Mission

We provide effective professional legal services with equal access to quality client-centered representation.

Vision

As trained legal professionals, we strive to represent our clients in an effective and efficient manner to ensure a more fair and balanced justice system. We are dedicated and committed to improving overall outcomes for our clients and addressing the conditions that led to their involvement with the justice system.
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Agency Case and Assignment Types

**OPD Represents Clients in the Following Case Types in All Courts Across the State**

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**Overall Cases Received by Case Type FY 2021**

- Low. Ct.: 55%
- DC: 26%
- DN: 11%
- DJ: 2%
- DI: 3%
- DV: 0%

Please note that Lower Court includes both TK and CR Case Cause Numbers

**OPD Assigns Both Internal and External Attorneys**

**Overall Cases Received by Attorney Type FY 2021**

- Contractor: 23%
- FTE: 77%
New Cases Received
This data displays all new cases received from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

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<th>Public Defender Division</th>
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<td>32,539* New Cases</td>
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* Agency total includes 119 Sentence Review cases received during FY 2021
**Cases by Status**

This data displays cases by status as of June 30, 2021. Please note cases in Division 2 labeled *Inactive* include both cases awaiting attorney assignment and cases not currently being worked on.

Public Defender Division
Division 1
- 25,761 Total Cases
- 9,098 Inactive Cases
- 16,663 Open Cases

Appellate Defender Division
Division 2
- 10,787 Total Cases
- 481 Inactive Cases
- 10,306 Open Cases

Conflict Defender Division
Division 3
- 3,471 Total Cases
- 154 Inactive Cases
- 193 Open Cases

All Agency
- 37,112* Total Cases
- 9,811 Inactive Cases
- 27,301 Open Cases

* Agency total includes 138 Open and 78 Inactive Sentence Review cases as of June 30, 2021.
Case Durations for Divisions I & III
This data displays the average number of days cases were open for all cases closed in Divisions I & III during FY 2021.
**Case Durations for Division II**

This data displays the average number of days cases were open for all cases closed in Division II during FY 2021.

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Case Closed

This data displays the number of cases closed from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Please note count may include cases closed in previous fiscal years that have been reopened and closed again during FY 2021.

* Agency total includes 118 Sentence Review cases closed during FY 2021
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