

**Office of the Public Defender**  
**Performance Indicators - August 2011**

	Frequency	Desired Trend	Target	Prior Month	Current Month	% Change	% Above or (Below) Target	12 Month Average
<b>Providing Appropriate Effective Legal Counsel</b>								
<b>Trial Services to Indigents</b>								
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	5,149	5,651	9.7%	14.6%	4,945
Adult Criminal cases - Closed *	Monthly	Increase	4,699	1,373	2,067	50.5%	-56.0%	3,646
Juvenile Delinquency cases - Opened	Monthly	Varies	1,087	943	999	5.9%	-8.1%	1,054
Juvenile Delinquency cases - Closed *	Monthly	Increase	1,142	128	527	311.7%	-53.9%	736
<b>Adult Average Attorney Caseload (includes per diem attorneys)</b>	Monthly	Maintain	150	NA	NA			
<b>Juvenile Average Attorney Caseload (includes per diem attorneys)</b>	Monthly	Maintain	200	NA	NA			
* - The number of cases closed only reflect those cases actually closed in OPD's Case Management System								

<b>Appellate Services to Indigents</b>								
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	152	160	5.3%	15.1%	140
Number of Excessive Sentence Program Dispositions	Monthly	Varies	58	46	77	67.4%	32.8%	58
Number of Briefs filed	Monthly	Increase	75	74	119	60.8%	58.7%	80
Number of Dismissals / Administrative Closings	Monthly	Varies	54	32	52	62.5%	-3.7%	54
Petitions for Certification to Supreme Court	Monthly	Varies	48	23	79	243.5%	63.3%	46
Post Conviction Relief cases - Open	Monthly	Varies	66	36	85	136.1%	28.8%	65
Post Conviction Relief cases - Closed	Monthly	Increase	57	42	68	61.9%	19.3%	57
* - The number of notices of New Appeals Filed do not reflect those New Appeals waiting to be filed.								

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<b>Office of Parental Representation</b>								
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	485	633	30.5%	33.0%	496
Indigent Parent cases - Closed *	Monthly	Increase	410	44	126	186.4%	-69.3%	297
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	91	77	-15.4%	-21.1%	97
Indigent Parent cases - Closed *	Monthly	Increase	80	10	15	50.0%	-81.3%	51
<b>Combined Attorney Caseload (includes per diem attorneys)</b>	Monthly	Maintain	75	57	58	1.8%	-22.7%	59
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<b>Office of Law Guardian</b>								
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	638	626	-1.9%	14.2%	570
Children cases - Closed *	Monthly	Increase	578	379	515	35.9%	-10.9%	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	82	98	19.5%	-2.5%	92
Children cases - Closed *	Monthly	Increase	116	92	95	3.3%	-18.1%	212
<b>Combined Attorney Caseload (includes per diem attorneys)</b>	Monthly	Maintain	88	113	113	0.0%	28.4%	113
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<b>Mental Health Screening Services</b>								
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	745	724	-2.8%	-4.1%	752
% of cases where clients' objective obtained at commitment proceedings	Monthly	Varies	75%	77%	76%	-1.3%	1.3%	
Number of persons with mental illness represented during placement hearings	Monthly	Varies	331	240	272	13.3%	-17.8%	318
Number of persons represented at voluntary commitment hearings	Monthly	Varies	78	116	112	-3.4%	43.6%	84
% of cases voluntary accepted	Monthly	Varies	90%	98%	96%	-2.0%	6.7%	
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	473	476	0.6%	34.1%	461
<b>Providing Mediation Services</b>								
<b>Office of Dispute Settlement</b>								
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	116	118	1.7%	18.0%	117
% of Foreclosure Mediation cases Settled	Monthly	Varies	40%	42%	53%	26.2%	32.5%	
# of Court Mediation cases	Monthly	Varies	5	8	11	37.5%	120.0%	8
% of Court Mediation cases Settled	Monthly	Varies	50%	63%	60%	-4.8%	20.0%	
# of Underground Utility Act Arbitration cases	Monthly	Varies	15	21	23	9.5%	53.3%	21
# of Residential Warranty Arbitrations cases	Monthly	Varies	5	6	7	16.7%	40.0%	6
# of New Home Warranty Arbitrations cases	Monthly	Varies	8	12	15	25.0%	87.5%	12
# of 2-10 Warranty Arbitration cases	Monthly	Varies	3	3	9	200.0%	200.0%	4