



AMID

-Aggravated Murder Indigent Defense-

Mitigation Update

April 2026

Discussion Points

History and numbers

Mitigation program timeline

Casework status and processes

Conclusion

2024: IDC Assumed Management of AMID Fund

TRIAL CASES

14 total trial cases 2024 - 2026

6 assumed cases 2024

3 new cases 2024

4 new cases 2025

1 case 2026 to date

APPELLATE CASES

2 inherited appeals in 2024

4 new appeals 2024 - 2026

Mitigation Program Timeline



Attorney Survey

Barriers & process improvement identified

Proposal to hire an in-house mitigation specialist

Program Launch

Dr. Lancaster hired and onboarded

Attorney Presentations

Process development
Immediate casework

Fully Operational

Three case requests in December, one in February

Collateral system improvements

Since joining IDC in September 2025...

Dr. Lancaster is the primary Mitigation Specialist in Five AMID Trial Cases

- This represents *ALL* appropriate cases
 - Two not assigned secondary to co-defendant conflict and MTW

One case resolved in January 2026

- In-person trial support
- Mitigation report filed and applied at sentencing
- Fiscal and procedural success

Four active cases across three counties

- Box Elder
- Tooele
- Wayne

Supporting two AMID appellate cases

- Adult and juvenile
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Process & Material Impacts

AMID Casework

Frontloaded mitigation investigation

- Expedient client contact
- In-person client interviews (travel to detention facility)
 - Collateral witness
- Targeted identification of experts; collaboration

Process transparency and attorney-driven decision making

- Attorney team integration (record requests; task coordination)
- Flexible support (case meetings)
- Client management

Work product generation

- Mitigation memos (client visits, record reviews)
- Preliminary and Final mitigation report

Collateral System Improvements

- Attorney outreach for mitigation staffing
 - Community resources
- Mitigation best practices for forensic social workers
 - Skilled labor pipeline
- Appellate support requests

Conclusion

All early data indicates program efficacy with procedural and fiscal benefits.