WRITS AND APPEALS UNIT

The writs and appeals unit responds to writs and appeals filed at the Monterey County Superior Court and the Monterey County Superior Court, Appellate Division. The unit responds to pre-trial writs filed at the California Court of Appeal and California Supreme Court. The unit also initiates and handles People's appeals to both the Appellate Division and the Court of Appeal.

The unit responds to post-conviction motions.

The unit is responsible for coordinating domestic and international extraditions.

The unit oversees clemency requests, including responding to pardon requests to the Governor, petitions for a certificate of rehabilitation, and petitions for factual innocence.

The unit responds to public records requests.

The unit provides legal advice and guidance to office trial lawyers. On an as needed basis the unit provides training to office trial lawyers.