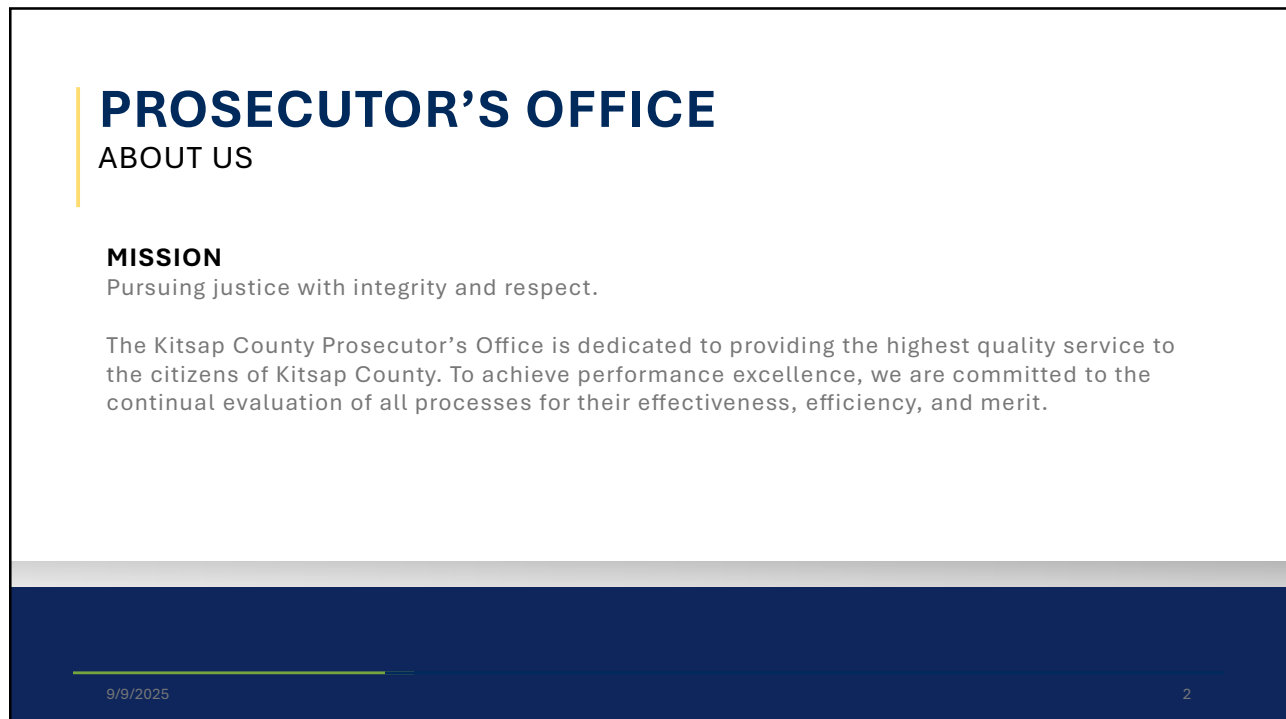


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PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

EMPLOYEES

The Prosecutor's Office proudly serves the Kitsap County community with the 76 FTEs.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

- Chad Enright, Prosecutor
- Ione George, Chief of Staff
- Cami Lewis, Felony Division Chief
- Justin Zaug, District/Muni Division Chief
- Lisa Nickel, Civil Division Chief
- Holly Banks, Family Support Division Chief
- Carrie Alire, Office Administrator
- Rebecca Graunke, Technology Manager



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DIVISIONS



FELONY DIVISION

Prosecutes felony crimes from county and city law enforcement, defends convictions in appellate courts, and participates in multiple Therapeutic Courts (Drug, Veterans, ResDOSAs, Behavioral Health, Diversion, Human Trafficking, Juvenile Drug, Juvenile ITC, Girls Court, KPAC).



DISTRICT/MUNI DIVISION

Prosecutes gross misdemeanors and misdemeanors for county law enforcement and contracted cities (Bainbridge Island, Poulsbo, Port Orchard).



CIVIL DIVISION

Provides legal counsel to over 50 county departments and agencies; prosecutes civil cases; defends tort, constitutional, and employment claims; handles mental health commitments and public disclosure requests.



FAMILY SUPPORT DIVISION

Litigates child support, paternity, and modification cases; enforces obligations to protect the State's financial interests when public assistance is provided.

