

# Citizen Centric Report Fiscal Year 2012

**PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE CORPORATION**

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"There can be no equal justice where the kind of trial a man gets depends on the amount of money he has."

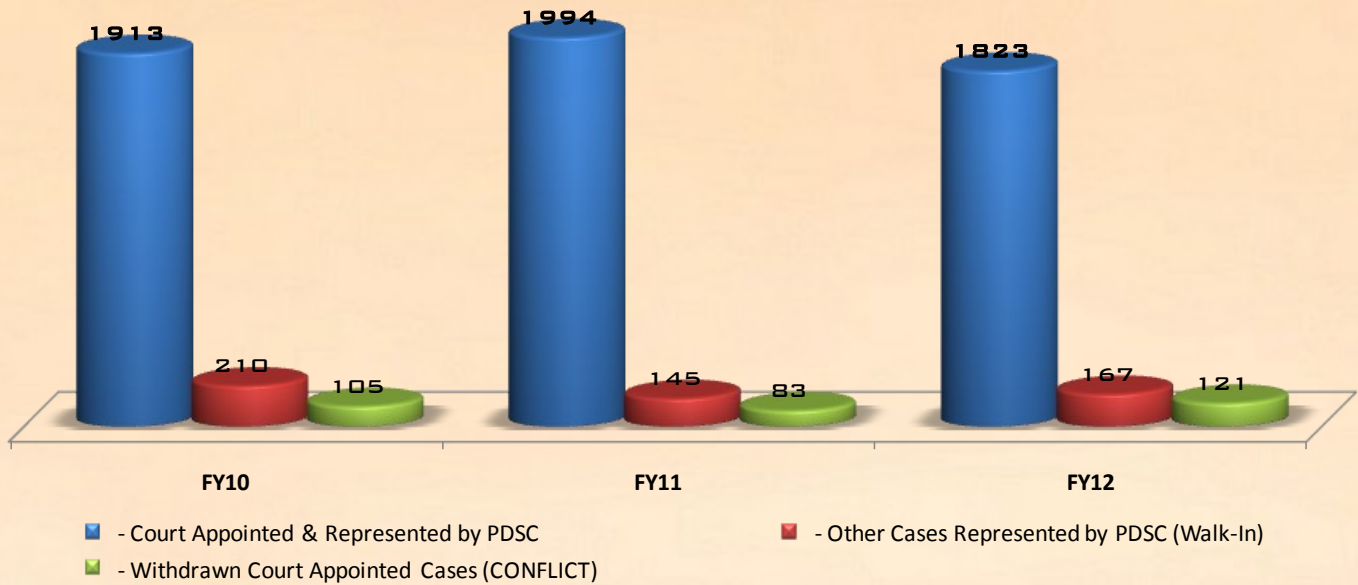
- Justice Hugo Black, 1964  
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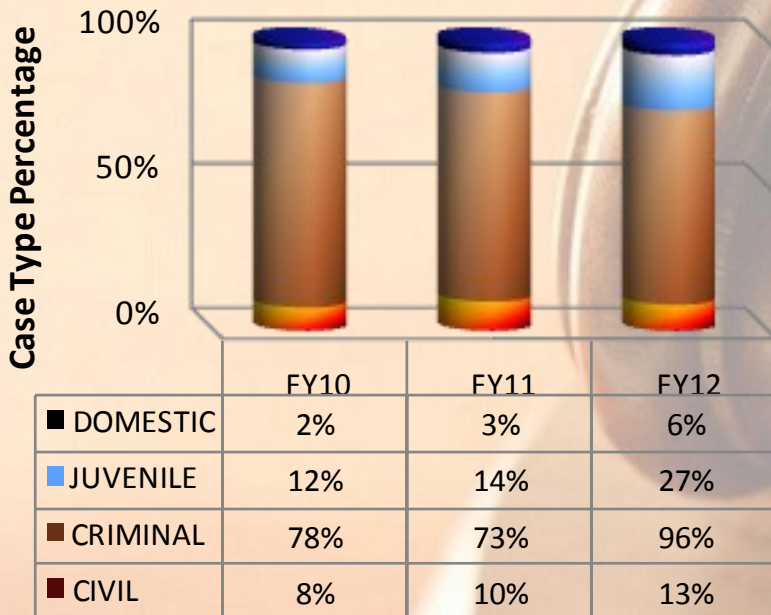
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## CASES APPOINTED OR RECEIVED IN FISCAL YEAR

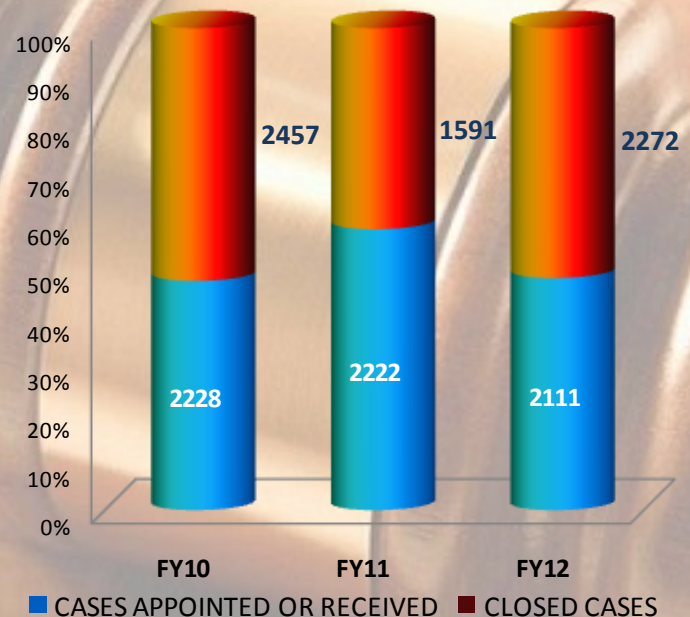


In Fiscal Year 2012, the PDSC received a total of 2,111 new cases, 111 cases lower than the amount of cases received in FY2011. This indicates a decrease in the amount of cases being represented by the PDSC by about 5% from the previous fiscal year. Court appointed cases to PDSC constitute approximately 86% of the case assignments while walk-in cases make up about 8% of the total case assignments. Out of the 2,111 new cases received in FY2012, approximately 6% of those were determined to have conflicting issues to where the PDSC was not able to represent the client and the case was forwarded to another source for legal representation.

