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FY28 Budget Proposal for Trial Level Expansion **

Overview: The Office of Indigent Legal Services seeks to establish a dedicated Trial Division to deliver high-quality indigent representation services in serious felony matters across the state. Creating a Trial Division will ensure indigent defendants across the state receive constitutionally guaranteed representation, regardless of their geographic location. To accomplish this, the Office of Indigent Legal Services requests an additional five full-time positions: three full-time trial attorneys, one full-time investigator, and one full-time paralegal. These FTEs will form the Trial Division, a unit within the Office of Indigent Legal Services capable of handling resource intensive felony cases.

Projected Budget Request

Personal Services (5 additional FTEs):

Trial Attorney (Estimated salary range)	\$110,000-\$120,000
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Paralegal (Estimated salary range)	\$50,000-\$70,000
Investigator (Estimated salary range)	\$50,000-\$70,000
<u>Estimated Total Salaries:</u>	<u>\$430,000-\$500,000</u>

Social Security & Medicare	\$ TBD
Retirement	\$ TBD
Health Insurance	\$ TBD
Worker's Compensation	\$ TBD
Unemployment Compensation	\$ TBD
<u>Estimated Total Benefits:</u>	<u>\$132,000</u>
<u>Estimated Total Salaries and Benefits:</u>	<u>\$562,000-\$632,000</u>

Operating Expenses:

IT Infrastructure, Hardware, Software	\$15,000
Office Supplies	\$5,000
Staff Travel	\$10,000
Case Management System (additional user licenses)	\$3,000
Legal Research Subscription (additional seats)	\$2,000
Expert Witness Fees	\$20,000
Office Space/Rent	\$10,000
<u>Estimated Total Operating Expenses:</u>	<u>\$65,000</u>

<u>Total Personal Services and Operating Expenses:</u>	<u>\$627,000-\$697,000</u>
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