

Mission Statement

The mission of the Jefferson Parish District Attorney's Office is to ensure that justice is served by protecting the citizens of our Parish without regard to race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, or socio-economic status. Our office always will maintain the highest level of honesty, integrity, transparency, and accountability to our community. While our goal is to vigorously prosecute violent and habitual offenders, we also are committed to crime prevention through the implementation of innovative programs designed to break the cycle of crime.



Resources:

Main Office

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Juvenile Division

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Harvey, Louisiana 70058
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Our services and departments

Jefferson Parish District Attorney

Committed to protecting the citizens of this great parish by fairly prosecuting those who commit crime and assisting those who are unfortunate victims.



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The 24th Judicial District Attorney's Office prosecutes criminal defendants on behalf of the citizens of Jefferson Parish and the state of Louisiana. This includes felonies, misdemeanors in adult and juvenile courts as well as traffic court matters.

Screening Division

The Screening Division evaluates felony and misdemeanor criminal complaints submitted by various law enforcement agencies concerning crime occurring in Jefferson Parish. A criminal investigation is normally referred to the District Attorney's Office upon the arrest of a suspect.

Family Violence Unit

The unit reviews all domestic violence, child abuse, elder abuse and stalking cases referred to this office. This unit vertically prosecutes all domestic violence cases.

Victim/Witness Assistance Division

The Victim/Witness Assistance Division furnishes victims, witnesses and family members of victims with needed information, advocacy and the opportunity to participate more effectively within the criminal justice system. This program ensures that victims' rights, as provided by Louisiana law, are honored and protected.

Economic Crimes Unit

The ECU assists victims of worthless check crimes by either securing restitution or processing criminal complaints against those who issue worthless checks for goods and services. The unit fields complaints alleging various types of consumer fraud.

Parish Court Unit

The District Attorney's Office Parish Court Unit prosecutes all misdemeanor and traffic cases, with the exception of domestic violence offenses. Parish courts have criminal jurisdiction over all misdemeanor and traffic violations in unincorporated Jefferson Parish. The unit works in 1st Parish Court in Metairie and 2nd Parish Court in Gretna.

Felony Trials Division

The Felony Trial Division prosecutes criminal cases in the 16 divisions of the 24th Judicial District Court of Jefferson Parish. Criminal cases are classified as either felonies or misdemeanors. An assistant district attorney, an investigator and victim/witness assistance coordinators are assigned to each division.

Investigations Unit

The primary function of the District Attorney's Investigator is to provide support and resources to the assistant district attorneys prior to, during and after the prosecution of a criminal case.

Adult & Juvenile Diversion

The programs are an alternative to criminal prosecution for first-time offenders accused of misdemeanors or nonviolent felony crimes. Participants undergo counseling and other activities in the program. Charges can be dismissed or refused if the participant successfully completes the program.

Juvenile Division

The Juvenile Division handles all legal matters concerning juveniles. The division is responsible for prosecuting criminal offenses committed by juveniles between the ages of 10 and 17. Child Support Enforcement also is handled through the Juvenile Division.

Research and Appeals

The Research and Appeals Department performs the legal research necessary to write briefs for cases going to an appellate court after proceedings in the trial court have concluded. The department also researches the law to help the assistant district attorneys who handle the cases in trial court. Research and Appeals argue cases in state and federal appeals courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court.