

Survey to Chief APOs

Issue: Solicitor for Probation Department

Question (from Centre County)

Interested in knowing what Probation departments have their own solicitor and do not rely on the county solicitor.

Uses County Solicitor

Beaver County

Bedford County

Berks County

Blair County

Bradford County

Carbon County

Clearfield County

Clinton County

Columbia County

Elk County

Jefferson County

Lackawanna County

Lancaster County - we utilize our County Solicitor for most needs. We utilize AOPC legal for some things...for example a lawsuit that only names us (or other Court department) and no county department/personnel as defendant.

Lehigh County

Lycoming County

Northumberland County - uses the County Solicitor and the county contracted labor Attorney. There have been many times it would have been much more beneficial for us to have our own Solicitor though.

Philadelphia

Pike County

Venango County

Westmoreland County

Other

Chester County - We use AOPC legal for HR/Personnel items, subpoenas, lawsuits. Contracts all go thru our Procurement Department.

Delaware County - We have a solicitor for our department who will handle most probation-related matters. However, the county solicitor is used in the event of a lawsuit.

Erie County – Erie uses court solicitor

Lebanon County - utilizes the County Solicitor or PJ's law clerk for research purposes and a County Labor Attorney regarding personnel and union issues. We have utilized AOPC in law suits.

Luzerne County - We have a designated solicitor for this department. Counsel is also solicitor for Court Administration.

Somerset County - Somerset has a solicitor that we pay to research issues related to probation. Reviews placement contracts, etc. Lawsuits are also handled by the probation solicitor.

Wayne County – used District Court Administrator and criminal Judge.

York County - York has a solicitor that I pay to research issues related to probation. Otherwise, we use the county solicitor for law suits, contracts, etc.