



# PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS COORDINATING COUNCIL

FY 2022/2023 HOUSE BUDGET PRESENTATION MARCH 15, 2022

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# PACC

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- Autonomous agency under the Department of Attorney General
  - Established in 1972 by MCL 49.101 *et seq.*
  - Statutory mandate MCL 49.109  
“The council shall keep the prosecuting attorneys and assistant prosecuting attorneys of the state informed of all changes in legislation, law and matters pertaining to their office, to the end that a uniform system of conduct, duty and procedure is established in each county of the state.”

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# PACC: CONTINUING EDUCATION

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- Trial Advocacy
  - Victim Rights\*
  - Traffic Safety\*
  - Domestic Violence\*
  - Sexual Assault\*
  - Computer Application Training
  - Basic Training for New Assistant Prosecutors
  - Elder Abuse and Financial Exploitation\*
  - Forensic Interviewing\*
  - Child Abuse\*
  - Appellate Advocacy
  - Establishment of Child Support
  - Office Professional Development

\*:THESE TOPICS ARE COVERED BY PAAM GRANT FUNDED ATTORNEYS FOR WHICH PACC PROVIDES MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT.

# PACC: LEGAL SUPPORT

## Publications

Newsletter  
(Monthly)

Warrant  
Manual  
(Quarterly)

Courtroom  
Manual  
(Quarterly)

*Brady/Giglio*  
Manual

Conflict of  
Interest Manual

## Assistance

Legal  
Research

Online  
Forums

Special  
Prosecutions

Training

Ethical Issues

## PACC: GOVERNING COUNCIL

Chair, David Leyton, Prosecutor Genesee County (Representing counties with a population over 400,000)

Michael Wendling, Prosecutor St. Clair County (Representing counties with a population of 75-400,000)

Mark Reese, Prosecutor Tuscola County (Representing counties with a population less than 75,000)

President of the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan (PAAM), currently Douglas Lloyd, Prosecutor Eaton County

Attorney General Dana Nessel

# PACC: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

## Current Case Management: ACT/JCT

- An outdated computer software system used by 73 of the 83 prosecutor's offices, and the Attorney General's office.
- Supports 1,400 users.
- Risk of becoming obsolete with each new Microsoft Windows Update.
- Used to generate all documents, warrants, subpoenas, and victim rights notices from an integrated database.
- Extremely limited remote access.
- Not secure by modern day standards.

# PACC: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

## Updated Prosecutor Case Tracking

- Will replace ACT/JCT.
- Must be CJIS Compliant and increase security against modern cyber attacks.
- Can communicate with other criminal justice partners including MSP, MDOC, and other criminal justice partners.
- PACC continues to work toward solutions to update the case tracking system.

## PACC: CURRENT RESOURCES

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1- Administrative position for office operations, administrative support, and conference coordination

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2- Financial analysts for office and grant financial duties

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7- Technical positions for maintenance of current case management system and development of updated system

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# PACC: CURRENT LEGAL RESOURCES & DUTIES

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- Two Attorneys
  - Quarterly Courtroom Manual
  - Quarterly Warrant Manual
  - Monthly Newsletter
  - Placement of over 400 special prosecution cases per year
  - Oversight of 10 PACC trainings per year; assist in development in PAAM grant trainings.
  - Management and oversight of all PACC/PAAM employees (29) and associated grants and budgets.
  - Oversee PAAM's student intern program
  - Management and oversight of all technical services provided by PACC.
  - Coordination with other state agencies including the Michigan Attorney General's Office, Michigan State Police, State Court Administrators Office, State Appellate Defender's Office and Michigan Indigent Defense Commission on topics and information of importance to prosecutors.
  - Research and legal support for 83 counties, approximately 1,694 prosecution staff on topics not covered by PAAM grants.

