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Mr. L. Brooks Patterson
County Executive
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Dear Mr. Patterson:

There was an increase of 10.4 percent or \$449,370 in collections for the Reimbursement Division in the year of 1992. Total collections were \$4,759,023.

The Circuit Court Unit collected \$3,263,936 in 1992, an increase of 7.7 percent or \$233,416. All victim information was previously maintained by the Probation Department; however, in the summer of 1992, this information was transferred to this office.

The Juvenile Court Unit increased collections by 19.8 percent or \$233,621. The service fee program that was implemented in 1989 with collections of \$48,974 has increased by 210 percent for a total of \$151,912 in 1992.

Much of our efforts in 1992 was directed toward the development of a procedure manual.

The activities of this division for the year of 1992 are presented in this report for your review.

Robert J. Daddow, Director
Department of Management and Budget

Sandra L. McKay, Manager
Reimbursement Division

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS
 Years Ended December 31, 1992, 1991, and 1990

	AMOUNT RECEIVED		
	1992	1991	1990
Circuit Court:			
Restitution	\$1,268,571	\$1,212,975	\$1,112,879
Court Costs	1,081,990	1,067,351	1,076,720
Attorney Fees	686,485	566,747	494,722
Fines	145,163	112,054	82,432
Victim Rights Fees	77,168	66,199	45,776
Extradition Fees	3,495	4,655	5,342
Paternity Blood Test Fees	1,064	538	627
Psychological Testing	600		
Total	\$3,264,536	\$3,030,520	\$2,818,498
Probate Court - Juvenile:			
Board & Care (Juvenile Maintenance)	\$526,687	\$424,138	\$442,433
Attorney Fees	178,243	162,731	141,553
Collection Offset (Board & Care)	189,631	154,059	160,020
Probation Service Fees	194,118	134,781	92,229
Government Benefits (Juvenile Maintenance)	151,912	110,184	168,932
Restitution	75,534	69,819	67,342
Vocational Schools & Group Homes	47,433	68,922	55,502
Probate Support	16,703	22,795	27,197
Traffic Service Fees	10,915	12,435	20,110
Court Costs	13,561	12,123	10,810
State of Michigan - ADC	5,915	5,165	4,637
Sec. of State - Traffic Service Fees	1,050	1,050	1,005
Interpreter Fees	280		
Clinical Evaluations	120		
Total	\$1,412,103	\$1,178,202	\$1,191,770
Probate Court-Mental Health/Institutions:			
Attorney Fees	\$52,313	\$68,541	\$25,766
Independent Medical Evaluations	5,103	6,383	633
Oakland County Medical Care		3,842	4,654
Community Mental Health	587	344	245
Total	\$58,002	\$79,109	\$31,298
Miscellaneous:			
Land Sales/Building Fund	\$20,000	\$20,039	\$53,101
Lien Interest	3,016	1,003	3,436
Bond Forfeiture Fee			200
DPW Contract	1,200		
Recovery Fees for Returned Checks	642	507	168
Filing Fees	117	240	145
Witness and Mileage Fees	7	32	15
Total	\$24,982	\$21,821	\$57,064
Grand Total	\$4,759,623	\$4,309,653	\$4,098,630

REPORT OF ACTIVITY
 Years Ended December 31, 1992, 1991, and 1990

	NUMBER OF TRANSACTIONS		
	1992	1991	1990
Circuit Court:			
Restitution	5,989	5,496	5,367
Court Costs	12,677	13,303	15,002
Attorney Fees	12,861	12,278	13,310
Fines	1,265	1,078	1,129
Victim Rights Fees	2,843	2,542	1,729
Extradition Fees	8	3	16
Paternity Blood Test Fees	30	8	25
Psychological Testing	1		
Total	35,674	34,708	36,578
Probate Court - Juvenile:			
Board & Care (Juvenile Maintenance)	10,381	8,499	8,108
Attorney Fees	781	3,945	3,134
Collection Offset (Board & Care)	10,566	8,667	8,325
Probation Service Fees	4,414	2,682	1,608
Government Benefits (Juvenile Maintenance)	2,909	725	876
Restitution	782	638	640
Vocational Schools & Group Homes	1,335	1,282	1,368
Probate Support	103	146	147
Traffic Service Fees	451	475	784
Court Costs	422	429	329
State of Michigan - ADC	185	168	219
Interpreter Fees	3		
Sec. of State - Traffic Service Fees	75	70	82
Total	32,407	27,726	25,620
Probate Court-Mental Health/Institutions:			
Attorney Fees	613	727	305
Independent Medical Evaluations	1	54	9
Oakland County Medical Care	56	15	23
Community Mental Health	5	5	6
Total	675	801	343
Miscellaneous:			
Land Sales/Building Fund	4	3	21
Lien Interest	23	20	25
Bond Forfeiture Fee			4
Recovery Fees for Returned Checks	172	91	30
Filing Fees	7	5	10
Witness and Mileage Fees	5	7	6
Total	211	126	96
Grand Total	68,967	63,361	62,637

