Public Defender

2013 Executive Summary

	Month		Annual					
	July 2012	July 2013	2009	2010	2011	2012	Projected 2013	2012-2013 % Δ
Felony and Gross Misdemeanor Cases								
Assigned	1,172	1,338	17,680	16,499	15,329	14,195	15,773	11.1%
Closed with Reduced Charges	1,057	1,289	13,431	15,189	17,139	13,598	14,304	5.2%
Resolved at Justice Court	668	711	8,184	8,747	11,023	7,979	8,081	1.3%
Misdemeanor Cases								
Assigned	251	753	6,305	6,354	2,936	2,677	5,979	123.4%
Resolved at Justice Court	188	424	4,658	5,523	6,382	2,584	3,516	36.1%

Notes & Highlights

In 2011, a number of misdemeanor cases were transferred to the Office of Appointed Counsel resulting in a higher than normal number of resolved cases. The Office of Appointed Counsel, which provides representation when the Public Defender's Office is unable to due to conflicts of interest, provided counsel in a majority of DUI and Domestic Violence misdemeanor cases from 2011 to 2013. In 2013, the Public Defender's Office will provide representation to a number of DUI and Domestic Violence misdemeanors.

On May 1, 2013, the Public Defender's Office will begin staffing both DUI courts and the Domestic Violence court leading to an increase in misdemeanor caseload.