

Gwinnett County Clerk of Court

2015 Budget Presentation

Clerk of Court Budget Presentation Outline



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Clerk of Court Divisions



- Real Estate Records
- Magistrate Court Records
- State Court Records
- Superior Court Records
- Appeals, Adoptions, Garnishments
- Board of Equalization (2011)
- Accounting-Finance (2012)
- Information Technology

Clerk of Court – Objectives & Initiatives



Present:

- e-Court: Sustain System Upgrade
 - First major upgrade since 1998 (Justice Edition)
 - Includes Recorders Court, Probate Court
- Audit: Fund Ledger Balance Reconciliation
 - Unclaimed Cash Bonds (7+ year)
 - \$925K Paid to County (2012-2014)
 - Cash Bond / Garnishment Fund Reconciliation [563K]
- Office Automation (Scanning Current Case Files)

Pending:

- E-filing: Superior Court Civil beta
- *Historical Scanning Project (Phase I: \$2.7M, 3 Years)
- Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity
- Sage Accounting Integration w/ e-Court
- Electronic Payment Services
- ACH Payments (Garnishment Accounts)

^{*} Historical Scanning to commence August 2014. It will be Funded by the Clerk of Court Authority Imaging Fund

Clerk of Court – Budget Overview



2014 Budget

Revenue: \$18.3M

Expenses: \$9.4M

• COC Staff: 104

Workload: 414.4K¹

Funds:

• Fees/Fines: \$38.0M

Trust Funds: \$52.6M

• BOE Staff: 3²

2015 Budget

• Revenue: \$16.4M

Expenses: \$ 9.1M

• COC Staff: 105³

Workload: 414.3K¹

Funds:

• Fees/Fines: \$32.6M

Trust Funds: \$ 42.5M

• BOE Staff: 3²

¹ Judicial Caseload and RE Filings

² Two Full Time - One Part Time Clerk

³ IT Asc IV

Clerk of Court – Revenue Variance



2014 Budget vs. 2014 Projection	<u>Variance</u>	
Total Variance	\$	(2.0M)
 Real Estate Taxes¹ Real Estate Filing Fees Real Estate Tax Commissions Civil Costs – State Ct² 	\$ \$ \$	(1.5M) (1.0M) (445K) (231K)
 Fines – Superior Ct Fines – State Ct Drug Abuse Treatment Fines – JCS Civil Costs – Magistrate Ct 	\$ \$ \$ \$	650K 239K 166K 57K 44K
 Civil Costs – Superior Ct 	\$	21K

Real Estate Filings Down 31% - YTD June
 State Ct Civil Filings Down 16% - YTD June
 Judicial Case Filings Down 4.5% - YTD June



