

## Office of the Public Defender

Performance Indicators - March 2012

	Frequency	Desired Trend	Target	Prior Month	Current Month	% Change	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	4,949	5,768	16.5%	5,102
Adult Criminal cases - closed *	Monthly	Increase	4,699	3,588	3,558	-0.8%	3,385
Juvenile Delinquency cases - opened	Monthly	Varies	1,087	973	1,013	4.1%	988
Juvenile Delinquency cases - closed *	Monthly	Increase	1,142	1,180	848	-28.1%	797
<b>Adult average attorney caseload (includes per diem attorneys)</b>	Monthly	Maintain	150	n/a	n/a		
<b>Juvenile average attorney caseload (includes per diem attorneys)</b>	Monthly	Maintain	200	n/a	n/a		
* 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	211	154	-27.0%	158
Number of Excessive Sentence Program Dispositions	Monthly	Varies	58	68	65	-4.4%	64
Number of Briefs filed	Monthly	Increase	75	78	96	23.1%	86
Number of Dismissals / Administrative Closings	Monthly	Varies	54	37	50	35.1%	46
Petitions for Certification to Supreme Court	Monthly	Varies	48	32	43	34.4%	44
Post-Conviction Relief cases - opened	Monthly	Varies	66	44	60	36.4%	64
Post-Conviction Relief cases - closed	Monthly	Increase	57	60	61	1.7%	57
* The number of appeals filed do not reflect those new appeals waiting to be filed.							
<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	615	607	-1.3%	546
Indigent Parent cases - closed *	Monthly	Increase	410	429	234	-45.5%	345
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	92	82	-10.9%	85
Indigent Parent cases - closed *	Monthly	Increase	80	62	41	-33.9%	66
<b>Combined attorney caseload (includes per diem attorneys)</b>	Monthly	Maintain	75	55	57	3.6%	57
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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	675	745	10.4%	608
Children cases - closed *	Monthly	Increase	578	706	743	5.2%	556
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	115	97	-15.7%	94
Children cases - closed *	Monthly	Increase	116	86	115	33.7%	102
<b>Combined attorney caseload (includes per diem attorneys)</b>	Monthly	Maintain	88	116	119	2.6%	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 - opened	Monthly	Varies	755	861	892	3.6%	901
Percentage of cases where clients' objective obtained at commitment proceedings - closed	Monthly	Varies	75%	86%	87%		
Number of persons with mental illness represented during placement hearings	Monthly	Varies	331	278	289	4.0%	306
Number of persons represented at voluntary commitment hearings	Monthly	Varies	78	169	178	5.3%	163
Percentage of cases voluntary accepted	Monthly	Varies	90%	99%	100%		
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	493	493	0.0%	482
<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.							
Number of New Foreclosure Mediation cases	Monthly	Varies	100	45	52	15.6%	86
Percentage of Foreclosure Mediation cases settled	Monthly	Varies	40%	51%	50%		
Number of Court Mediation cases	Monthly	Varies	5	8	6	-25.0%	9
Percentage of Court Mediation cases settled	Monthly	Varies	50%	50%	50%		
Number of Underground Utility Act Arbitration cases	Monthly	Varies	15	15	11	-26.7%	21
Number of Residential Warranty Arbitrations cases	Monthly	Varies	5	16	7	-56.3%	9
Number of New Home Warranty Arbitrations cases	Monthly	Varies	8	5	9	80.0%	10
Number of 2-10 Warranty Arbitration cases	Monthly	Varies	3	10	5	-50.0%	6