## PACC: PROSECUTION CHALLENGES

High turnover  
in prosecutors'  
offices

- Fewer experienced staff to train new attorneys
- Inexperienced attorneys

Increase in  
violent crime

- More murders and assaultive crimes
- Increased demand for training

# PACC: AREAS OF NEEDED LEGAL ASSISTANCE, TRAINING & MATERIALS

Homicide

Ethics

Car jacking

Home Invasion

Terrorism

School safety crimes

Human trafficking

Financial crimes (embezzlement, identity theft etc.)

Computer crimes

Arson

Juvenile crimes

Freedom of Information Act issues

**PACC:  
GOVERNOR'S  
RECOMMENDED  
BUDGET**

PACC requested an increase in its general fund budget of \$410,000.

2 FTE

Money for equipment and travel to provide trainings.



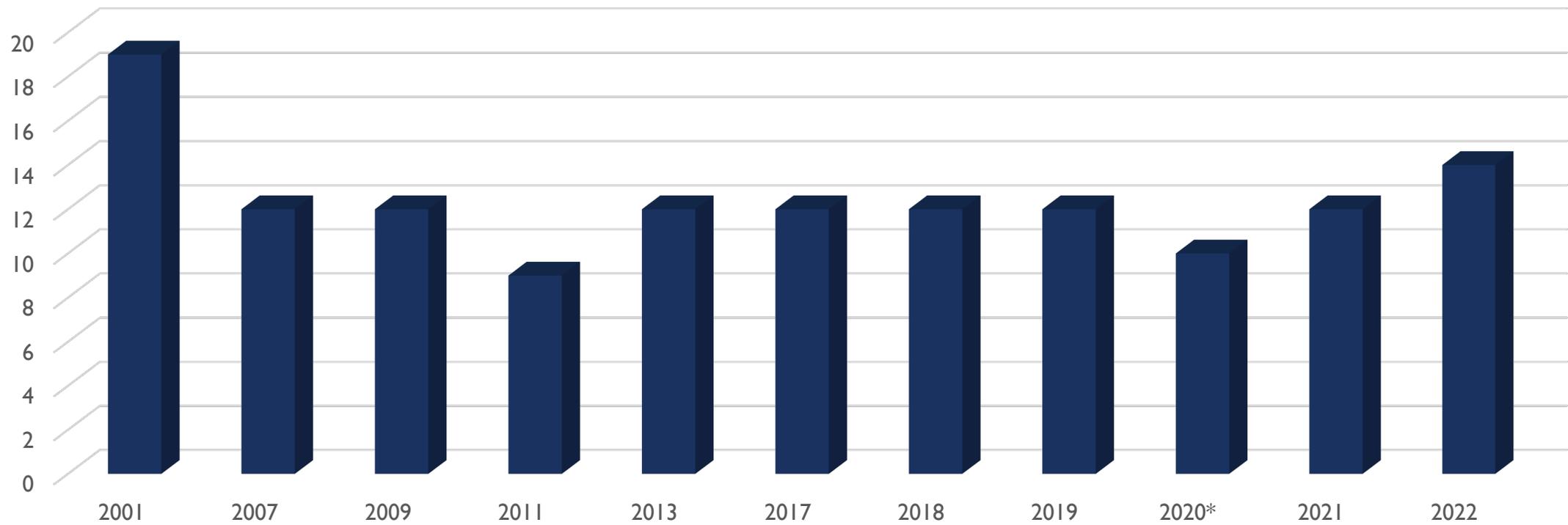
Attorneys to assist with training, research, and production of additional publications.