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SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS



VICTIM-WITNESS FUND

Provides comprehensive services to victims and witnesses of crime, with funding from RCW 7.68.035.



KITSAP S.A.I.V.S.

Certified Child Advocacy Center coordinating services for victims of child abuse, domestic violence, and sexual assault.



EXPERT WITNESS FUND

Pays for expert services, primarily in homicide case preparation, investigation, and prosecution.



ANTI-PROFITEERING FUND

Investigates and prosecutes criminal profiteering cases.



DRUG FORFEITURE FUND

Supports prosecution of felony drug violations and represents the Sheriff's Office in property forfeitures and drug nuisance abatement.

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PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

GOALS



1. MAINTAIN CORE SERVICES

- Preserve essential prosecutorial functions—felony prosecutions and gross misdemeanors, appellate defense, therapeutic court programs, victim advocacy, and child support enforcement.
- Ensure timely handling of high-priority cases despite reduced resources.

2. PRIORITIZE CASES STRATEGICALLY

- Focus on violent crimes, crimes against vulnerable victims, and cases with immediate public safety impacts.
- Defer or divert lower-level, non-violent offenses where appropriate, using alternative resolutions such as diversion programs or community-based interventions.
- Implement triage protocols to allocate attorney time to cases with the greatest prosecutorial and community impact.

3. OPTIMIZE STAFFING AND WORKFLOWS

- Continue evaluation of workload analysis to identify opportunities for role consolidation, cross-training, and process streamlining.
- Protect positions essential to prosecution efficiency and victim services.

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GOALS



4. LEVERAGE TECHNOLOGY AND EFFICIENCY

- Expand technology integrations:
 - Streamline evidence review, reduce download delays, and improve searchability of case media.
 - EIS interface with the Sheriff's Office for faster and more accurate case data exchange.
 - Journal interface with District Court to improve efficiency in misdemeanor case processing and records access.

5. STRENGTHEN PERFORMANCE METRICS

- Track caseload distribution, case resolution timelines, and victim service delivery.
- Use data to adjust resource allocation and improve case outcomes.

6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & TRANSPARENCY

- Communicate openly with the public and stakeholders about case prioritization criteria and budget impacts.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Criminal Division – 2024/2025 Highlights

Case Filings & Convictions

2024: Filed **5,917** felony and misdemeanor cases.

2025 Mid-Year: Filed **2,533** cases.

Major Cases

2024: Convicted **14** defendants of homicide/vehicular homicide; combined sentences of **3,114** months.

2025 Mid-Year: Continued focus on violent crime prosecutions with strong conviction outcomes.

DUI Enforcement

2024: Filed **430** DUI cases; pace remains consistent in 2025.

Appeals

2024: Handled **24** appeals with **45** briefs filed.

2025 Mid-Year: **28** appeals filed with **27** briefs submitted (+20% vs. 2024 pace).

Diversion Programs

2024: **18%** diversion rate.

2025 Mid-Year: **25%** diversion rate, reflecting greater use of alternatives.

Restitution Awarded

2025 Mid-Year: Obtained court orders for **\$842,139** in restitution, ensuring victims are compensated for their losses.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Victim & Witness Services – 2024/2025 Highlights

- Provided accompaniment and support to victims and witnesses during hearings and trials.
- Ensured victims were informed, prepared, and engaged in the justice process.
- Enhanced community trust through direct victim/witness support.

Therapeutic Courts & Diversion – 2024/2025 Highlights

- Partnered with Behavioral Health Court to divert 17 individuals into treatment.
- Worked with Drug Court to divert 65 individuals, addressing substance use through rehabilitation rather than incarceration.
- Collaborated with Veterans Court to support 7 veterans in accessing treatment and recovery resources.
- 2024: 18% of cases resolved through diversion
- 2025 Mid-Year: 25% diversion rate, showing expansion of alternatives

Programs include: Deferred Prosecution, Pre-Trial Diversion, Juvenile Diversion, Behavioral Health Court, Drug Court, Felony Diversion, THRIVE, Veterans Court, PACT, ITC, KPAC, and Girls Court.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Civil Division Successes – 2024/2025 Highlights

