

Hi Will,

The District Attorney is not statutorily included in the Elected Officials Compensation Committee. However, the DA's stipend has historically been included by the compensation committee. My stipend is .25 FTE position. Historically, the DA receives a step increase consistent with the other elected officials.

I am on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. I routinely take calls and respond to crime scenes on weekends and during the night. I generally work between 60 and 80 hours a week. The last few months, I'm working approximately 80 hours given my staffing issues.

At the request of the County, I handle civil commitments and animal forfeitures in addition to my duties as District Attorney. I'm responsible for the prosecution of all adult and juvenile criminal cases, child support enforcement, violations when the party has an attorney, expungements, post-conviction relief, public record denial appeals, as well as other duties. I'm responsible for managing 17 employees when fully staffed. I supervise the victim assistance program, legal assistants, and the deputy district attorneys. Currently I am covering the caseloads of the former Chief Deputy DA and another DDA position because my attorneys are already at capacity. A large percentage of my office is very new so the supervisory duties are significant. I am the Child Abuse Multi-Disciplinary chair, as well as responsible for the child fatality review process.

Other counties handle stipends in various ways. It is difficult to compare as the counties are set up very differently. As Jefferson County is experiencing, rural counties are struggling to fill vacant DA positions. Klamath County DA position was vacant for approximately 18 months. Often times District Attorneys leave office when they become a judge.

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