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Dear Mr. Patterson:

There was an increase of 11 percent or \$525,265 in collections for the Reimbursement Division in the year of 1993. Total collections were \$5,311,097.

The Circuit Court Unit collected \$3,495,252 in 1993, an increase of 7.1 percent or \$230,716. The Probate Court Unit - Juvenile Division increased collections by 21.2 percent or \$304,882 for a total of \$1,743,193.

Revenue from probation service fees was increased in 1993 by 34.5 percent or \$52,471 as a result of Probate Court expanding their program in October of 1992. At the same time, they began charging for clinical evaluations at the Psychological Clinic which resulted in additional collections of \$16,678.

With the cooperation of Computer Services, an automated program to allocate restitution payments to victims was implemented in March of 1993. This process saved considerable staff time in both this Division as well as the Accounting Division. Checks which were previously sent twice a month are now sent on a weekly basis, and the processing time has been reduced from ten to four days.

Administrative Order to Show Cause procedures were implemented in both the Probate Court and Circuit Court in mid-1993. These procedures have resulted in a significant reduction of cases heard by the Courts, more efficient use of Reimbursement staff time, better service to our clients, as well as additional revenue to the County.

The activities of this Division for the year of 1993 are presented 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, 1993, 1992, and 1991

	AMOUNT RECEIVED		
	1993	1992	1991
Circuit Court:			
Restitution	\$1,397,745	\$1,268,571	\$1,212,975
Court Costs	1,124,037	1,081,990	1,067,351
Attorney Fees	738,759	686,485	566,747
Fines	137,772	145,163	112,054
Victim Rights Fees	88,810	77,168	66,199
Extradition Fees	7,359	3,495	4,655
Paternity Blood Test Fees	770	1,064	538
Psychological Testing		600	
Total	\$3,495,252	\$3,264,536	\$3,030,519
Probate Court - Juvenile:			
Board & Care (Juvenile Maintenance)	\$637,610	\$526,687	\$424,138
Government Benefits (Juvenile Maintenance)	196,881	178,243	110,184
Collection Offset (Board & Care)	226,877	189,631	154,059
Attorney Fees	204,113	194,118	162,731
Probation Service Fees	204,383	151,912	134,781
Restitution	107,423	75,534	69,819
Vocational Schools & Group Homes	77,515	73,642	68,922
Probate Support	38,024	16,703	22,795
Traffic Service Fees	14,367	10,915	12,435
Court Costs	11,965	13,561	12,123
State of Michigan-Aid to Dependent Children	6,029	5,915	5,165
Sec. of State - Traffic Service Fees	885	1,050	1,050
Interpreter Fees	443	280	
Clinical Evaluations	16,678	120	
Total	\$1,743,193	\$1,438,311	\$1,178,202
Probate Court-Mental Health/Institutions:			
Attorney Fees	\$52,749	\$52,313	\$68,541
Oakland County Medical Care			3,842
Independent Medical Evaluations	4,398	5,103	6,383
Community Mental Health		587	344
Total	\$57,147	\$58,003	\$79,110
Miscellaneous:			
Land Sales/Building Fund	\$11,506	\$20,000	\$20,039
Lien Interest	3,102	3,016	1,003
DPW Contract		1,200	
Recovery Fees for Returned Checks	768	642	507
Filing Fees	113	117	240
Witness and Mileage Fees	16	7	32
Total	\$15,505	\$24,982	\$21,821
Grand Total	\$5,311,097	\$4,785,832	\$4,309,652

REPORT OF ACTIVITY
 Years Ended December 31, 1993, 1992, and 1991

	NUMBER OF TRANSACTIONS		
	1993	1992	1991
Circuit Court:			
Restitution	6,931	5,989	5,496
Court Costs	12,881	12,677	13,303
Attorney Fees	12,305	12,861	12,278
Fines	1,301	1,265	1,078
Victim Rights Fees	2,960	2,843	2,542
Extradition Fees	9	8	3
Paternity Blood Test Fees	18	30	8
Psychological Testing		1	
Total	36,405	35,674	34,708
Probate Court - Juvenile:			
Board & Care (Juvenile Maintenance)	11,927	10,381	8,499
Government Benefits (Juvenile Maintenance)	893	781	725
Collection Offset (Board & Care)	12,166	10,566	8,667
Attorney Fees	4,554	4,414	3,945
Probation Service Fees	3,174	2,909	2,682
Restitution	967	782	638
Vocational Schools & Group Homes	1,528	1,335	1,282
Probate Support	98	103	146
Traffic Service Fees	460	451	475
Court Costs	383	422	429
State of Michigan-Aid to Dependent Children	239	185	168
Sec. of State - Traffic Service Fees	61	75	70
Interpreter Fees	2	3	
Clinical Evaluations	263	1	
Total	36,715	32,408	27,726
Probate Court-Mental Health/Institutions:			
Attorney Fees	604	613	727
Oakland County Medical Care			15
Independent Medical Evaluations	53	56	54
Community Mental Health		5	5
Total	657	674	801
Miscellaneous:			
Land Sales/Building Fund	1	4	3
Lien Interest	79	23	20
DPW Contract		1	
Recovery Fees for Returned Checks	248	172	91
Filing Fees	8	7	5
Witness and Mileage Fees	5	5	7
Total	341	212	126
Grand Total	74,118	68,968	63,361

