



Offices of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel

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Regional Counsels provide legal representation with substantial cost savings. It has been estimated that to date, the Regional Counsels have saved the state close to \$349,000,000 over private registry counsel.

PRIORITIES:

- 1- Pay increase for attorneys and staff - \$140,000**
- 2- A Cross Jurisdictional Death Penalty Program - providing death penalty litigation at reduced costs, when compared with private registry counsel - \$1,395,589**
- 3- Update technology and swipe card access - \$51,561**
- 4- CLE education in-house with substantial savings for taxpayers - \$50,000**

1- Pay increase for attorneys and staff that were OPS and left out of 2019-2020 pay increase by the legislature. These employees have all been placed in FTE positions as of July 1, 2019 and have worked for RC2 for years. RC agencies experience annual turnover and endure a costly cycle of recruiting and training new attorneys and staff to make up for attorneys and staff trained by the RCs who leave for more lucrative positions at other state agencies or for the private sector.

2- RC2 is proposing a Cross Jurisdictional Death Penalty Program to take cases in Orlando and Ocala to show how it will provide death penalty litigation at reduced costs, when compared with private registry counsel, while still ensuring client representation is adequate and is not diminished in effectiveness.

3- Continued improvement by replacing technology helps to increase customer service, reduce repetition, deliver services in new efficient ways, improve collaboration, and increase safe guards on information stored.

4- RC2 has been providing continuing education credits for our 140 attorneys and staff in the most fiscal manner possible which is holding seminars in-house. By holding the seminars in-house we save taxpayer money the cost of registration, hotels and mileage for state travel.