



2023 Business Plan Presentation

Gwinnett County Probate Court

Judge Christopher A. Ballar



Mission Statement

The Gwinnett County Probate Court's mission is to serve the citizens of Gwinnett County by providing efficient, quality service in a professional manner, at all times maintaining our integrity and accountability, while safeguarding the best interests of the citizens of this county who are unable to protect themselves, in accordance with the laws and Constitutions of the State of Georgia and the United States of America.



Accomplishments

- Hired and successfully trained a new staff attorney that assists with the Licensing and Compliance division
- Twice monthly in-person Pro Bono Clinics resumed
- Returned to in-person community outreach opportunities to educate the citizens of the county about the services provided by the Probate Court





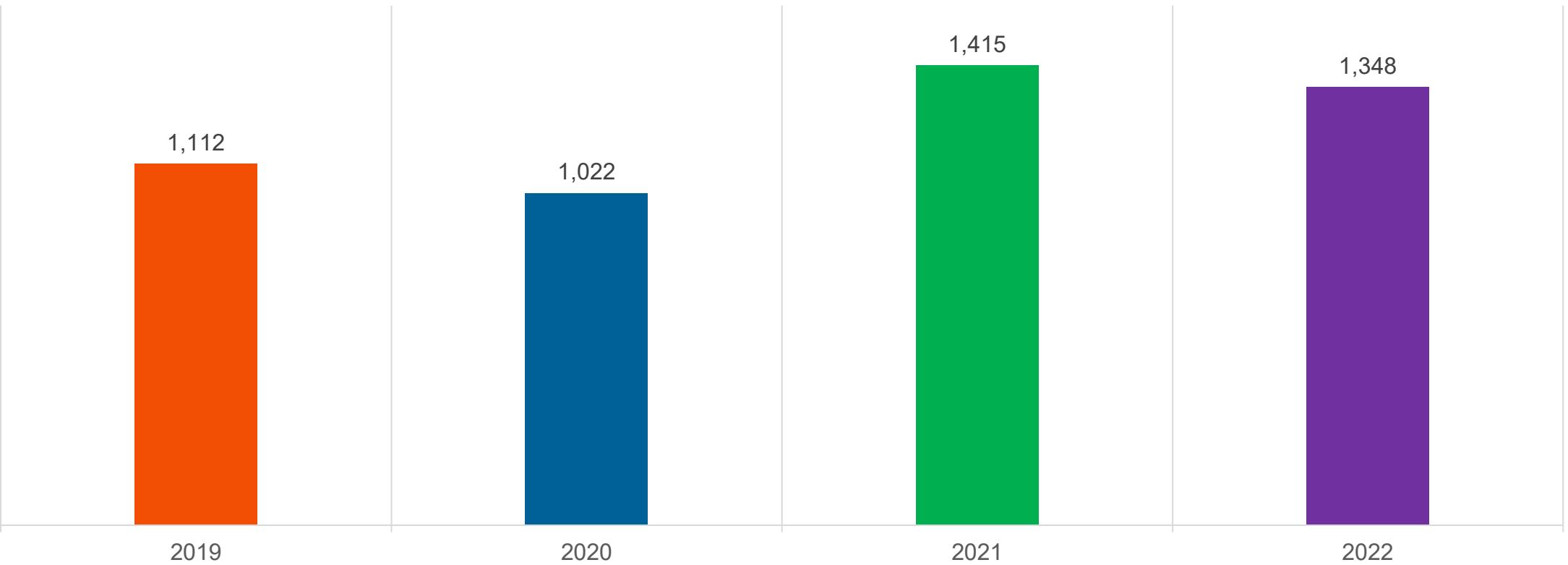
Challenges

- Continuing to maintain expected quality of service in the face of a growing caseload
- Staff retention
- Staff development