CIRCUIT COURT ACCOUNTS

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

Years ended December 31, 1993, 1992, and 1991

	REIMBURSEMENT RECEIVED		
	1993	1992	1991
ACCOUNTS:			
Court Costs	\$1,124,037	\$1,081,990	\$1,067,351
Attorney Fees	738,759	686,485	566,747
Fines	137,772	145,163	112,054
Extradition Fees	7,359	3,495	4,655
Paternity Blood Test Fees	770	1,064	538
Psychological Testing Fees		600	
TOTAL	\$2,008,697	\$1,918,797	\$1,751,345
TRUST ACCOUNTS:			
Restitution	\$1,397,745	\$1,268,571	\$1,212,975
Victim Rights Fees	88,810	77,168	66,199
TOTAL	\$1,486,555	\$1,345,739	\$1,279,174
TOTAL FUNDS RECOVERED	\$3,495,252 *	\$3,264,536	\$3,030,519

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 \$310,313 of the above funds. In addition, \$34,182 was collected from the defendants on the Work Release Program with the assistance of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

In 1993 there were 4,656 restitution payments made to the victims of crime for a total of \$1,225,663.

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 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

	1993	1992	1991
Cost to Oakland County:			
Regular Cases	\$4,142,544	\$3,750,593	\$3,440,702
Appellate Cases	424,465	367,721	324,238
Total	\$4,567,009 *	\$4,118,314	\$3,764,940
FUNDS RECOVERED	\$738,759 **	\$686,485	\$566,747

* This amount includes \$685,920 in 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	\$730
45B District Court	200
50th District Court	586
52nd District Court	710

COURT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

	1993	1992	1991
Court Costs	\$152,939	\$159,259	\$158,157
Attorney Fees	95,068	100,110	82,656
Fines	3,323	1,947	1,870
Restitution			460
TOTAL CREDITS RECOVERED	\$251,330	\$261,316	\$243,143

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

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	1993	1992	1991
ACCOUNTS:			
Board and Care (Juvenile Maintenance)	\$637,610	\$526,687	\$424,138
Attorney Fees	204,113	194,118	162,731
Collection Offset (Board and Care)	226,877	189,631	154,059
Probation Service Fees	204,383	151,912	134,781
Governmental Benefits (Juvenile Maintenance)	196,881	178,243	110,184
Traffic Service Fees	14,367	10,915	12,435
Court Costs	11,965	13,561	12,123
Interpreter Fees	443	280	
Clinical Evaluations	16,678	120	
TOTAL	\$1,513,317	\$1,265,467	\$1,010,451
TRUST ACCOUNTS:			
Restitution	\$107,423	\$75,534	\$69,819
Vocational Schools and Group Homes	77,515	73,642	68,922
Probate Support	38,024	16,703	22,795
State of Michigan-Aid to Dependent Children	6,029	5,915	5,165
Sec. of State - Traffic Service Fees	885	1,050	1,050
TOTAL	\$229,876	\$172,844	\$167,751
TOTAL FUNDS RECOVERED	\$1,743,193 *	\$1,438,311	\$1,178,202

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 based on 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. In October of 1993, the court began charging for clinical evaluations at the Psychological Clinic.

This Division acts as the collection agent for monies ordered by Juvenile Court for restitution. In 1993 there were 884 restitution payments made to the victims of crime for a total of \$108,957.

*A program which requires a child's bond to be applied toward costs assessed by the Court resulted in the recovery of \$57,159 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

	1993	1992	1991
Cost to Oakland County	\$3,226,458	\$3,088,257	\$2,828,967
FUNDS RECOVERED	\$77,515 *	\$73,642	\$68,922

* This amount includes \$31,147 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

	1993	1992	1991
Cost to Oakland County	\$750,484	\$791,661	\$663,238
FUNDS RECOVERED	\$204,113	\$194,118	\$162,731

If the Probate Court appoints an attorney to represent a child, parent, guardian or custodian, an order is entered requiring the responsible individual to repay the funds in accordance with their ability to pay.

