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Marce and I attended the Chief Public Defender meeting in Indianapolis on June 8th. I wanted Marce to meet some of the other chiefs-many of whom he knew. Much of the discussion had to do with juvenile standards and ways to improve the delivery of juvenile indigent services. Larry Landis will be retiring in 2017 and there was discussion regarding how his successor will be chosen.

Our 2017 budget was submitted on June 20th. We had a discussion with our Public Defender Board on June 13th, and the Board encouraged us to seek additional positions at higher salaries. We determined that these new positions are necessary. Budget deliberations will begin in early August.

Appellate Division

Marce was assigned to perfect the appeal on Appellant, Robert Lewis, III who was convicted of Murder and sentenced to Life Without Parole. The Court of Appeals remanded the case back to trial court for a revised sentencing order. The State's Brief requested that the trial court reverse Lewis' LWOP sentence and remand for the trial court to

sentence Lewis to a term of years.

Felony Division

Tommie Smith, a client of Matt Fech, was granted a DISMISSAL on a Rape (Level 1) charge.

Kerry Connor's client Christian Wells, was charged with Count I-Criminal Confinement Resulting in Bodily Injury (Level 5); Count II-Domestic Battery (Level 6); Count III-Strangulation (Level 6); Count IV-Intimidation (Level 6); and Count V-Interfering with the Reporting of a Crime (A misdemeanor). All of the charges were DISMISSED!

Linda Kollintzas' client, Jeremy Brazill, was charged with two Counts of Murder and Car-jacking. Mr. Brazill pled to Voluntary Manslaughter-received twenty years and Attempted Robbery-five years.