CIRCUIT COURT ACCOUNTS

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

Years ended December 31, 1992, 1991, and 1990

	REIMBURSEMENT RECEIVED		
	1992	1991	1990
ACCOUNTS:			
Court Costs	\$1,081,990	\$1,067,351	\$1,076,720
Attorney Fees	686,485	566,747	494,722
Fines	145,163	112,054	82,432
Extradition Fees	3,495	4,655	5,342
Paternity Blood Test Fees	1,064	538	627
Psychological Testing Fees	600		
TOTAL	\$1,918,797	\$1,751,345	\$1,659,842
TRUST ACCOUNTS:			
Restitution	\$1,268,571	\$1,212,975	\$1,112,879
Victim Rights Fees	77,168	66,199	45,776
TOTAL	\$1,345,739	\$1,279,175	\$1,158,655
TOTAL FUNDS RECOVERED	\$3,264,536 *	\$3,030,520	\$2,818,498

This Division is responsible for collection of all funds ordered by the Circuit Court for court costs, attorney fees, restitution, fines, and victim rights fees.

*A program requiring a defendant's bond to be applied toward costs assessed by the Court resulted in the recovery of \$255,737 of the above funds. In addition, \$13,028 was collected from the defendants on the Work Release Program with the assistance of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

In conjunction with the Probation Department and the Accounting Division, there were 2,959 restitution payments made to the victims of crime for a total of \$1,302,065.

In 1989 the Department of Social Services assumed responsibility for collecting on a direct basis all restitution orders payable to their department. A total of \$509,266 was transferred to them with an estimate that one-half of the amount would have been collected in 1989 and the other one-half in 1990.

On October 30, 1989, Public Act 196 became effective requiring each defendant to pay either \$30 or \$20 if convicted of a felony or serious misdemeanor for the Victim Rights Fund. These funds are collected on the behalf of the State, and the County is authorized to retain 5 percent of the amount collected as an administrative fee.

CIRCUIT COURT PROGRAMS

COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEY PROGRAM

	1992	1991	1990
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Cost to Oakland County:			
Regular Cases	\$3,750,593	\$3,440,702	\$3,232,846
Appellate Cases	367,721	324,238	42,663
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Total	\$4,118,313 *	\$3,764,941	\$3,275,509
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FUNDS RECOVERED	\$686,485 **	\$566,747	\$494,722

* This amount includes \$575,483 expenses from prior years.

**The following District Courts have required defendants to repay attorney fees thus assisting this Division in collecting a portion of the above funds:

43rd District Court	\$1,135
46th District Court	150
47th District Court	500
52/1st District Court	227

COURT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

	1992	1991	1990
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Court Costs	\$159,259	\$158,157	\$108,776
Attorney Fees (Ordered)	96,302	79,285	52,427
Attorney Fees (Unordered)	3,808	3,371	1,796
Fines	1,947	1,870	
Restitution		460	
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TOTAL CREDITS RECOVERED	\$261,316	\$243,142	\$162,999
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The Court Community Service Program has provided the courts with an alternative means of enforcing monetary orders from indigent defendants rather than imposing costly jail sentences.

PROBATE COURT - JUVENILE ACCOUNTS

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

Years ended December 31, 1992, 1991, and 1990

	1992	1991	1990
ACCOUNTS:			
Board and Care (Juvenile Maintenance)	\$526,687	\$424,138	\$442,433
Govt'l Benefits (Juvenile Maintenance)	178,243	162,731	168,932
Collection Offset (Board and Care)	189,631	154,059	160,020
Attorney Fees	194,118	134,781	141,553
Probation Service Fees	151,912	110,184	92,229
Traffic Service Fees	10,915	12,435	20,110
Court Costs	13,561	12,123	10,810
Interpreter Fees	280		
Clinical Evaluations	120		
TOTAL	\$1,265,468	\$1,010,451	\$1,036,088
TRUST ACCOUNTS:			
Restitution	\$75,534	\$69,819	\$67,342
Vocational Schools and Group Homes	47,433	68,922	55,502
Probate Support	16,703	22,795	27,197
State Of Michigan-ADC	5,915	5,165	4,637
Sectetary of State-Traffic Service Fee	1,050	1,050	1,005
TOTAL	\$146,634	\$167,751	\$155,682
TOTAL FUNDS RECOVERED	\$1,412,103 *	\$1,178,202	\$1,191,770

The Reimbursement Division is responsible for collection of the cost of care of court wards, attorney fees, restitution, court costs and service fees as ordered by the Juvenile Court. A financial statement is taken, and an order is entered commensurate with the parents' ability to pay.

Effective January of 1983, the Juvenile Code provided for a 25 percent administrative fee (Collection Offset) to cover the cost of collecting funds as the result of an order for board and care.

In April, 1988, this Division assumed responsibility for collection of service fees for juvenile traffic cases. In 1989 the Court began assessing the parents of juveniles charged with delinquent acts a monthly service fee when the child was placed on probation or in their home under supervision.

This Division acts as the collection agent for monies ordered by Juvenile Court for restitution. In 1992 there were 5,989 restitution payments made to the victims of crime for a total of \$75,931.

*A program which requires a child's bond to be applied toward costs assessed by the Court resulted in the recovery of \$22,131 of the above funds.

