

Office of the Public Defender

Performance Indicators - January 2012

	Frequency	Desired Trend	Target	Prior Month	Current Month	% Change	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	4,627	4,892	5.7%	5,053
Adult Criminal cases - Closed *	Monthly	Increase	4,699	4,112	3,557	-13.5%	2,758
Juvenile Delinquency cases - Opened	Monthly	Varies	1,087	821	1,028	25.2%	1,005
Juvenile Delinquency cases - Closed *	Monthly	Increase	1,142	808	1,105	36.8%	609
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	184	211	14.7%	152
Number of Excessive Sentence Program Dispositions	Monthly	Varies	58	52	69	32.7%	61
Number of Briefs filed	Monthly	Increase	75	78	82	5.1%	87
Number of Dismissals / Administrative Closings	Monthly	Varies	54	54	23	-57.4%	49
Petitions for Certification to Supreme Court	Monthly	Varies	48	42	45	7.1%	48
Post Conviction Relief cases - Open	Monthly	Varies	66	72	65	-9.7%	68
Post Conviction Relief cases - Closed	Monthly	Increase	57	61	44	-27.9%	53
* - 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	600	556	-7.3%	525
Indigent Parent cases - Closed *	Monthly	Increase	410	356	382	7.3%	229
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	83	78	-6.0%	90
Indigent Parent cases - Closed *	Monthly	Increase	80	59	72	22.0%	44
Combined Attorney Caseload (includes per diem attorneys)	Monthly	Maintain	75	53	56	5.7%	57
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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	586	619	5.6%	606
Children cases - Closed *	Monthly	Increase	578	426	479	12.4%	539
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	109	79	-27.5%	91
Children cases - Closed *	Monthly	Increase	116	80	62	-22.5%	103
Combined Attorney Caseload (includes per diem attorneys)	Monthly	Maintain	88	113	114	0.9%	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	761	733	-3.7%	769
% of cases where clients' objective obtained at commitment proceedings	Monthly	Varies	75%	79%	81%	2.5%	
Number of persons with mental illness represented during placement hearings	Monthly	Varies	331	250	254	1.6%	290
Number of persons represented at voluntary commitment hearings	Monthly	Varies	78	133	153	15.0%	106
% of cases voluntary accepted	Monthly	Varies	90%	98%	100%	2.0%	
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	487	489	0.4%	470
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	44	49	11.4%	97
% of Foreclosure Mediation cases Settled	Monthly	Varies	40%	52%	51%	-1.9%	
# of Court Mediation cases	Monthly	Varies	5	6	8	33.3%	9
% of Court Mediation cases Settled	Monthly	Varies	50%	50%	47%	-6.0%	
# of Underground Utility Act Arbitration cases	Monthly	Varies	15	21	17	-19.0%	22
# of Residential Warranty Arbitrations cases	Monthly	Varies	5	15	15	0.0%	8
# of New Home Warranty Arbitrations cases	Monthly	Varies	8	8	7	-12.5%	11
# of 2-10 Warranty Arbitration cases	Monthly	Varies	3	5	9	80.0%	5