



## LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 2021- 2022

# Office of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel Second District Court of Appeal

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Regional Counsels provide legal representation for indigent people with substantial cost savings. It has been estimated to date, the Regional Counsels have saved The State of Florida close to \$349,000,000 over private registry counsel according to The Justice Administrative Commission.

- 1- Six (6) FTE dependency attorneys and two (2) Forensic Social Workers - \$598,605 (Salary & Benefits)**
- 2- A Cross Jurisdictional Death Penalty Program Budget Proposal - providing death penalty litigation across The State of Florida at reduced costs, when compared with private registry counsel - \$4,317,198**
- 3- CLE education, including ets Lean Six Sigma, in-house with substantial savings for taxpayers - \$75,000**

- 1- Regional Counsel 2 requests six (6) FTE dependency attorneys and two (2) Forensic Social Workers to handle the additional caseload requirements resulting from the implementation of the Florida Early Childhood Court Initiative (ECC).
- 2- Regional Counsel 2 is proposing a Cross Jurisdictional Death Penalty Program to take cases across The State of Florida 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- Regional Counsel 2 has been providing continuing education credits, including ets Lean Six Sigma, 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.