



# Offices of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel

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The Office of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel was created by the Legislature (Sec. 27.511) in 2007 to provide legal representation to indigent persons and to control rising costs from the private court appointed registry attorneys.

The five Regional Counsels are: Candice Brower, Ita Neymotin, Eugene Zenobi, Jeffrey Deen and Antony Ryan.

Regional Counsel's main 3 classes of cases are:

- Criminal conflict cases that the court grants the Public Defender's motion to withdraw and appoints the RC,
- Dependency and civil cases, and
- Certain statutorily authorized civil commitment proceedings. RC also handles appeals and post-conviction motions.

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 \$330,000,000 over private registry counsel.

- The Regional Counsels were created to reduce private court appointed counsel costs when these costs increased from \$49 million to nearly \$95 million dollars in just two years.