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HAND DELIVERED

The Honorable Edward R. Tallon, Sr., Chair
Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee
Blatt Building, Room 228
Pendleton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chair Tallon,

We have been reviewing some of the recordings from the Commission's past hearings before the Subcommittee and would like to correct or clarify two statements and respond to one request made at the June 18 meeting.

During that meeting, there was an inadvertent referral to caseload standards or guidelines created by the American Bar Association (ABA) as standards or guidelines for prosecutor caseloads. Those standards or guidelines were actually created for public defender caseloads.

There was also a question about the number of prosecutors currently working in the Solicitors' Offices. While the number of prosecutors in the 16 Solicitors' Offices varies on a regular basis due to the hiring and separation of staff, data provided by the Solicitors to the Commission in May of this year established that there were 413 (including the elected Solicitors) prosecutors at that time.

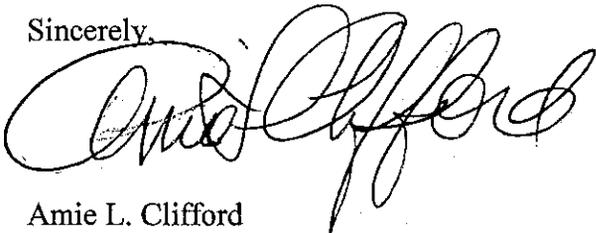
During the meeting, there was a request for information about the number and amount of awards distributed under the John R. Justice Grant Program (a federal grant program that provides assistance to assist prosecutors and public defenders in return for continued service as a prosecutor or public defender). While the Commission, as the administering agency, is still in the process of making awards under the FY 2017/18 grant award, the requested information is available for the earlier years and is set out below.

John R. Justice Grant Information for Legislative Oversight Committee									
(prepared June 19, 2018)									
Fiscal Year (Federal)	Grant Information			Awards Made					
	Total of the Grant Received	Amount of each Prosecution (PR) Award Made	Amount of each Public Defender (PD) Award Made	Total No. of Awards Made	Value Total of All Awards Made	No. of PR Awards Made	Total of All PR Awards	No. of PD Awards Made	Total of All PD Awards
2010/11	129,064	2,101	3,940	44	121,862	28	58,830	16	63,032
2011/12	135,512	2,509	3,764	45	135,512	27	67,756	18	67,756
2012/13	61,320	1,703	1,916	24	61,320	18	30,660	16	30,660
2013/14	60,024	1,501	2,501	32	60,024	20	30,012	12	30,012
2014/15	33,079	1,654	1,504	21	33,079	10	16,540	11	16,539
2015/16	34,140	1,707	2,134	18	34,140	10	17,070	8	17,070
2016/17	38,601	2,757	6,434	10	38,601	7	19,300	3	19,301
2017/18	40,421								
Totals:	532,161				484,538		240,168		244,370

Notes: The grant amount received each year is divided equally between the prosecutors and public defenders; the number of applicants in each group determines the per award amount for that group. Occasionally individuals initially determined to be eligible are later determined not to be or they change jobs before their commitment period ends and they must back the award amount received.
 The 2017/2018 awards are in the process of being made (applications received and being processed).

Please let us know if you, any other member of the Subcommittee, or legislative staff have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,



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