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Are Jana Duty's legal woes affecting Williamson County's justice system?

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Former Williamson Co. ADA sanctioned by State Bar

kxan INVESTIGATES

Mark Brunner, 1st Assistant for Jana
Duty from January 2013- May 2016;
Approved Annual Salary over \$146,000



Sanctioned for lying to 26th
Judicial District Judge
Donna King

By Joe Ellis

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Criminals gain from delayed asset forfeiture cases in Williamson County



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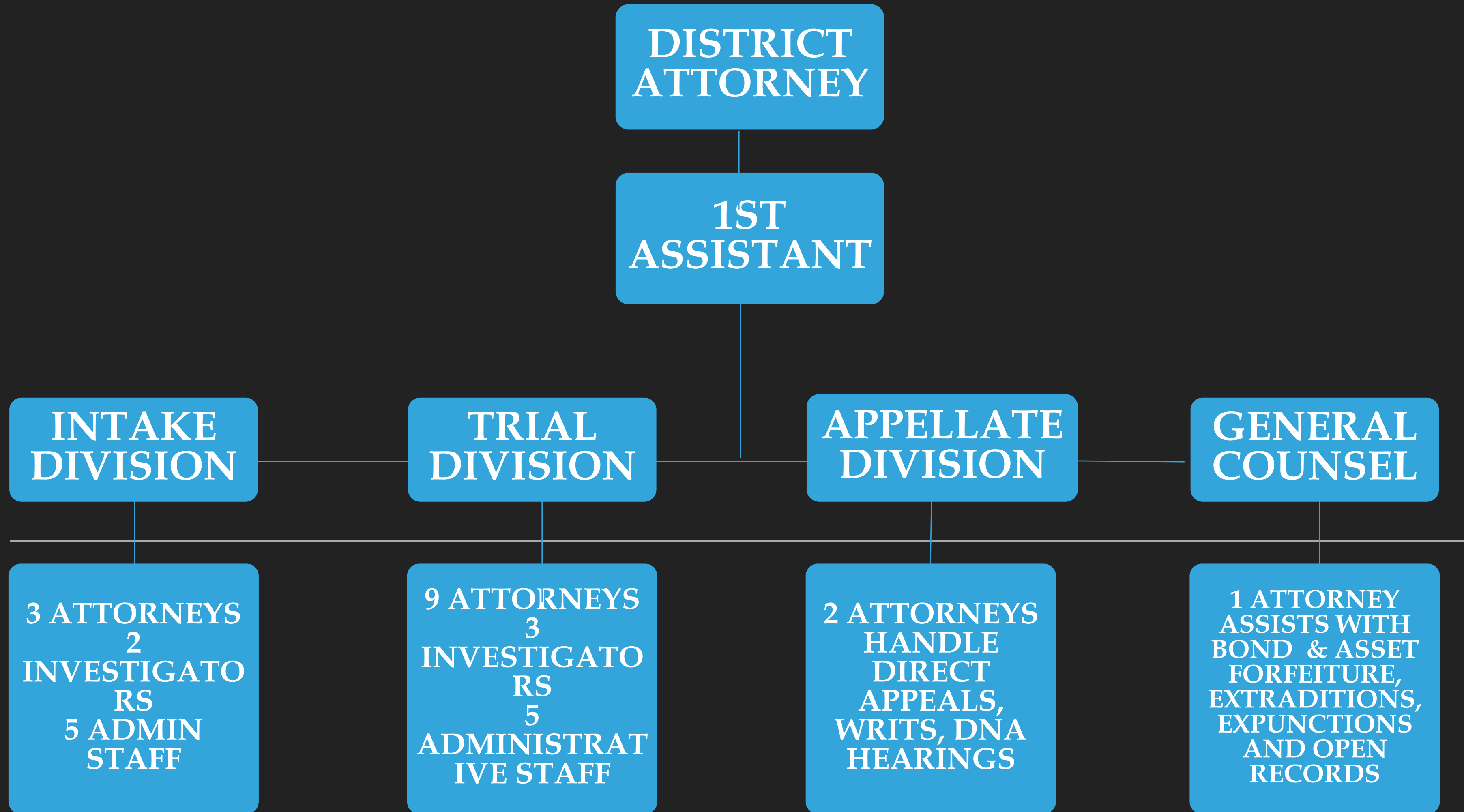
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NEEDS/PRIORITIES

1. TRIAL DIVISION CHIEF-NEW
2. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR CIVIL/APPELLATE-NEW
3. COMPENSATION INCREASES FOR 5 ATTORNEY'S
4. COMPENSATION INCREASES FOR 3 STAFF MEMBERS
5. ABANDON OVER \$84,000 IN TRAINING, SOFTWARE, TRIAL EXPENSES, ETC. IN ORDER TO TAKE CARE OF PERSONNEL 1ST
6. FROM ASSET FORFEITURE BUDGET-ON CALL INCREASE TO \$300 PER WEEK

COSTS OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM-2016

- ▶ Jail Population-about 800 upon taking office January 1,2017.
- ▶ Average Statewide costs \$59 per day (SO says closer to \$127)
- ▶ Williamson County average daily costs is \$30,739.00(minimum)
- ▶ In 2016, lawyers appointed to 61 % of individuals charged with felonies which amounted to 2,031 people.
- ▶ At a rate of a minimum of \$500
- ▶ Wilco's court appointed costs for last year \$2,157,249.28

RESULTS

- ▶ Out of 38 employees 21 did not work in previous administration
- ▶ Hired 6 lawyers with 25 or more years experience
- ▶ Reviewed 218 unscreened cases from as far back as 2013 and 2014
- ▶ Had an additional backlog of over 1,500 cases
- ▶ 41 cases involving the death of an individual (down to 27)
- ▶ Jail Population down from nearly 800 to 600 as of last week
- ▶ Conservative savings of \$11,800 per day or \$358,916 per month or \$4.3 million per year
- ▶ Prolong building out the 4th floor of the jail.

MORE RESULTS

A. Around 3,800 Felonies were filed in 2016; Because of Intake:

1. We are on pace to file about 2,500
2. Thereby reducing court appointments by another 600 or more for a minimum savings of \$300,000.

B. Increased Bond Forfeitures to \$43,700 in 6 months compared to \$3,371.07 for all of 2016

C. Increased Asset Forfeiture to 44 filings in 6 mos.(compared to 67 all 2016)

1. Collected \$313,004.85 in the 1st 6 months in Asset Forfeiture (compared to \$ 186,000 in 2015 and \$ 113,000 in 2016)
2. Seized an additional \$771,887.09 (excluding vehicles and property)

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WOULD YOU HIRE FOR YOU
OR A FAMILY MEMBER?

WHY DO THE CITIZENS OF
WILLIAMSON COUNTY
DESERVE ANY LESS?