Estate Filings

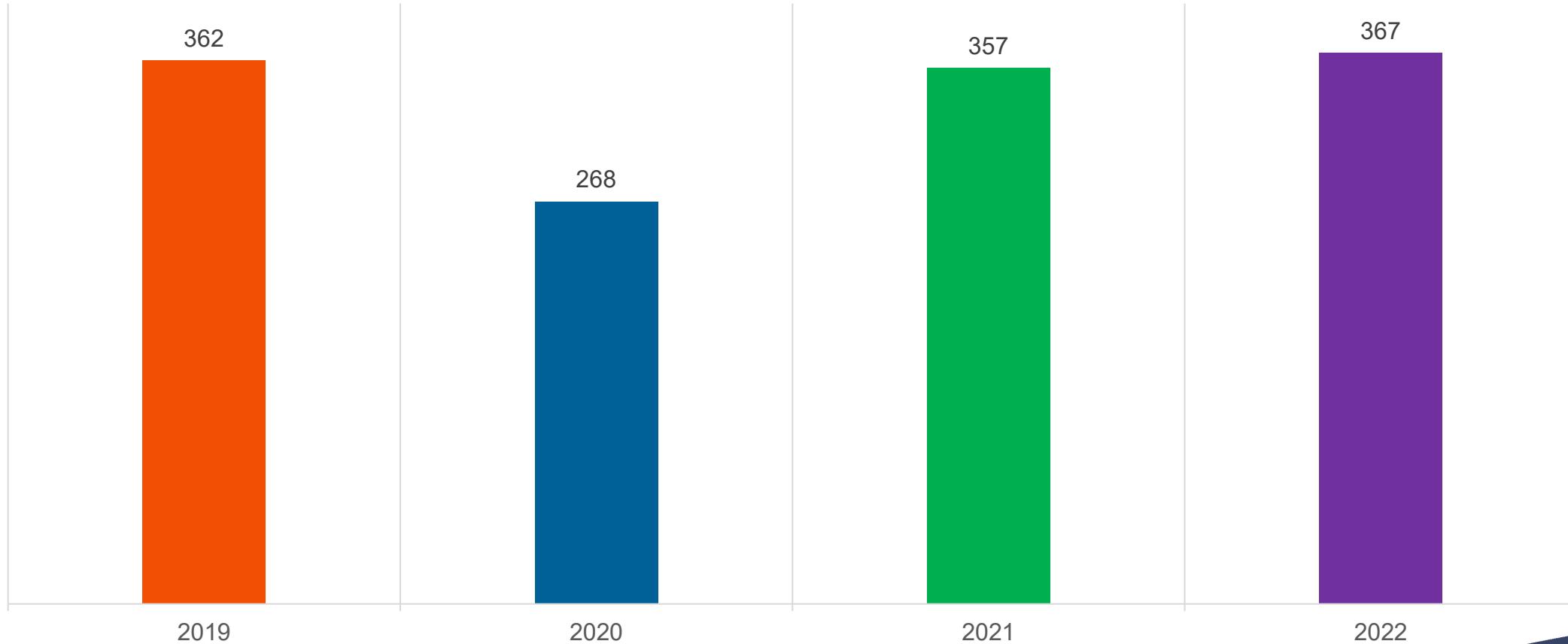
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Guardianship/Conservatorship Petitions

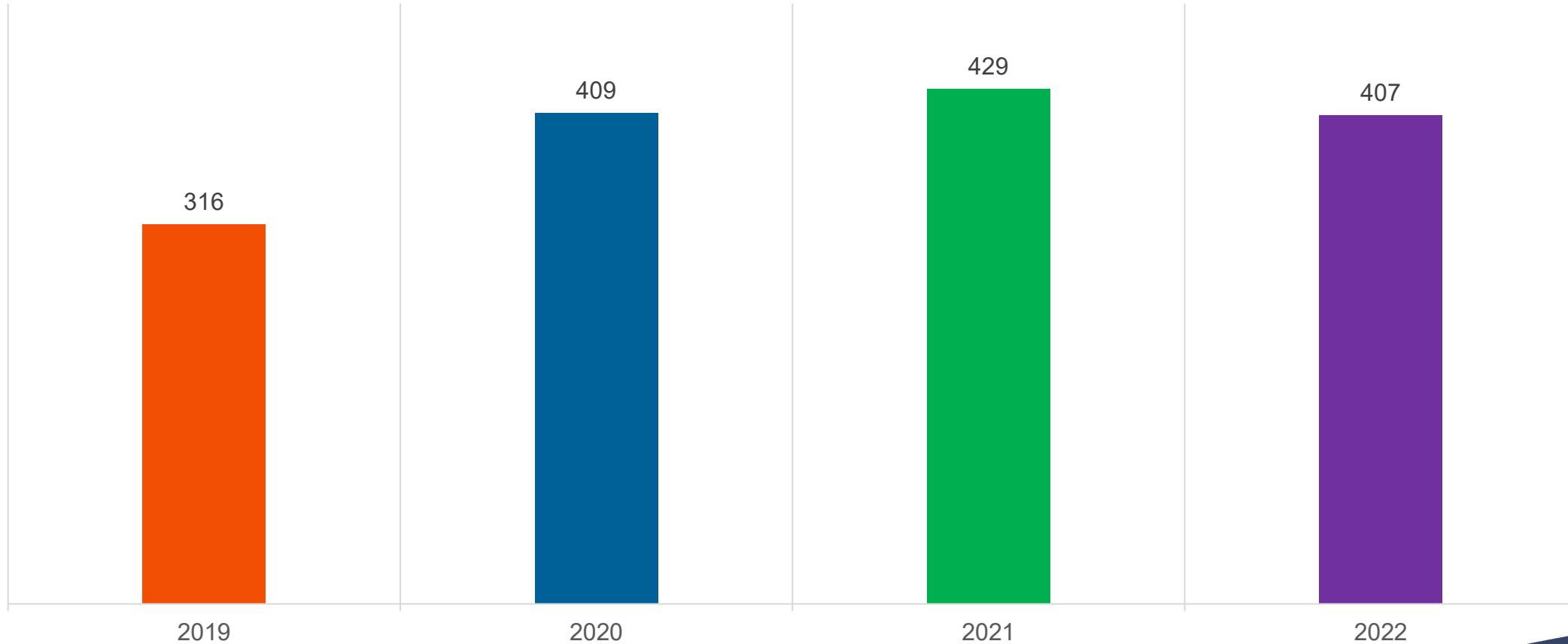
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Compliance Reports Filed

