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June 29, 2023

The Honorable Harvey S. Peeler, Jr.
Chairman, Senate Finance Committee
111 Gressette Building
Columbia, SC 29201

RE: Proviso 61.12 – FY 22-23 Appropriations Act

Dear Chairman Peeler:

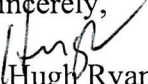
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525 Blatt Building
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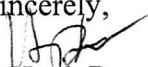
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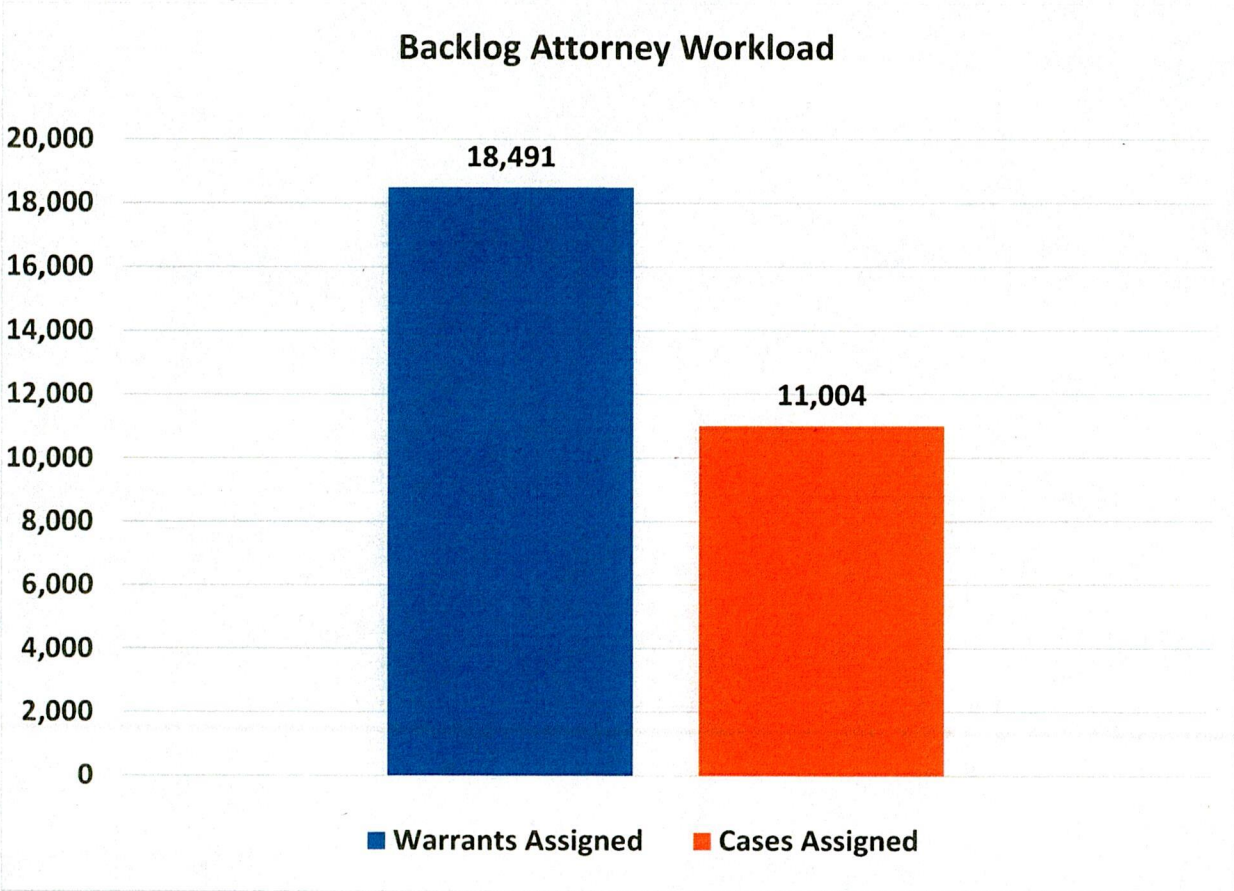
Contract Attorney Funds
Disbursements FY21-22