PROBATE COURT - MENTAL HEALTH/INSTITUTIONS ACCOUNTS

Years ended December 31, 1993, 1992, and 1991

REIMBURSEMENT FOR COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEYS

	1993	1992	1991
Cost to Oakland County	\$273,522	\$258,015	\$255,621
FUNDS RECOVERED	\$52,749	\$52,313	\$68,541

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

INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EVALUATIONS

	1993	1992	1991
FUNDS RECOVERED	\$4,398	\$5,103	\$6,383

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

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

	1993	1992	1991
FUNDS RECOVERED	\$0	\$587	\$344

In 1990, the Community Mental Health clinics stopped referring delinquent accounts to this office for legal action.

OAKLAND COUNTY MEDICAL CARE FACILITY

	1993	1992	1991
FUNDS RECOVERED	\$0	\$0	\$3,842

In 1990, the Oakland County Medical Care Facility no longer referred delinquent accounts to this office for collection.

**OAKLAND COUNTY
REIMBURSEMENT DIVISION
1994-1995 ADOPTED BIENNIAL BUDGET
COLLECTIONS/EXPENSE COMPARISON STATEMENT**

	1988 ACTUAL	1989 ACTUAL	1990 ACTUAL	1991 ACTUAL	1992 ACTUAL	1993 ACTUAL	1994 ADOPTED	1995 ADOPTED
ADMINISTRATION UNIT:								
SALARIES & FRINGES	\$254,132	\$270,589	\$307,646	\$337,010	\$349,161	\$385,695	\$332,730	\$332,730
OPERATING EXPENSE	87,587	145,129	151,524	\$143,549	\$146,217	\$126,934	\$82,808	\$85,430
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$341,719	\$415,718	\$459,170	\$480,559	\$495,378	\$512,629	\$415,338	\$418,160
COLLECTIONS	\$79,585	\$42,915	\$57,064	\$21,821	\$24,982	\$15,505	\$49,950	\$51,730
COLLECTION/EXPENSE RATIO	\$0.23	\$0.10	\$0.12	\$0.05	\$0.05	\$0.03	\$0.12	\$0.12
CIRCUIT COURT UNIT:								
SALARIES & FRINGES	\$145,440	\$153,810	\$174,874	\$191,565	\$198,472	\$219,239	\$365,807	\$385,807
OPERATING EXPENSE	50,126	82,495	86,130	81,597	83,113	72,153	91,303	94,423
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$195,566	\$236,305	\$261,004	\$273,162	\$281,586	\$291,392	\$457,110	\$480,230
COLLECTIONS	\$2,081,340	\$2,694,678	\$2,818,498	\$3,030,519	\$3,264,536	\$3,495,252	\$3,617,800	\$3,744,400
COLLECTION/EXPENSE RATIO	\$10.64	\$11.40	\$10.80	\$11.09	\$11.59	\$12.00	\$7.91	\$7.80
PROBATE COURT UNIT:								
SALARIES & FRINGES	\$287,717	\$272,995	\$310,382	\$340,007	\$352,265	\$389,125	\$466,584	\$466,584
OPERATING EXPENSE	99,161	146,420	152,872	144,826	147,518	\$128,063	\$115,940	119,902
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$386,878	\$419,415	\$463,254	\$484,833	\$499,783	\$517,188	\$582,524	\$586,486
COLLECTIONS	\$1,018,033	\$1,139,313	\$1,223,068	\$1,257,312	\$1,496,314	\$1,800,340	\$1,628,360	\$1,681,950
COLLECTION/EXPENSE RATIO	\$2.63	\$2.72	\$2.64	\$2.59	\$2.99	\$3.48	\$2.79	\$2.87
TOTAL DIVISION:								
SALARIES & FRINGES	\$687,289	\$697,394	\$792,902	\$868,582	\$899,898	\$994,059	\$1,092,288	\$1,089,650
OPERATING EXPENSE	236,874	374,044	390,526	369,972	376,848	327,150	\$289,851	299,754
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$924,163	\$1,071,438	\$1,183,428	\$1,238,554	\$1,276,746	\$1,321,209	\$1,382,139	\$1,389,404
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$3,178,958	\$3,876,906	\$4,098,630	\$4,309,652	\$4,785,832	\$5,311,097	\$5,294,110	\$5,478,080
COMMUNITY SERVICE	\$57,187	\$121,115	\$162,999	\$243,142	\$261,316	\$251,330	\$300,000	\$310,000
TOTAL COLLECTIONS & SERVICE	\$3,236,145	\$3,998,021	\$4,261,629	\$4,552,794	\$5,047,148	\$5,562,427	\$5,594,110	\$5,788,080
COLLECTION/EXPENSE RATIO	\$3.50	\$3.73	\$3.60	\$3.68	\$3.95	\$4.21	\$4.05	\$4.17

OAKLAND COUNTY REIMBURSEMENT DIVISION Collection/Expense Comparison

(Millions)