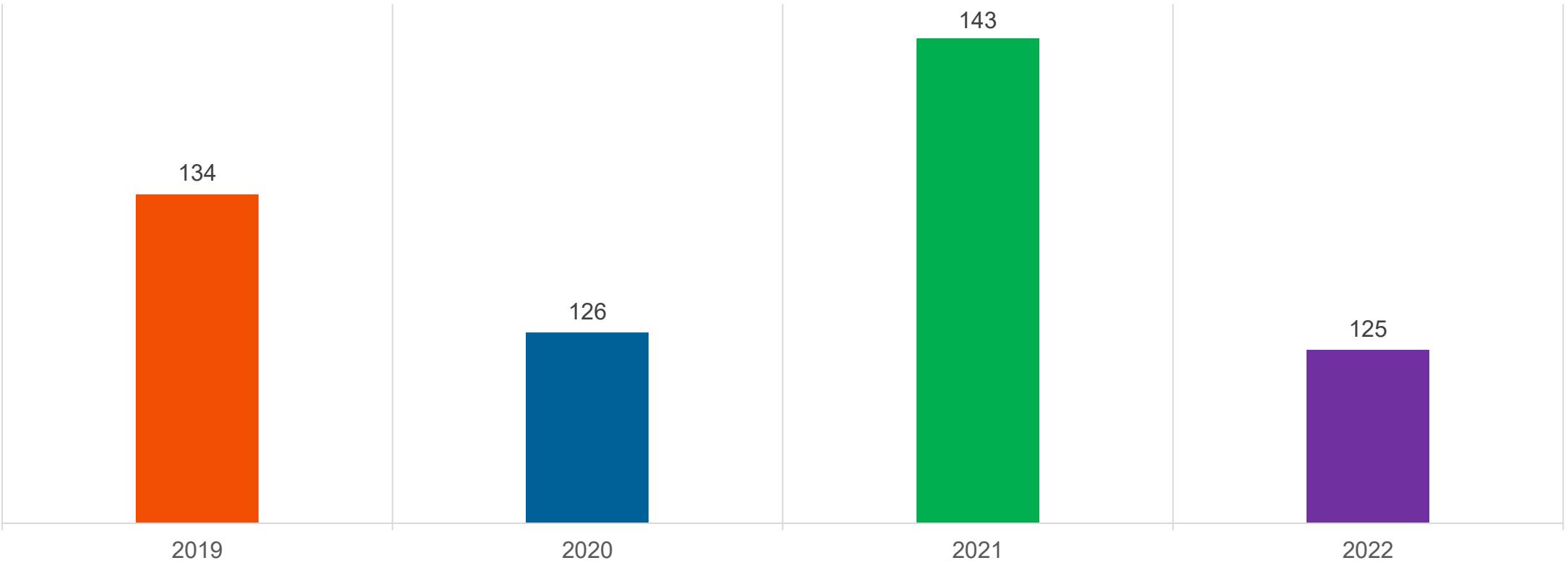
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Mental Health Petitions