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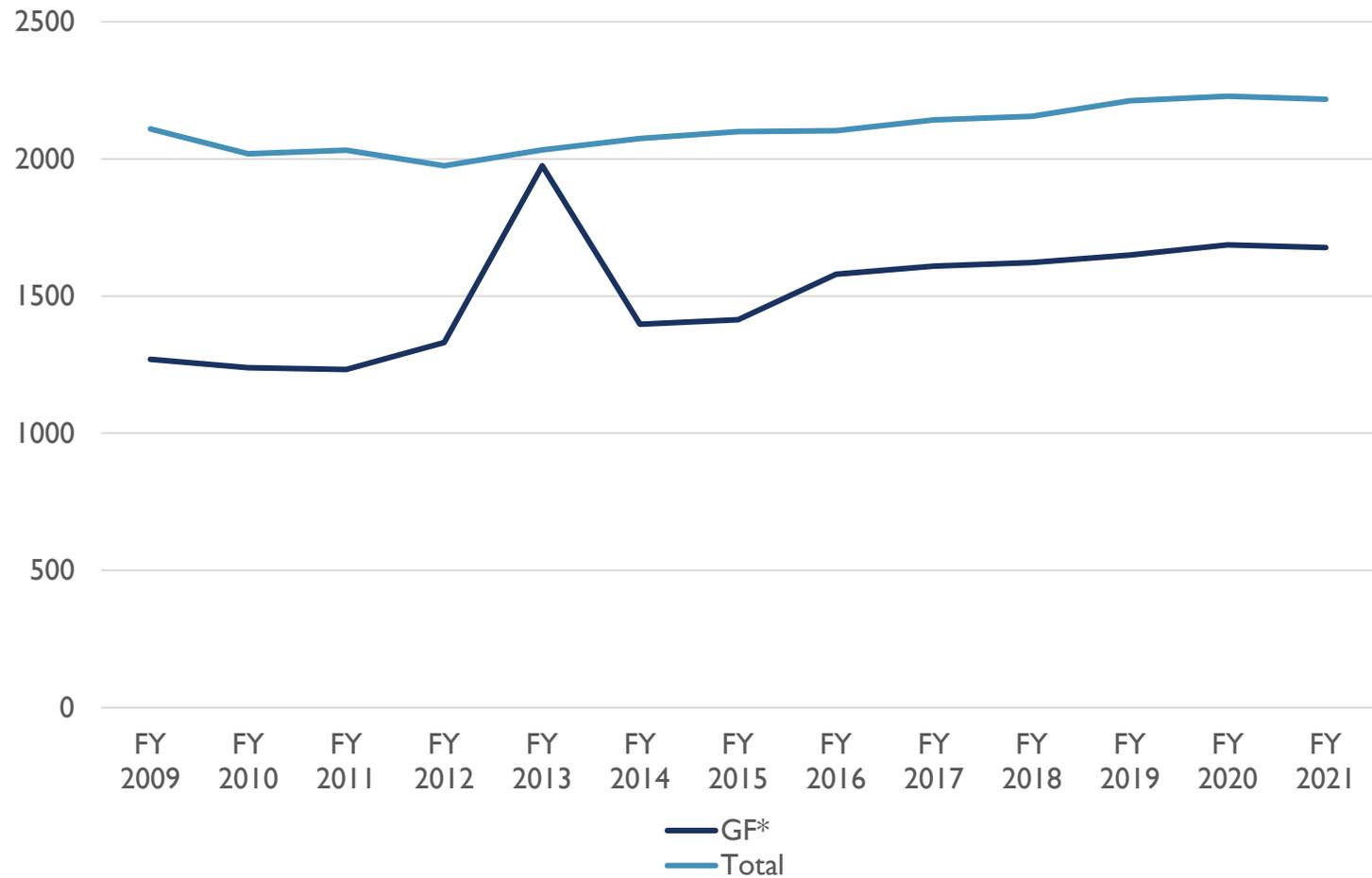
# PACC: GOALS FOR 2023

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- Provide training and written updates on:
    - Changes to juvenile law
    - Bail reform and appearance tickets
    - Updates on expungement laws
    - Human trafficking
    - Organized retail fraud
    - Conducting a criminal enterprise

