

Office of the Public Defender

Performance Indicators - October 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	5,382	5,110	-5.1%	3.6%	4,961
Adult Criminal cases - Closed *	Monthly	Increase	4,699	2,699	4,375	62.1%	-6.9%	3,493
Juvenile Delinquency cases - Opened	Monthly	Varies	1,087	1,030	1,010	-1.9%	-7.1%	1,033
Juvenile Delinquency cases - Closed *	Monthly	Increase	1,142	934	822	-12.0%	-28.0%	710
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	194	154	-20.6%	10.8%	141
Number of Excessive Sentence Program Dispositions	Monthly	Varies	58	72	74	2.8%	27.6%	60
Number of Briefs filed	Monthly	Increase	75	97	89	-8.2%	18.7%	86
Number of Dismissals / Administrative Closings	Monthly	Varies	54	21	35	66.7%	-35.2%	51
Petitions for Certification to Supreme Court	Monthly	Varies	48	45	33	-26.7%	-31.8%	43
Post Conviction Relief cases - Open	Monthly	Varies	66	87	63	-27.6%	-4.5%	67
Post Conviction Relief cases - Closed	Monthly	Increase	57	60	32	-46.7%	-43.9%	56
* - 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	532	495	-7.0%	4.0%	506
Indigent Parent cases - Closed *	Monthly	Increase	410	187	253	35.3%	-38.3%	255
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	90	65	-27.8%	-33.4%	94
Indigent Parent cases - Closed *	Monthly	Increase	80	36	44	22.2%	-45.0%	44
Combined Attorney Caseload (includes per diem attorneys)	Monthly	Maintain	75	56	54	-3.6%	-28.0%	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	565	569	0.7%	3.8%	580
Children cases - Closed *	Monthly	Increase	578	628	649	3.3%	12.3%	555
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	86	115	33.7%	14.4%	92
Children cases - Closed *	Monthly	Increase	116	121	121	0.0%	4.3%	214
Combined Attorney Caseload (includes per diem attorneys)	Monthly	Maintain	88	113	112	-0.9%	27.3%	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	839	795	-5.2%	5.3%	757
% of cases where clients' objective obtained at commitment proceedings	Monthly	Varies	75%	77%	78%	1.3%	4.0%	
Number of persons with mental illness represented during placement hearings	Monthly	Varies	331	262	252	-3.8%	-23.9%	304
Number of persons represented at voluntary commitment hearings	Monthly	Varies	78	119	137	15.1%	75.6%	92
% of cases voluntary accepted	Monthly	Varies	90%	98%	99%	1.0%	10.0%	
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	481	483	0.4%	36.1%	465
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 New Foreclosure Mediation cases	Monthly	Varies	100	89	106	19.1%	6.0%	113
% of Foreclosure Mediation cases Settled	Monthly	Varies	40%	54%	53%	-1.9%	32.5%	
# of Court Mediation cases	Monthly	Varies	5	14	10	-28.6%	100.0%	9
% of Court Mediation cases Settled	Monthly	Varies	50%	66%	60%	-9.1%	20.0%	
# of Underground Utility Act Arbitration cases	Monthly	Varies	15	21	25	19.0%	66.7%	22
# of Residential Warranty Arbitrations cases	Monthly	Varies	5	9	7	-22.2%	40.0%	6
# of New Home Warranty Arbitrations cases	Monthly	Varies	8	17	15	-11.8%	87.5%	13
# of 2-10 Warranty Arbitration cases	Monthly	Varies	3	9	3	-66.7%	0.0%	4