Clerk of Court – Special Revenue Fund¹ Budget Overview



2014 Budget

Revenue: \$ 1.96M

Expenses: \$ 1.96M

2015 Budget

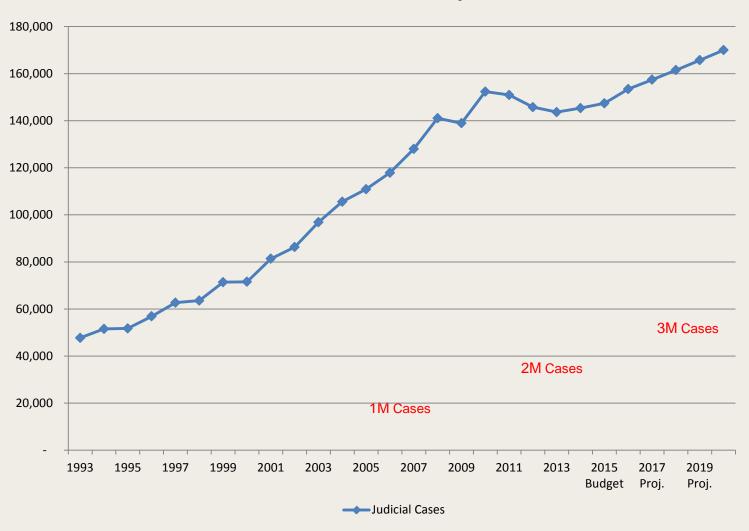
Revenue: \$606K

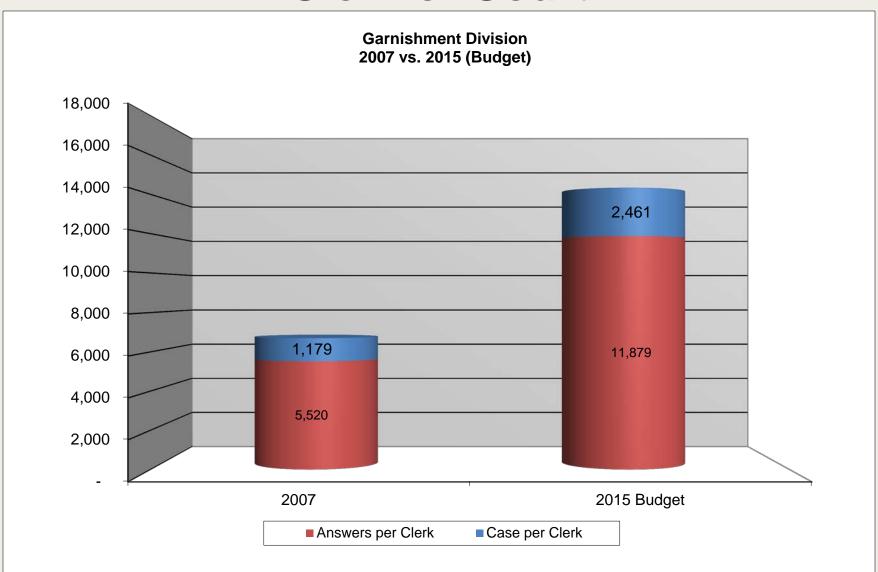
Expenses: \$ 960K²

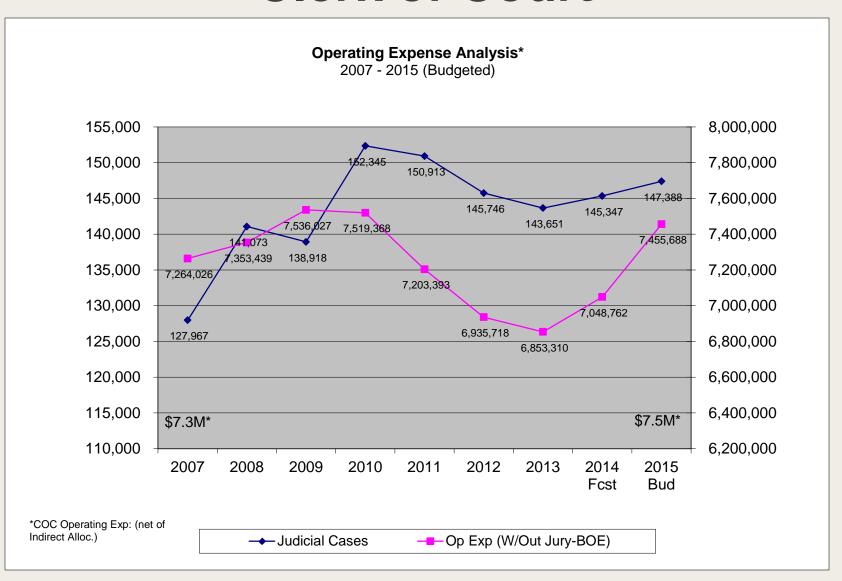
Use of Fund Bal: \$ 354K

- ¹O.C.G.A.15-6-94 et seq
- ²Historical Scanning Project.

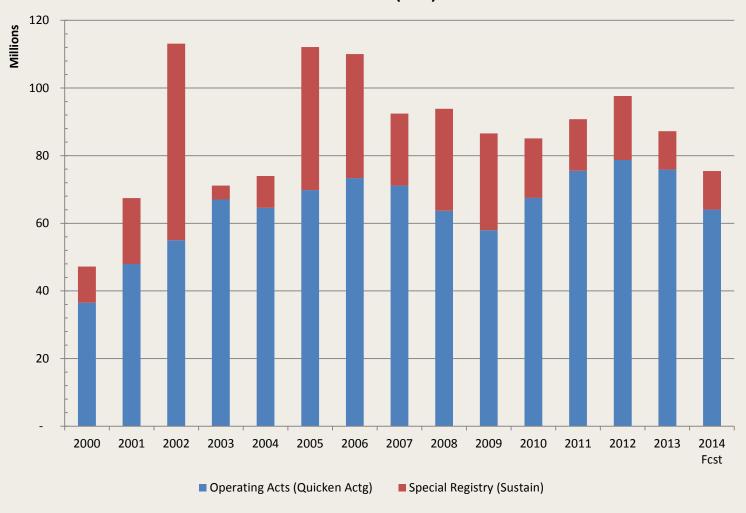
Judicial Case History







Gross Receipts (\$ 1.3B) 2000 - 2014 (Fcst)



Clerk of Court Summary



- Judicial Case Count 4.2% below Budget.
- 2014 Revenue Variance Projected at (\$2M)
 - Driven by Real Estate Division Filings (31%)
- 2015 Revenue Budget vs 2014 Forecast Projected Flat @ \$16.4M
- 2015 Operating Expense Budget (300K) vs. 2014
 - Driven by Indirect Cost Allocations (381K)
- Goals and Initiatives Continue to Address the Changing Operating Environment of the Clerk of Court.



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