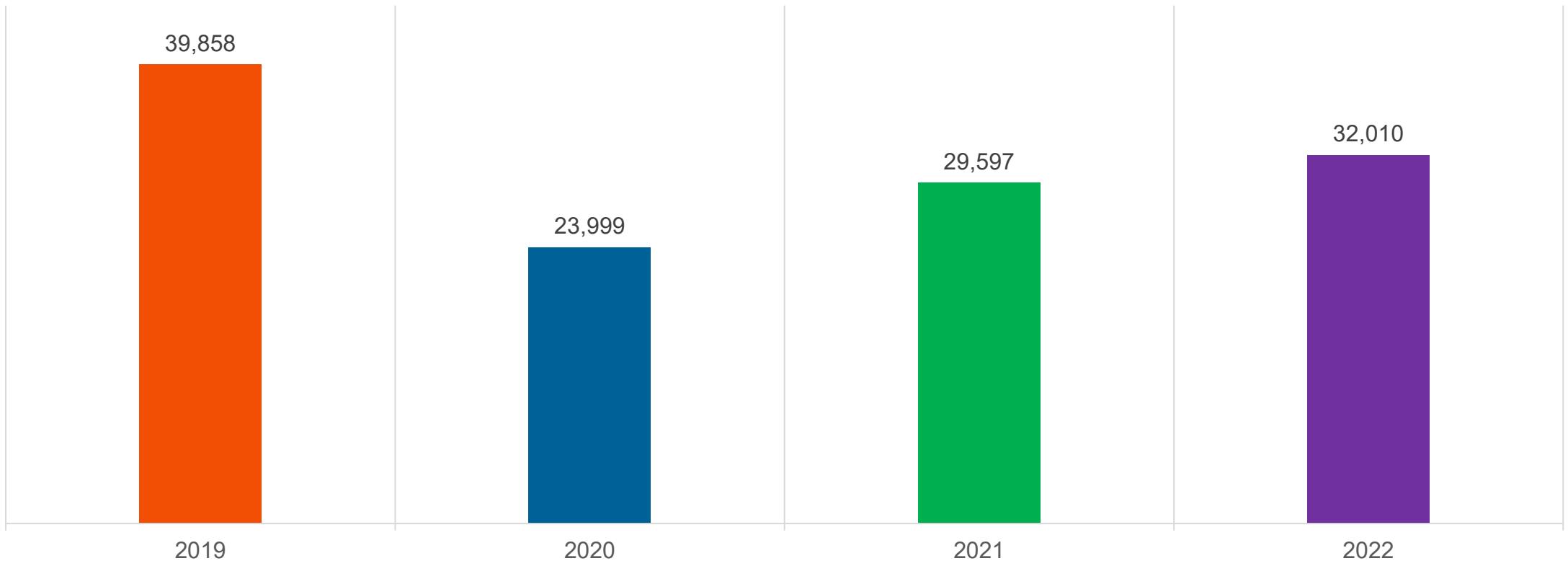
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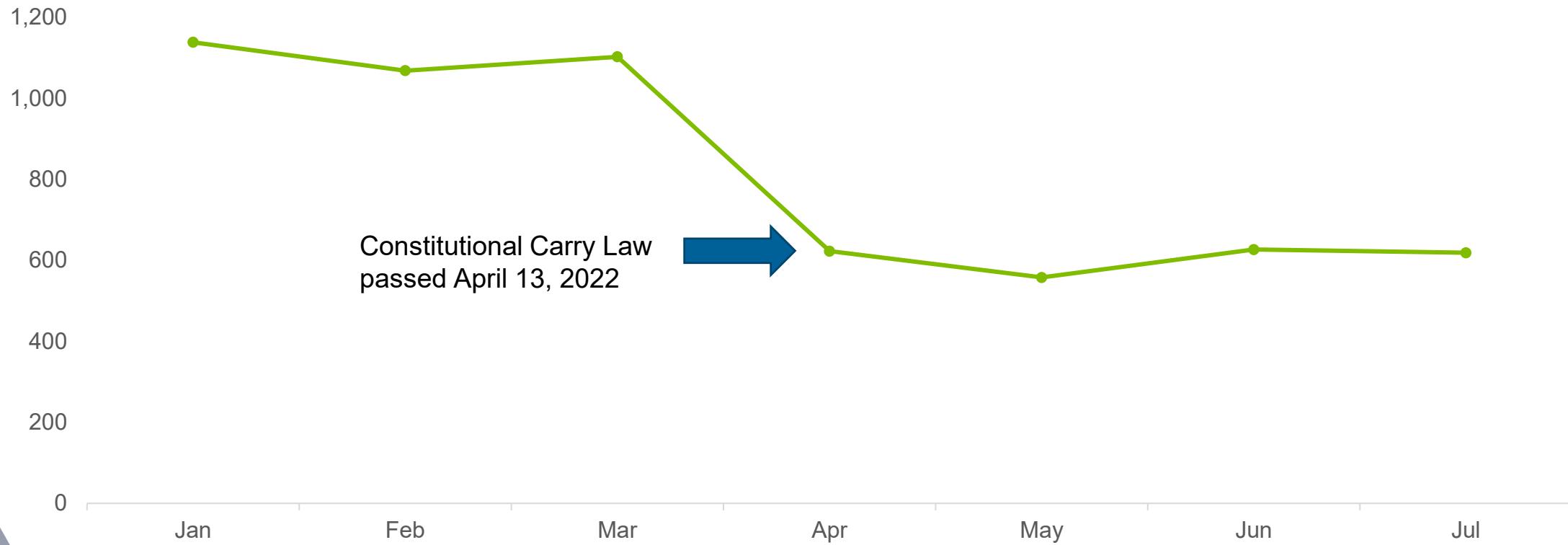
Vital Records Issued

