



Administrative Office of the Courts

June 5, 2018

Lorraine Mendiola



Re: Administrative Office of the Courts IPRA reference number 2018-06-1-Mendiola

Dear Ms. Mendiola,

The Administrative Office of the Courts received your request on June 1 under the Inspection of Public Records Act. You requested “any and all documents pertaining to the number of wards under Guardianship in NM” and “what sources were utilized to determine the exact number of wards as stated in 2018 Fiscal Impact Report for SB19.”

Please see the attached record that is responsive to your request:

- A spreadsheet prepared by AOC with the total number of guardianship and conservatorship case filings by judicial district from 1900 through 2017. The spreadsheet was used by AOC in preparing FIR information submitted to the Legislative Finance Committee during the 2018 legislative session. The AOC queried the Judiciary’s Odyssey electronic case management system to compile the case filings. The spreadsheet includes a calculation of the estimated number of protected persons if 30% or 40% of the guardianship and conservatorship filings require ongoing judicial monitoring.

We have no records showing the “exact number of wards under guardianship in NM” because it is uncertain how many of the total case filings remain active and require judicial monitoring. The Legislature appropriated funding for a review and clean-up of case files, which will help determine the number of protected persons in ongoing guardianship or conservatorship proceedings subject to monitoring by state courts — what is described in your request as the number of “wards.”

We now consider your request closed.

Sincerely,

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