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ADKT 411

Chief Justice Hardesty,

In response to your request at the last ADKT 411 hearing, I am providing an updated list of cases assigned to the Washoe County Public Defender's Office.

The statistics cover cases assigned in the calendar years of 2007, 2008, and the first 6 months of 2009. The definition of "case" is the one set out in the National Center for State Courts' *State Court Guide for Statistical Reporting*: all charges involved a single defendant regarding a single incident as a single case.

Justice Pickering inquired as to whether the caseloads identified in the July 1, 2007 Public Defender Survey included conflict cases. They did not. The numbers in the survey covered FY 2006-07. The FY 2006-07 caseloads also distinguished "open" cases and "reopened" cases.

This office included reopened cases, as they are considered a workload measurement in the National Center for State Courts' guide. For this office, the reopened cases can be matters that have been reinstated after a defendant has failed to appear. Reopened cases also include parole revocation hearings set in the Nevada Department of Corrections.

To be consistent with the first survey, we have also segregated reopened cases in the current list.

For the court's edification, the felony/gross misdemeanor caseload assigned to each attorney also excludes a significant number of misdemeanor cases handled by each trial attorney. We have a dedicated Misdemeanor Division that provides representation in the majority of misdemeanor filed by the District Attorney's Office. In order to maintain vertical representation, misdemeanors that are filed separately, but as part of a felony/gross prosecution, continue as a workload for the felony attorneys.

If you have further questions regarding this letter, please contact me.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
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Washoe County Public Defender's Office

	2007			2008			2009		
	Felony/Gross	Misdo	Juvenile	Felony/Gross	Misdo	Juvenile	Felony/Gross	Misdo	Juvenile
January	400	173	78	348	250	78	288	215	61
February	262	140	111	260	152	89	260	145	80
March	301	176	114	242	163	123	243	194	89
April	334	167	87	252	169	81	258	185	120
May	346	169	104	244	186	75	250	171	68
June	310	193	118	267	175	100	248	182	90
July	353	164	98	314	193	63	x	x	x
August	362	179	114	300	172	81	x	x	x
September	296	157	112	293	212	60	x	x	x
October	302	163	139	280	224	88	x	x	x
November	345	194	76	210	136	61	x	x	x
December	284	183	69	270	209	78	x	x	x
Total	3895	2058	1220	3280	2241	977	1547	1092	508
+ cat A	58		n/a	87	n/a	n/a	33	n/a	n/a
+ reopens	1174	293	n/a	1018	289	n/a	431	148	n/a
Total	5127	2058	1220	4385	2530	977	2011	1240	508
Average w/ reopen	320/atty	544/atty	406/atty	261/atty	635/atty	n/a	126/atty	310/atty	n/a
Average w/o reopen	247/atty	471/atty	406/atty	197/atty	560/atty	325/atty	99/atty	273/atty	169/atty