Birth and Death Certificates | January – July





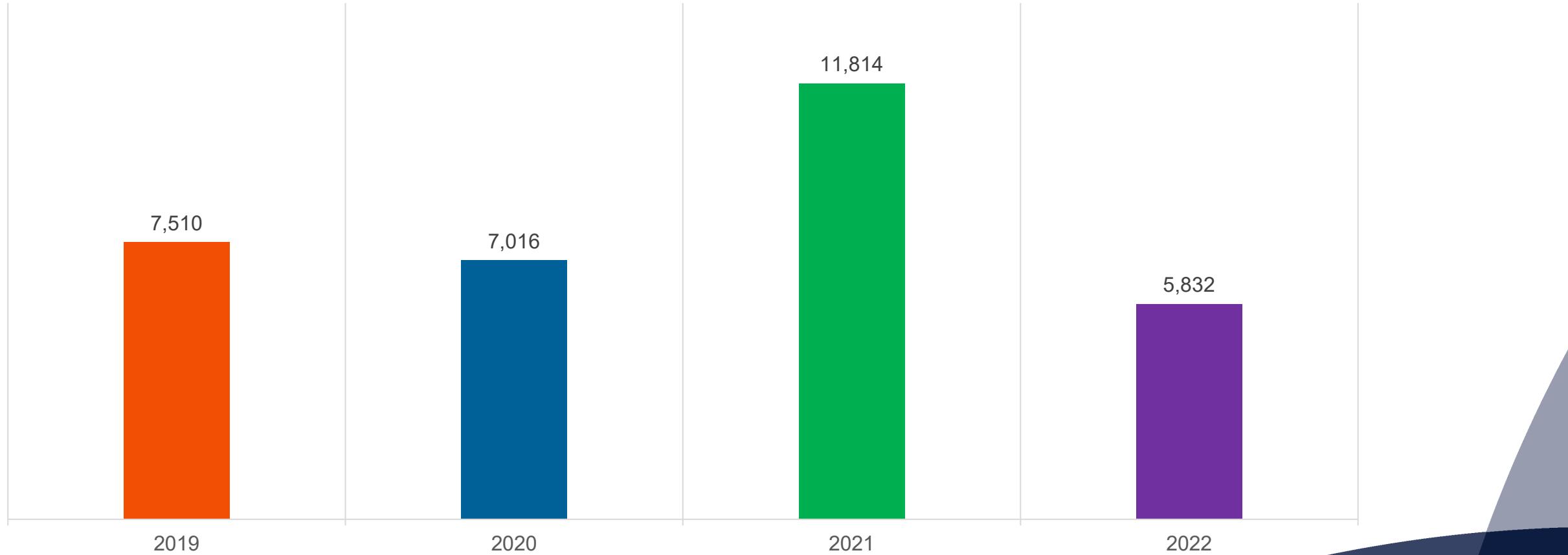
WCL Applications in 2022





Weapon Carry License Applications

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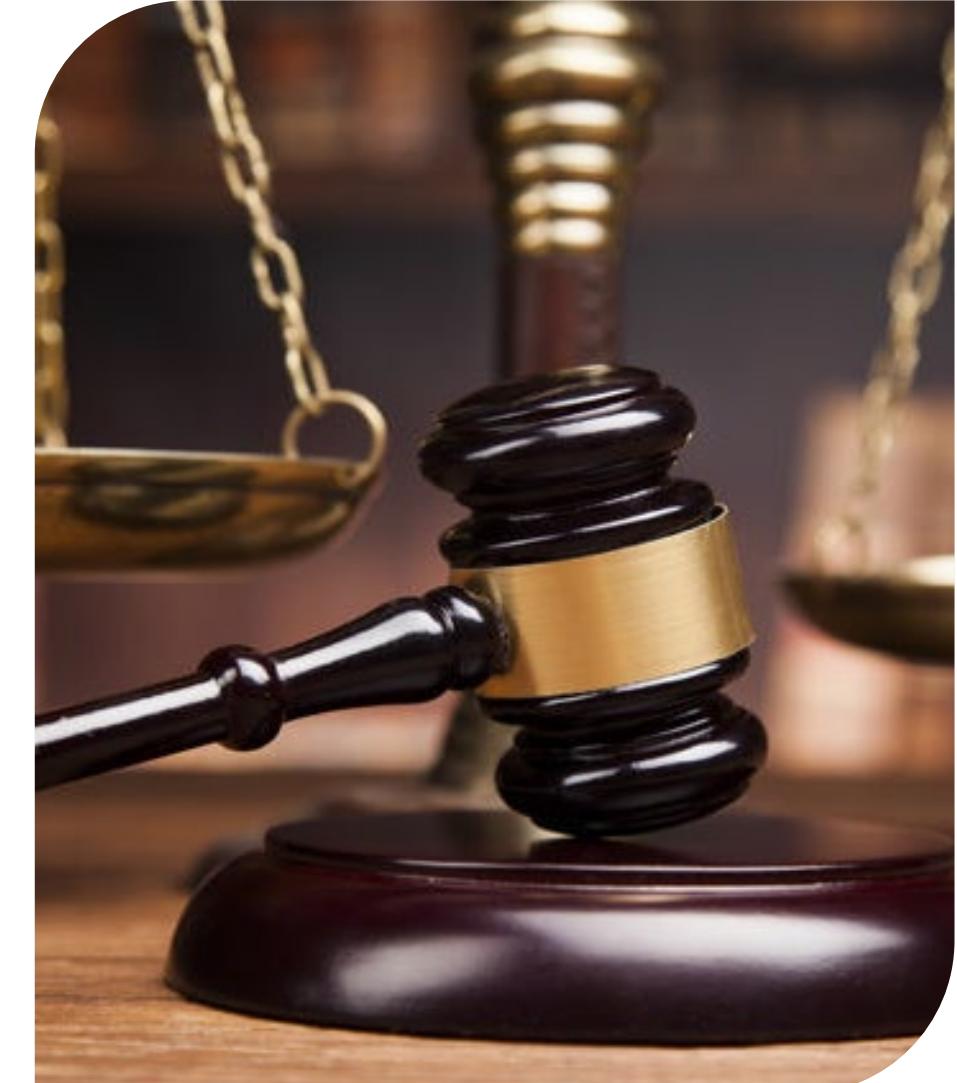
Operational Decisions

- Offer Guide and File software through the court's case management system
- Create better opportunities for professional development and career path growth in order to retain and attract qualified staff
- Continue to educate the community about services offered in Probate Court through community outreach programs
- Continue to explore areas that will allow the Court to go paperless with filings



2023 Decision Package

- Request for new Associate Judge position (Cost \$141,533).
- With the amount of growth that Gwinnett County has seen, it is unrealistic, if not impossible, for the one elected judge and one appointed associate judge to effectively manage the entire workload of a county the size of Gwinnett





Population Growth

YEAR	POPULATION	JUDICIAL OFFICER	RATIO
1992	394,210	1	1/394,210
1998	540,954	2	2/270,477
2022	981,072	2	2/490,536



Total Budget

Total Requested Budget	\$3,915,986
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Decision Package	\$141,533
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Questions?

