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PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE YEARLY REPORT FOR 2021

REPRESENTATION PROVIDED IN 2021

Criminal Courts-

Counsel at First Appearances-	603
Homicides-	1
All Other Felonies-	178
Misdemeanors, Violations, Others (includes Parole, Fugitives, Drug Treatment Court)-	507
Cases Disposed of During Year-	515

Family Court-

Cases Accepted-	133
Cases Disposed of During Year-	106

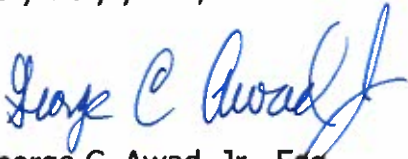
Criminal Cases Pending As Of 12/31/21- 274

Family Court Cases Pending As Of 12/31/22- 62

HIGHLIGHTS

1. The Public Defender's program for providing the required counsel at first appearances has been recognized by the State as a model for providing service.
2. Despite difficulties with restarting in-person court appearances post-COVID, the level of service which can be seen from the above numbers has not declined.
3. For yet another year, not a single case or matter was returned by an Appellate Court due to ineffective assistance of counsel provided by this office.
4. For 2022 our goal is to continue to minimize the number of conflicts of interest and reduce the pressure on the Assigned Counsel Budget.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "George C. Awad, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

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