

Office of the Public Defender

Performance Indicators - September 2011

	Frequency	Desired Trend	Target	Prior Month	Current Month	% Change	% Above or (Below) Target	12 Month Average
Providing Appropriate Effective Legal Counsel								
Trial Services to Indigents								
The Trial Division of the Office of the Public Defender (OPD) provides effective representation to indigent adult defendants charged with indictable offenses in the Criminal Division of Superior Court and indigent juveniles charged with delinquency in the Family Division of Superior Court.								
Adult Criminal cases - Opened	Monthly	Varies	4,932	5,651	5,382	-4.8%	9.1%	4,949
Adult Criminal cases - Closed *	Monthly	Increase	4,699	2,067	2,699	30.6%	-42.6%	3,509
Juvenile Delinquency cases - Opened	Monthly	Varies	1,087	999	1,030	3.1%	-5.2%	1,044
Juvenile Delinquency cases - Closed *	Monthly	Increase	1,142	527	934	77.2%	-18.2%	723
Adult Average Attorney Caseload (includes per diem attorneys)	Monthly	Maintain	150	NA	NA			
Juvenile Average Attorney Caseload (includes per diem attorneys)	Monthly	Maintain	200	NA	NA			
* - The number of cases closed only reflect those cases actually closed in OPD's Case Management System								

Appellate Services to Indigents								
The Appellate Division of the Office of the Public Defender provides effective legal representation to indigent defendants on direct appeal of a criminal conviction or sentence in the Appellate Division of Superior Court.								
Notices of New Appeals Filed *	Monthly	Varies	139	160	194	21.3%	39.6%	142
Number of Excessive Sentence Program Dispositions	Monthly	Varies	58	77	72	-6.5%	24.1%	58
Number of Briefs filed	Monthly	Increase	75	119	95	-20.2%	26.7%	84
Number of Dismissals / Administrative Closings	Monthly	Varies	54	42	35	-16.7%	-35.2%	53
Petitions for Certification to Supreme Court	Monthly	Varies	48	79	45	-43.0%	-7.0%	44
Post Conviction Relief cases - Open	Monthly	Varies	66	85	87	2.4%	31.8%	67
Post Conviction Relief cases - Closed	Monthly	Increase	57	68	60	-11.8%	5.3%	58
* - The number of notices of New Appeals Filed do not reflect those New Appeals waiting to be filed.								

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Office of Parental Representation								
The Parental Representation Division of the Office of the Public Defender provides effective legal representation to indigent parents charged with Civil Abuse and Neglect Complaints (Title 9 proceedings).								
Indigent Parent cases - Opened	Monthly	Varies	476	633	532	-16.0%	11.8%	502
Indigent Parent cases - Closed *	Monthly	Increase	410	126	187	48.4%	-54.4%	275
The Parental Representation Division of the Office of the Public Defender provides effective legal representation to indigent parents in Termination of Parental Rights (Title 30 proceedings).								
Indigent Parent cases - Opened	Monthly	Varies	98	77	90	16.9%	-7.7%	96
Indigent Parent cases - Closed *	Monthly	Increase	80	15	36	140.0%	-55.0%	48
Combined Attorney Caseload (includes per diem attorneys)	Monthly	Maintain	75	58	56	-3.4%	-25.3%	58
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Office of Law Guardian								
The Law Guardian Division of the Office of the Public Defender provides effective legal representation to all children who are the subject of Civil Child Abuse and Neglect Complaints (Title 9 proceedings).								
Children cases - Opened	Monthly	Varies	548	626	565	-9.7%	3.1%	576
Children cases - Closed *	Monthly	Increase	578	515	628	21.9%	8.7%	547
The Law Guardian Division of the Office of the Public Defender provides effective legal representation to all children in termination of parental rights proceeding (Title 30 proceedings).								
Children cases - Opened	Monthly	Varies	101	98	86	-12.2%	-14.5%	91
Children cases - Closed *	Monthly	Increase	116	95	121	27.4%	4.3%	213
Combined Attorney Caseload (includes per diem attorneys)	Monthly	Maintain	88	113	113	0.0%	28.4%	113
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Mental Health Screening Services								
The Mental Health Division of the Office of the Public Defender provides effective legal representation for those diagnosed with a mental illness in initial commitment, periodic review and placement hearings at federal, state, county, general and psychiatric hospitals.								
Number of persons with mental illness represented at commitment proceedings	Monthly	Varies	755	724	839	15.9%	11.1%	759
% of cases where clients' objective obtained at commitment proceedings	Monthly	Varies	75%	76%	77%	1.3%	2.7%	
Number of persons with mental illness represented during placement hearings	Monthly	Varies	331	272	262	-3.7%	-20.8%	313
Number of persons represented at voluntary commitment hearings	Monthly	Varies	78	112	119	6.3%	52.6%	87
% of cases voluntary accepted	Monthly	Varies	90%	96%	98%	2.1%	8.9%	
The Mental Health Division of the Office of the Public Defender provides effective legal representation for the involuntary commitment of sexually violent offenders.								
Number of persons represented at involuntary commitment hearings	Monthly	Varies	355	476	481	1.1%	35.5%	463
Providing Mediation Services								
Office of Dispute Settlement								
The Dispute Settlement Division of the Office of the Public Defender (OPD) provides effective mediation and conciliation services for those seeking dispute resolution.								
# of Foreclosure Mediation cases	Monthly	Varies	100	118	89	-24.6%	-11.0%	114
% of Foreclosure Mediation cases Settled	Monthly	Varies	40%	53%	54%	1.9%	35.0%	
# of Court Mediation cases	Monthly	Varies	5	11	14	27.3%	180.0%	9
% of Court Mediation cases Settled	Monthly	Varies	50%	60%	66%	10.0%	32.0%	
# of Underground Utility Act Arbitration cases	Monthly	Varies	15	23	21	-8.7%	40.0%	21
# of Residential Warranty Arbitrations cases	Monthly	Varies	5	7	9	28.6%	80.0%	6
# of New Home Warranty Arbitrations cases	Monthly	Varies	8	15	17	13.3%	112.5%	13
# of 2-10 Warranty Arbitration cases	Monthly	Varies	3	9	9	0.0%	200.0%	5