced the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
 - iv) Observed that the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).
 - v) Traced the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

5) *Non-Payroll Disbursements (excluding card purchases/payments, travel reimbursements, and petty cash purchases)*

- A. Obtained a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly selected 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).
- B. For each location selected under #5A above, obtained a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtained written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, inquired of employees about their job duties), and observed that job duties are properly segregated such that:
 - i) At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order/making the purchase.
 - ii) At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.
 - iii) The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files.
 - iv) Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments.
 - v) Only employees/officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electronic means.
- C. For each location selected under #5A above, obtained the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtained management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly selected 5 disbursements for each location, obtained supporting documentation for each transaction and:
 - i) Observed whether the disbursement, whether by paper or electronic means, matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity.
 - ii) Observed that the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #5B above, as applicable.
- D. Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A, randomly selected 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements (or all electronic disbursements if less than 5) and observed that each electronic disbursement was (a) approved only by those persons authorized to disburse funds (e.g., sign checks) per the entity's policy, and (b) approved by the required number of authorized signers per the entity's policy. Note: If no electronic payments were made from the main operating account during the month selected the practitioner should select an alternative month/or account for testing that does include electronic disbursements.

6) Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/P-Cards

- A. Obtained from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and P-cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtained management's representation that the listing is complete.
- B. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly selected 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly selected one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement), obtained supporting documentation, and:
 - i) Observed that there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) were reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved), by someone other than the authorized card holder. [Note: Requiring such approval may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality); these instances should not be reported.]
 - ii) Observed that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.
- C. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #6B above, excluding fuel cards, randomly selected 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtained supporting documentation for the transactions (i.e. each card should have 10 transactions subject to testing). For each transaction, observed that it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, the practitioner should describe the nature of the transaction and note whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

7) Travel and Travel-Related Expense Reimbursements (excluding card transactions)

- A. Obtained from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly selected 5 reimbursements, obtained the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected:
 - i) If reimbursed using a per diem, observed the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov).
 - ii) If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.
 - iii) Observed that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those

individuals participating) and other documentation required by Written Policies and Procedures procedure #1A(vii.)

- iv) Observed each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

8) Contracts

- A. Obtained from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. *Alternately, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list.* Obtained management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly selected 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and:
 - i) Observed that the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law.
 - ii) Observed whether the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g. Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter).
 - iii) If the contract was amended (e.g. change order), observed that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment, that approval was documented).
 - iv) Randomly selected one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtained the supporting invoice, agreed the invoice to the contract terms, and observed the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

9) Payroll and Personnel

- A. Obtained a listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly selected 5 employees or officials, obtained related paid salaries and personnel files, and agreed paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.
- B. Randomly selected one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under #9A above, obtained attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:
 - i) Observed all selected employees/officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory).
 - ii) Observed whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials.
 - iii) Observed any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records.
 - iv) Observed the rate paid to the employees or officials agree to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.

- C. Obtained a listing of those employees or officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly selected two employees or officials, obtained related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity's policy on termination payments. Agreed the hours to the employee's or official's cumulative leave records, agreed the pay rates to the employee or official's authorized pay rates in the employee's or official's personnel files, and agreed the termination payment to entity policy.
- D. Obtained management's representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts (e.g., payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, garnishments, workers' compensation premiums, etc.) have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

10) Ethics

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A obtained ethics documentation from management, and:
 - i) Observed documentation demonstrates that each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:1170.
 - ii) Observed whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates that each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.
- B. Inquired and/or observed whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

11) Debt Service/ Not applicable for this entity

- A. Obtained a listing of bonds/notes issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Selected all debt instruments on the listing, obtained supporting documentation, and observed State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued as required by Article VII, Section 8 of the Louisiana Constitution.
- B. Obtained a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly selected one bond/note, inspected debt covenants, obtained supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agreed actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants (including contingency funds, short-lived asset funds, or other funds required by the debt covenants).

12) Fraud Notice

- A. Obtained a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Selected all misappropriations on the listing, obtained supporting documentation, and observed that the entity reported the

misappropriation(s) to the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled as required by R.S. 24:523.

- B. Observed the entity has posted on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

13) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/ Business Continuity

- A. Performed the following procedures and **discussed the results with management:**

- i) Obtained and inspected the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observed that such backup (a) occurred within the past week, (b) was not stored on the government's local server or network, and (c) was encrypted.
- ii) Obtained and inspected the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if no written documentation, inquired of personnel responsible for testing/ verifying backup restoration) and observed evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.
- iii) Obtained a listing of the entity's computers currently in use and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly selected 5 computers and observed while management demonstrated that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.

- B. Randomly selected 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in procedure #9C. Observed evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.

We performed the procedures and discussed the results with management.

- C. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtained cybersecurity training documentation from management, and observed that the documentation demonstrates that the following employees/officials with access to the agency's information technology assets have completed cybersecurity training as required by R.S. 42:1267. The requirements are as follows:

- Hired on or before June 9, 2020 – completed the training; and
- Hired on or after June 9, 2020 – completed the training within 30 days of initial service or employment.

We performed the procedures and discussed the results with management.

14) Prevention of Sexual Harassment

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtained sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observed

that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:343.

- B. Observed that the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website (or in a conspicuous location on the entity's premises if the entity does not have a website).
- C. Obtained the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observed that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observed that the report includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:
 - i) Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements.
 - ii) Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency.
 - iii) Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred.
 - iv) Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective actions.
 - v) The amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

Findings:

No exceptions were found as a result of applying procedures listed above except:

Written Policies:

The Twelfth Judicial District Attorney did not have written policies and procedures addressing the following:

- Payroll/Personnel: (1) Payroll processing
- Ethics: (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute 42:1111-1121 (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations.

Bank Reconciliations:

Bank reconciliations did not include evidence that a member of management, who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks, had reviewed each bank reconciliation (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged)

Management did not have documentation reflecting that it had researched reconciling items that had been outstanding for more than twelve months from the statement closing date.

Ethics:

One of the five employees selected did not have documentation of completion of one hour of ethics training during the fiscal year.

Prevention of Sexual Harassment:

The Twelfth Judicial District Attorney’s website does not have its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedures.

Management’s Response:

The District Attorney of the Twelfth Judicial District concurs with the exceptions and is working to address the deficiencies identified.

We were engaged by the District Attorney of the Twelfth Judicial District to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of the District Attorney of the Twelfth Judicial District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the LLA as a public document.

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Alexandria, Louisiana
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