CIRCUIT	COUNTY NAME	Active Warrants 0-365 Days	AMT BY CNTY	TOTAL AMT BY CIRCUIT	Active Warrants 366-544 Days	AMT BY CNTY	TOTAL AMT BY CIRCUIT	Active Warrants 545 Days or More	AMT BY CNTY	TOTAL AMT BY CIRCUIT	TOTAL FUNDING AMT BY CIRCUIT
1	CALHOUN	363	\$ 1,727.82		88	\$ 1,945.35		97	\$ 2,439.79		
1	DORCHESTER	1,844	\$ 8,777.12		704	\$ 15,562.79		849	\$ 21,354.46		
1	ORANGEBURG	1,583	\$ 7,534.81	\$ 18,039.74	606	\$ 13,396.38	\$ 30,904.51	660	\$ 16,600.64	\$ 40,394.89	\$ 89,339.15
2	AIKEN	2,880	\$13,708.30		1,057	\$ 23,366.29		1,520	\$ 38,231.78		
2	BAMBERG	355	\$ 1,689.74		99	\$ 2,188.52		86	\$ 2,163.11		
2	BARNWELL	520	\$ 2,475.11	\$ 17,873.15	140	\$ 3,094.87	\$ 28,649.68	228	\$ 5,734.77	\$ 46,129.66	\$ 92,652.49
3	CLARENDON	784	\$ 3,731.70		180	\$ 3,979.12		300	\$ 7,545.75		
3	LEE	233	\$ 1,109.04		51	\$ 1,127.42		88	\$ 2,213.42		
3	SUMTER	2,146	\$10,214.59		808	\$ 17,861.84		1,516	\$ 38,131.17		
3	WILLIAMSBURG	354	\$ 1,684.98	\$ 16,740.31	145	\$ 3,205.40	\$ 26,173.78	187	\$ 4,703.52	\$ 52,593.85	\$ 95,507.94
4	CHESTERFIELD	1,189	\$ 5,659.43		421	\$ 9,306.72		832	\$ 20,926.87		
4	DARLINGTON	1,800	\$ 8,567.69		469	\$ 10,367.82		1,195	\$ 30,057.22		
4	DILLON	670	\$ 3,189.08		109	\$ 2,409.58		150	\$ 3,772.87		
4	MARLBORO	566	\$ 2,694.06	\$ 20,110.27	121	\$ 2,674.85	\$ 24,758.98	261	\$ 6,564.80	\$ 61,321.76	\$ 106,191.01
5	KERSHAW	1,575	\$ 7,496.73		659	\$ 14,568.01		1,306	\$ 32,849.15		
5	RICHLAND	7,510	\$35,746.30	\$ 43,243.03	2,807	\$ 62,052.20	\$ 76,620.20	5,906	\$148,550.59	\$ 181,399.74	\$ 301,262.97
6	CHESTER	762	\$ 3,626.99		340	\$ 7,516.12		530	\$ 13,330.82		
6	FAIRFIELD	431	\$ 2,051.49		116	\$ 2,564.32		105	\$ 2,641.01		
6	LANCASTER	2,182	\$10,385.94	\$ 16,064.42	953	\$ 21,067.24	\$ 31,147.68	1,993	\$ 50,128.91	\$ 66,100.74	\$ 113,312.83
7	CHEROKEE	1,593	\$ 7,582.40		516	\$ 11,406.82		441	\$ 11,092.25		
7	SPARTANBURG	5,884	\$28,006.82	\$ 35,589.23	1,781	\$ 39,371.20	\$ 50,778.02	2,013	\$ 50,631.96	\$ 61,724.20	\$ 148,091.45
8	ABBEVILLE	685	\$ 3,260.48		176	\$ 3,890.70		189	\$ 4,753.82		
8	GREENWOOD	3,317	\$15,788.35		1,124	\$ 24,847.41		1,374	\$ 34,559.52		
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8	NEWBERRY	941	\$ 4,479.00	\$ 34,951.41	142	\$ 3,139.09	\$ 48,633.71	90	\$ 2,263.72	\$ 75,180.78	\$ 158,765.91
9	BERKELEY	3,826	\$18,211.10		1,428	\$ 31,567.70		3,385	\$ 85,141.17		
9	CHARLESTON	6,058	\$28,835.03	\$ 47,046.13	2,328	\$ 51,463.31	\$ 83,031.01	5,299	\$133,283.03	\$ 218,424.20	\$ 348,501.34
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10	OCONEE	1,542	\$ 7,339.65	\$ 23,642.06	549	\$ 12,136.32	\$ 38,089.04	422	\$ 10,614.35	\$ 45,274.48	\$ 107,005.58
11	EDGEFIELD	254	\$ 1,209.00		73	\$ 1,613.75		74	\$ 1,861.28		
11	LEXINGTON	4,899	\$23,318.39		1,351	\$ 29,865.52		1,398	\$ 35,163.18		
11	McCORMICK	277	\$ 1,318.47		66	\$ 1,459.01		54	\$ 1,358.23		
11	SALUDA	241	\$ 1,147.12	\$ 26,992.98	35	\$ 773.72	\$ 33,712.00	32	\$ 804.88	\$ 39,187.57	\$ 99,892.56
12	FLORENCE	3,499	\$16,654.63		1,156	\$ 25,554.81		1,450	\$ 36,471.11		
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15	HORRY	6,250	\$29,748.92	\$ 34,123.20	1,393	\$ 30,793.98	\$ 38,929.08	1,559	\$39,212.73	\$ 48,745.52	\$ 121,797.80
16	UNION	999	\$ 4,755.07		277	\$ 6,123.43		239	\$ 6,011.44		
16	YORK	4,952	\$23,570.66	\$ 28,325.73	1,526	\$ 33,734.11	\$ 39,857.54	1,335	\$33,578.57	\$ 39,590.01	\$ 107,773.28
	TOTAL	100,844		\$ 480,000.00	32,570		\$ 720,000.00	47,709		\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ 2,400,000.00
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- \$436 Average Cost Per Case
- 289 Warrants Per Attorney
- 172 Cases Per Attorney