- Files & Contracts**
2024: Opened **2,194 files**; reviewed **1,100+ contracts**.
2025 Mid-Year: Opened **1,100 files** → projected **2,200** (steady pace).
- Public Records Requests**
2024: **185 requests** received and processed.
2025 Mid-Year: **96 requests** → on pace to exceed 2024.
- Tort Defense**
Successfully defended tort claims, **saving taxpayer dollars**.
2025 Jury Trial Win: Defense verdict where plaintiff’s last demand was **\$1.179 million**;
Equivalent **outside counsel costs estimated at \$659,827** — savings realized by handling the case in-house.
- Workload Hours**
2024: **15,706 hours billed**.
2025 Mid-Year: **8,203 hours billed** → projected **16,407** (+4.5% from 2024).

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Family Support successes – 2024/2025 Highlights

Caseload Management

2024: Managed **an average of 473 active cases** per month.

2025 Mid-Year: On pace for similar volume.

Referrals & Closures

2024: **447 referrals** received; **450 cases closed**.

2025 Mid-Year: Tracking closely to 2024 levels.

Child Support Collected

2024: **\$230,265** collected via contempt actions.

2025 Mid-Year: **\$115,782** collected via contempt actions (steady pace with prior year).

Paternity Establishments

2024: **148 cases established**.

2025 Mid-Year: **89 cases** → projected **178** (+20%).

Support Order Modifications

2024: **83 modifications**.

2025 Mid-Year: **38 modifications** → projected **76** (↓ 8%).


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IMPACT OF BUDGET REDUCTIONS


 **Mandated services remain:** victim notifications, appeals, mental health commitments, child support litigation.

 **Public safety at risk:** fewer prosecutors → delays, dismissals, lower conviction rates.

 **Victim support reduced:** fewer staff to accompany and assist victims/witnesses.

 **Civil liability grows:** fewer attorneys defending torts → increased payouts, increased attorneys fees for outside counsel.

 **Child support enforcement weakened:** fewer collections, more families on public assistance.

 **Efficiency loss:** technology investments delayed, leading to backlogs and higher costs long-term.

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UNFUNDED MANDATES - Apply Directly to Prosecutor's Office

- **RCW 9A.44 – Sex Offender Registration**
→ Prosecutor enforces compliance, files charges for failure to register.
- **RCW 42.17 (now 42.56) – Public Records Management**
→ Prosecutor's Office must process and respond to PRA requests.
- **RCW 4, 10, 26 & 36 – Domestic Violence Protection**
→ Prosecutor handles criminal filings tied to DV cases; must also respond to protection order violations.
- **RCW 69.50 – Asset Forfeitures**
→ Prosecutor litigates forfeiture cases initiated by law enforcement.
- **RCW 9.41 – Firearm Forfeitures & Concealed Pistol Licenses (CPL) Transfers**
→ Prosecutor litigates firearm forfeitures and enforces violations of firearm statutes.
- **RCW 13.40 & 13.10 – Juvenile Drug Court, Truancy, Youth Court**
→ Prosecutor required to staff and participate in juvenile specialty courts.
- **RCW 9.94A – Pre-Sentence Investigations (Sex Offenders) & Jail Alternatives**
→ Prosecutor participates in sentencing, including review and recommendations.
- **RCW 71.05 – Involuntary Treatment Act Commitments**
→ Prosecutor required to file and prosecute civil commitment petitions.
- **Senate Bill 5896 – Biological Material Evidence Retention**
→ Prosecutor responsible for ensuring compliance in criminal cases (e.g., DNA evidence).
- **RCW 13.34 – Child Dependency Cases (Accountability)**
→ Prosecutor represents the State in child dependency/abuse cases.
- **RCW 10.14 – Anti-Harassment Protection Orders (under 18)**
→ Prosecutor often consulted or must appear in related matters.
- **RCW 43.101 / WAC 139 – Child Abuse & Criminal Justice Training Requirements**
→ Prosecutor's Office staff (especially SAIVS team) must complete mandated training.

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BUDGET SUMMARY

Net elimination from supplies/ services budget line items	(\$) 0
Position elimination from a reclass/reorganization, FTE reduction	(\$) 371,349 -1 Legal Assistant -1 Attorney 2 -1 Investigator +1 Program Coordinator in Special Revenue Fund
New revenue or increased revenues as a result of a specific management action	\$ 0
Total fiscal impact	(\$) 371,349

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QUESTIONS?

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