# PACC FTE COUNT



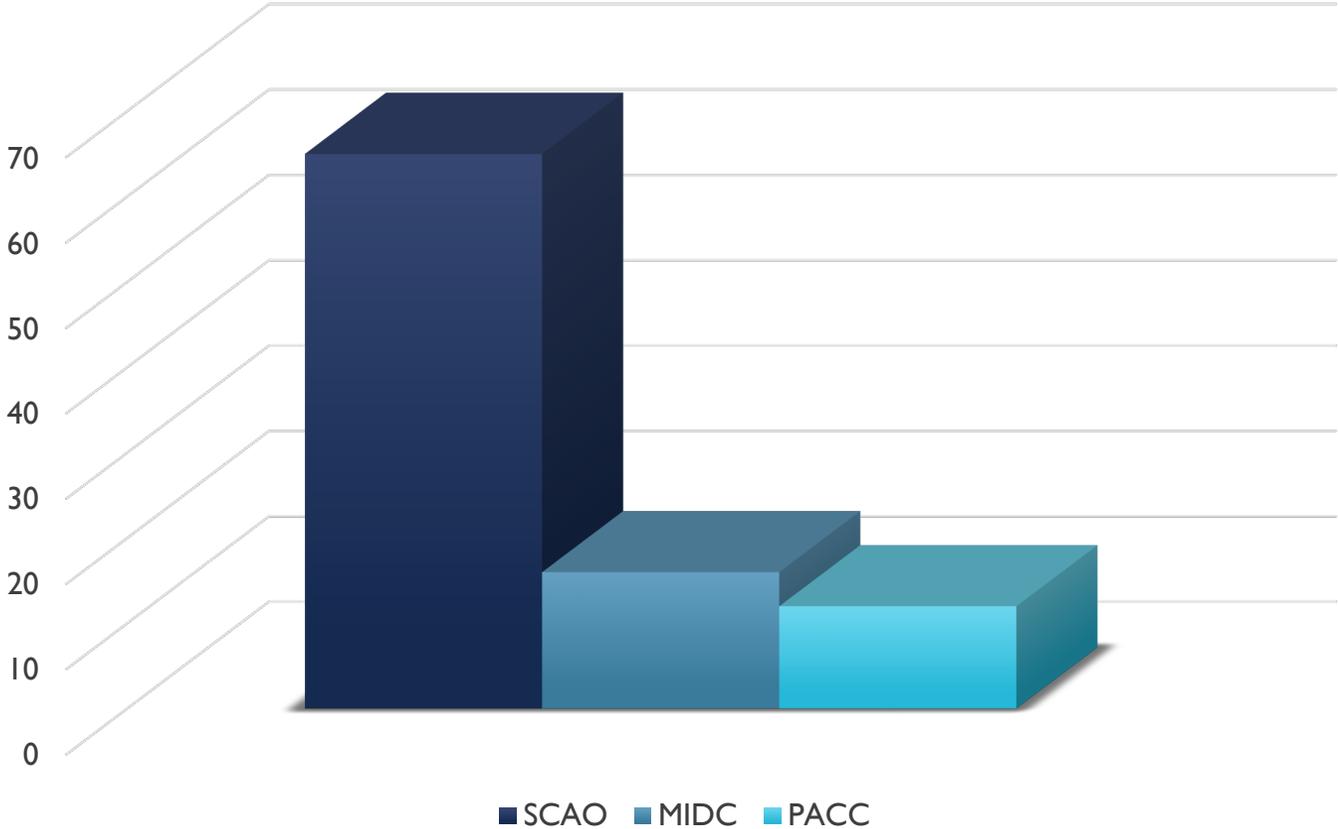
\*2020 State hiring freeze



\*PACC's total budget includes funding from a National Criminal History Improvement grant and money collected from publications and trainings to cover costs.

# PACC: BUDGET HISTORY

**FY 2020**



**PACC:  
COMPARISON TO  
OTHER BUDGETS**

# PACC: BETTER TRAINED PROSECUTORS

- Better trained prosecutors benefit the state:
  - Protect defendants' rights
  - Process cases moving through the system more efficiently, making the best use of available resources
  - Will help offices process backlogs of cases caused by the pandemic
  - Reduce the chances of a wrongful conviction

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