## TYPES OF CASES CLOSED BY PDSC



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### OUR VISION:

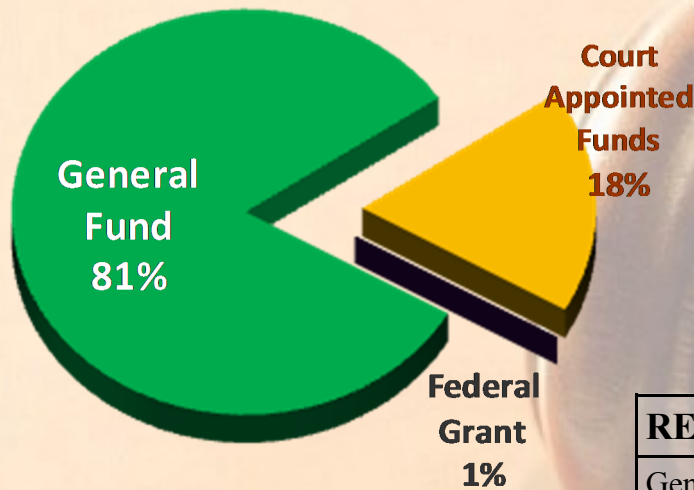
TO MAINTAIN A DYNAMIC, EFFICIENT, CLIENT-FOCUSED ENVIRONMENT FOR BOTH OUR CLIENTS AND EMPLOYEES WHILE DEFENDING JUSTICE AND EQUALITY FOR THE PEOPLE OF GUAM.



In Fiscal Year 2012, 2011, and 2010, 87% , 86%, 88% respectively, of funds were spent on personnel costs. Also in Fiscal Year 2012, 48 employees were paid from General Fund appropriations, 9 from Court Appointed Indigent Defense funds and 1 from Federal funds.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>
Salaries and Wages	\$2,539,382	\$2,761,944	\$2,969,151
Benefits	805,563	903,814	1,064,883
Off-Island Travel/Mileage Reimbursement	11,405	4,346	-
Contractual	71,796	130,479	115,475
Office Space Rental	262,763	318,901	335,698
Supplies	22,652	29,655	24,547
Equipment < \$5,000	25,587	37,965	24,115
Communications	25,794	18,751	10,319
Miscellaneous	12,531	26,042	23,100
Power	0	14,400	9,504
Capital Outlay >\$5,000	20,419	5,100	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$3,797,892</b>	<b>\$4,251,397</b>	<b>\$4,605,592</b>

## FY 2012 REVENUES



The PDSC relies solely on the General Fund for its operations. FY2012's appropriation increased by 2.5% over FY2011. The increase is mainly attributed to pay adjustments, employees salary increments and mandated increases in the government's share of retirement contributions.

The Alternate Public Defender, established as a separate division of the PDSC receives funding from the Judiciary of Guam—Indigent Defense Fund. Funding increased by \$57,593 or 7% over FY2010.

The Domestic Violence Program receives Stop VAW (Violence Against Women) funds from the Governor's Community Outreach—Federal Program Office.

REVENUES	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
General Fund	\$3,150,194	\$3,699,971	\$3,796,755
Court Appointed	751,480	778,077	835,6700
Federal Grant	47,351	25,848	34,350
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,949,025</b>	<b>\$4,503,896</b>	<b>\$4,622,700</b>

### **OUR MISSION:**

AS PUBLIC SERVANTS, THE PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE CORPORATION EXISTS TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO THOSE UNABLE TO AFFORD PRIVATE COUNSEL, THEREBY ENSURING EQUAL PROTECTION OF THEIR LAWFUL RIGHTS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRESCRIBED ETHICS, LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS.



Historically, the PDSC has exercised frugality and sound, fiscal responsibility in carrying out its mission of providing quality legal representation to its indigent clients. Although our financial resources remain limited, our caseload has consistently increased, forcing current personnel to take on more duties and responsibilities. Additional staff positions (one Attorney and one Legal Secretary) were requested, but due to reduced appropriation levels, they could not be filled. We will diligently continue to seek funding for this purpose, in order to ensure the safety and morale of our current personnel, as well as the quality legal representation that our clientele deserves.

Another issue that is of growing concern for our agency is the rise in the number of clients from the Freely Associated States (FAS). Although we continue to submit our annual Compact-Impact Statistical Reports as to the cost of providing our services to these individuals, the PDSC has yet to be reimbursed for these costs.

Thus, as with other government organizations, funding remains a big challenge for us. However, we remain committed to our PDSC mission of serving the less fortunate residents of Guam who require assistance as they maneuver their way through the justice process. Our loyal, dedicated and most committed employees will carry on despite the budgetary constraints our island continues to face. It is this commitment to our roles as true "public servants" that gratifies and satisfies us at the end of each work day.



### **FEEDBACK:**

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