Probate Court Workload

Case Type	Calendar 2011		FY 12		FY 13		FY 14		FY 15	
Mental Health	19%	(14,434)	19%	(15,087)	19%	(15,395)	22%	(19,366)	22%	(20,465)
Children's Matters	11%	(8,591)	11%	(8,738)	10%	(8,151)	12%	(10,245)	12%	(10,959)
Intellectual Disability	4%	(2,811)	4%	(2,942)	4%	(3,166)	7%	(6,262)	9%	(8,194)
Trusts	7%	(5,237)	7%	(5,284)	6%	(4,850)	5%	(4,926)	5%	(4,920)
Decedents' Estates	49%	(37,487)	49%	(38,975)	50%	(40,199)	45%	(40,609)	43%	(41,123)
Other	10%	(8,039)	10%	(8,661)	11%	(8,520)	9%	(8,489)	9%	(9,085)
Totals		(76,599)		(79,687)		(80,281)		(89,897)		(94,746)

Probate Court Indigent Costs

	FY 11	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16 (est.)
Conservator Payments	$2,100,000	$2,400,000	$2,900,000	$3,400,000	$4,400,000	$4,500,000
Conserved Persons	2,229	2,533	2,893	3,270	3,886	
Attorney Payments	$2,200,000	$2,400,000	$2,400,000	$2,300,000	$2,700,000	$2,800,000
Number of Cases	9,557	10,432	10,293	9,943	11,276	
Waived Fees	$800,000	$1,000,000	$900,000	$1,244,000	$1,300,000	$1,500,000
Number of Matters	5,426	6,104	5,955	5,951	6,392	

Pay rates for conservators and attorneys were established at $50/hour in 2004 (subject to certain per diem and annual caps).
There have been no increases since 2004.
Total payments to conservators have increased 110%.
Number of indigent conserved persons has increased by 75%.
FY15 saw the largest number of fee waivers and attorneys for indigent parties.