

Sauk County, Wisconsin  
**Sauk County District Attorney Annual Report**

**2017 Mission Statement:** The Mission of the District Attorney’s Office is to prosecute violations of State law and County ordinances on behalf of the citizens of the County and in the name of the State of Wisconsin.

**2017 Goals Review**

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OBJECTIVE	WAS THIS OBJECTIVE REACHED IN 2017?
	Yes or No (If no, please provide comment)
Complete the prosecution of juvenile delinquency cases which will provide treatment and/or punishment for juveniles	We continue to receive new cases causing all programs to be on going.
Prosecute all cases as scheduled by the Courts	We continue to receive new cases causing all programs to be on going.
Recover Restitution and return it to the community	We continue to receive new cases causing all programs to be on going.
Provide services to Sauk county crime victims in compliance with Chapter 950 of the Wisconsin Statutes and the Crime Victims Constitutional Amendment	We continue to receive new cases causing all programs to be on going.

**Changes / Accomplishments:**

Victim Witness: The Court System (fast track scheduling) will continue to impact victim services because it means less time to contact victims for the purpose of assuring their constitutional rights and involvement in their case. The Victim Rights Legislation provides additional obligations on Victim Witness units and District Attorney's Offices regarding notification of proceedings and participation in the Court Process. We are currently staffed at 1.8 positions in the Victim Witness Unit.

Electronic Files: Every new case after January 1, 2014, is an electronic file. As time permits, we continue to purge and/or convert pre-1/1/14 paper files to electronic format. We continue to work on developing written policies and procedures for how to handle cases in electronic format – for both County office staff as well as the District Attorney and Assistants. The procedures and policies remain a work in progress and will be modified as day to day functioning presents more efficient procedures. E-filing of criminal court cases began in June 2017. This process has proved to be a seamless transition for the District Attorney’s office given the majority of our cases were already in an electronic format.

OAR/OWL Diversion Program: As part of an effort to reduce the number of OAR/OWL citations issued in Sauk County and assist offenders in obtaining their license, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC), in collaboration with the Sauk County DA’s office and ATTIC Correctional Services, created the OAR/OWL Diversion Program. The program offers diversion from formal criminal charges in favor of case management which provides the participant with direction and support to obtain a valid operator’s license.

Sauk County Drug Court: The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC), in collaboration with the Sauk County DA’s Office, the Sauk County Courts, the State Department of Corrections, and many others, created the Sauk County Adult Drug Court. The program provides participants with intensive supervision, intensive treatment, case management and accountability directly to the Court to help them break the cycle of substance abuse and the criminal conduct associated with drug addiction.

**Statistical Summary:** All Programs: The Court system anticipates that a criminal complaint be filed before any person appears in Court. This allows the District Attorney's Office on average two to four hours to prepare criminal complaints each day for bail hearings. The Court system also requires any person charged with a domestic abuse related offense to appear at the next scheduled bail hearing after the offense occurs. With implementation of the “paperless” procedures, the bail attorney is under stricter time constraints to review these bail reports. Further, preparation for Intake Court/Bail by the assigned attorney requires a greater amount of preparation time because of the transition to “paperless”. Duties continue to be shifted to other attorneys, if available, to accommodate that requirement.

**OUTPUT MEASURES**

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>2015 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2016 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2017 ACTUAL</b>
Total Cases Received	2624	2808	3186
Felony Complaints Filed	458	488	586
Misdemeanor Complaints Filed	667	642	614
Crim. Traffic Complaints Filed	349	396	397
Juvenile Delinquent Filed	50	41	53
Civil Traffic/Forfeiture	707	757	1009
*Restitution	\$12,784.23	\$38,583.00	\$26,704.66
Restitution Surcharge	\$10,786.94	\$4,061.86	\$4,957.68

**OUTCOME AND EFFICIENCY MEASURES**

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