PROBATE COURT - JUVENILE ACCOUNTS

WARDS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN
BOARD AND CARE, GROUP HOMES, HALF-WAY HOUSES,
VOCATIONAL SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

	1992	1991	1990
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Cost to Oakland County	\$3,088,257	\$2,828,967	\$2,195,313
FUNDS RECOVERED	\$47,433 *	\$68,922	\$55,502
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* This amount includes \$26,209 which represents one-half of the governmental benefits collected by the Department of Social Services and credited to the County for children placed in State facilities.

REIMBURSEMENT FOR COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEYS

	1992	1991	1990
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Cost to Oakland County	\$791,661	\$663,238	\$723,336
FUNDS RECOVERED	\$194,118	\$162,731	\$141,553
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Parents of juveniles requesting court-appointed counsel are referred to this Division for our recommendation prior to the appointment as often parents have ability to retain counsel privately thus enabling the County to decrease the amount of funds spent in this area. If an attorney is appointed by the Court, the parents are required to repay the funds in accordance with their ability to pay.

PROBATE COURT - MENTAL HEATH/INSTITUTIONS ACCOUNTS

Years ended December 31, 1992, 1991, and 1990

REIMBURSEMENT FOR COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEYS

	1992	1991	1990
Cost to Oakland County	\$258,015	\$255,603	\$318,793
FUNDS RECOVERED	52,313	68,541	25,766

Every individual who is the subject of a petition for involuntary hospitalization is entitled to be represented by legal counsel.

INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EVALUATIONS

	1992	1991	1990
FUNDS RECOVERED	\$5,103	\$6,383	\$633

The Mental Health Code provides for an independent medical evaluation upon request by persons who have been hospitalized involuntarily.

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

	1992	1991	1990
FUNDS RECOVERED	\$587	\$344	\$245

The Community Mental Health out patient clinics previously referred accounts with balances of \$200 or more to this Division when legal action was required. The accounts are now referred directly to Corporation Counsel.

OAKLAND COUNTY MEDICAL CARE FACILITY

	1992	1991	1990
FUNDS RECOVERED		\$3,842	\$4,654

The Oakland County Medical Care Facility is now handling their own collections.

OAKLAND COUNTY
REIMBURSEMENT DIVISION
1992-1993 BIENNIAL BUDGET
REVENUE/EXPENSE COMPARISON STATEMENT

	1988 ACTUAL	1989 ACTUAL	1990 ACTUAL	1991 ACTUAL	1992 ACTUAL	1993 ESTIMATED
ADMINISTRATION UNIT:						
SALARIES & FRINGES	\$254,132	\$270,589	\$307,646	\$337,010	\$319,607	\$370,080
OPERATING EXPENSE	87,587	145,129	151,524	88,423	129,230	125,588
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$341,719	\$415,718	\$459,170	\$425,433	\$448,837	\$495,667
REVENUE	\$79,585	\$42,915	\$57,064	\$21,821	\$24,982	\$58,500
REV/EXP RATIO	\$0.23	\$0.10	\$0.12	\$0.05	\$0.06	\$0.12
CIRCUIT COURT UNIT:						
SALARIES & FRINGES	\$145,440	\$153,810	\$174,874	\$191,565	\$181,673	\$210,363
OPERATING EXPENSE	50,126	82,495	86,130	81,597	73,458	71,387
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$195,566	\$236,305	\$261,004	\$273,162	\$255,130	\$281,750
REVENUE	\$2,081,340	\$2,694,678	\$2,818,498	\$3,030,520	\$3,264,536	\$3,692,300
REV/EXP RATIO	\$10.64	\$11.40	\$10.80	\$11.09	\$12.80	\$13.10
PROBATE COURT UNIT:						
SALARIES & FRINGES	\$287,717	\$272,995	\$310,382	\$340,007	\$322,448	\$373,370
OPERATING EXPENSE	99,161	146,420	152,872	144,826	130,380	126,705
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$386,878	\$419,415	\$463,254	\$484,833	\$452,828	\$500,075
REVENUE	\$1,018,033	\$1,139,313	\$1,223,068	\$1,257,312	\$1,470,105	\$1,125,440
REV/EXP RATIO	\$2.63	\$2.72	\$2.64	\$2.59	\$3.25	\$2.25
TOTAL DIVISION:						
SALARIES & FRINGES	\$687,289	\$697,394	\$792,902	\$868,582	\$823,728	\$953,813
OPERATING EXPENSE	236,874	374,044	390,526	314,846	333,067	323,680
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$924,163	\$1,071,438	\$1,183,428	\$1,238,554	\$1,156,795	\$1,277,493
REVENUE	\$3,178,958	\$3,876,906	\$4,098,630	\$4,309,653	\$4,759,623	\$4,876,240
REV/EXP RATIO	\$3.44	\$3.62	\$3.46	\$3.48	\$4.11	\$3.82
COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM	\$57,187	\$121,115	\$162,999	\$243,142	\$261,316	\$64,000

OAKLAND COUNTY REIMBURSEMENT DIVISION

Expense/Collection Comparison

