



# Public Defender's Office Contact Information and Resources

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- **Arriba Juntos Office**  
1850 Mission Street  
Monday, 2pm-4pm
- **Public Defender's Office**  
555 7th Street  
Tuesday, 9am-11am
- **Up From Darkness Office**  
1075 Fillmore Street  
1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 2pm-4pm
- **The Village Community Center**  
1099 Sunnydale Avenue  
4th Wednesdays, 2pm-4pm
- **Southeast Community Center**  
1800 Oakdale Avenue  
Thursday, 9am-noon

# *Message from the Public Defender*

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***Excellence. Integrity. Justice. Communication. Respect. Community. Leadership. Services. Teamwork. Opportunity.***

These are the core values of the San Francisco Public Defender's Office. These values are at the very foundation of who we are, what we stand for and how we aspire to serve our clients.

These values represent our promise that each client will receive the finest legal representation possible and that staff members will receive the resources, support and training necessary to do their job to the best of their ability.

Through discipline, perseverance and ethical action we breathe life into these values.

In this year's annual report, you will learn more about the mission, vision and values of the San Francisco Public Defender's Office. From our case statistics and unit reports, you will discover how we translate these values into success in the courtroom and in the community.

Each year, we serve over 20,000 individuals facing felony and misdemeanor criminal charges, seeking expungement services, requiring social service assessments, and opposing civil commitments.

Our clients trust us to provide no less than the best legal representation that we have to offer. Justice demands it. With pride, passion, and adherence to the values that bind us and define us, we deliver.

Sincerely,



Jeff Adachi





Deputy Public Defender Manohar Raju represents a client at arraignment.

***Mission.*** Our mission is to protect and defend the rights of our indigent clients through effective, vigorous, compassionate, and creative legal advocacy.

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# January

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☀ 25	26 Chinese New Year	27	28	29	30	31

## 2008 Benchmarks for Justice

- AB 2377, a bill that would have reduced defense access to records of police misconduct, is pulled in response to a targeted legislative advocacy campaign initiated by Public Defender Jeff Adachi.
- After video evidence from San Francisco safety cameras helps exonerate several Public Defender's Office clients, the Board of Supervisors ratifies legislation to allow defense attorneys easier access to footage.
- The San Francisco Board of Supervisors passes an ordinance formalizing the Reentry Council. The first of its kind in the nation, the Council will serve as an advisory board to the Mayor on prisoner reentry issues.
- Chief Attorney Teresa Caffese is recognized as one of California's Top 75 Women Litigators by the San Francisco *Daily Journal*.
- The Public Defender's Office publishes a client guide to the criminal justice system in English and Spanish. Nearly 4,000 copies are distributed.



Public Defender Jeff Adachi addresses a City Hall rally in support of prisoner reentry services.

***Vision.*** Our vision is to provide the highest level of legal advocacy for each of our clients, and to be a nationwide model for the delivery of indigent defense services.

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# February

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1	☾ 2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6	7
8	☉ 9 Spring Intern Orientation: 60 students	10	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Valentine's Day
15	☾ 16 President's Day	17	18	19	20	21
22 Washington's Birthday	23	● 24 Mardi Gras	25 Ash Wednesday	26	27	28

"The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized."

*United States Constitution: Fourth Amendment*

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# Excellence.

We strive for personal and professional excellence. We recognize and reward exceptional performance.



In 2008, the Public Defender's Office Felony Unit handled **10,835** cases and completed **64** jury trials with a **44%** success rate: **34%** resulted in no conviction and **10%** resulted in mixed verdicts of conviction and acquittal.

The Felony Unit also reported:

- Arraignments (new cases): **4,805**
- Cases dismissed: **1,108**
- Cases held to answer: **825**
- Felony cases reduced to misdemeanor: **163**
- Resolved by plea bargain before preliminary hearing: **1,878**
- Avg. attorney caseload, annually: **301**
- Avg. attorney caseload, any given time: **56**

In 2008, the Misdemeanor Unit handled **8,780** cases and completed **134** jury trials with a **72%** success rate: **43%** resulted in no conviction and **29%** resulted in mixed verdicts of conviction and acquittal.

The Misdemeanor Unit also reported:

- Arraignments (new cases): **3,481**
- Cases dismissed: **1,978**
- Trial settings: **2,097**
- Avg. attorney caseload, annually: **585**
- Avg. attorney caseload, any given time: **129**

Deputy Public Defender Matthew Rosen exits Department 21 after sentencing.

# March

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*"[My social worker] is truly concerned when it comes to, not just doing her job, but doing her job to the very best of her ability. [She] is unrivaled when it comes to helping those who truly desire to change, are less fortunate, and just can't get a break."*



Deputy Public Defender Roger Chan consults with the parents of a client.

EVERY KID  
COUNTS

In 2008, the Public Defender's Office Juvenile Unit handled **1,100** cases on behalf of minors charged with delinquent offenses.

For the second year in a row, not a single client was committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice.

The Juvenile Unit also reported:

- Court appearances: **3,545**
- Trials: **53**
- Contested dispositions: **76**
- Avg. attorney caseload, annually: **138**
- Avg. attorney caseload, any given time: **50**

*Integrity.* We act with integrity, fairness and honesty.

# April

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<p>19</p> <p>Orthodox Easter</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Earth Day</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Arbor Day</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>"The erosion of a nation's concern for life and for individual rights, has always preceded the intrusion of tyranny." <i>Gerry Spence</i></p>	

## 5th Annual Juvenile Justice Summit

*Less Talk More Action:  
Solutions for Safe Schools and Safe Streets  
May 2008*

Over 200 youth, families, youth agencies and community partners convened at the San Francisco Main Public Library, Koret Auditorium, to discuss and pose solutions to violence among youth in schools and their communities.

For more information on the Annual Juvenile Justice Summit visit: <http://sfpublicdefender.org>.



Chief Attorney Teresa Caffese leads a panel discussion at the 5th Annual Juvenile Justice Summit.

*Justice.* We are committed to ensuring justice, humanity, and equality in the criminal and juvenile justice systems.

# May

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31	<p>“... nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law...”</p> <p><i>United States Constitution: Fifth Amendment</i></p>				April 2009 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	June 2009 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

# Communication.

We communicate with our clients and their families.

*"[My public defender] has shown me so much personal attention and respect as a human individual.... Thank you very much for such a superb counsel."*

The attorneys of the Public Defender's Office are supported by a dedicated and talented staff of investigators, paralegals, legal processing clerks, word processors, social workers, and information technology specialists.

Our Training Unit provides in-house lectures and workshops to ensure a well-rounded and knowledgeable staff.

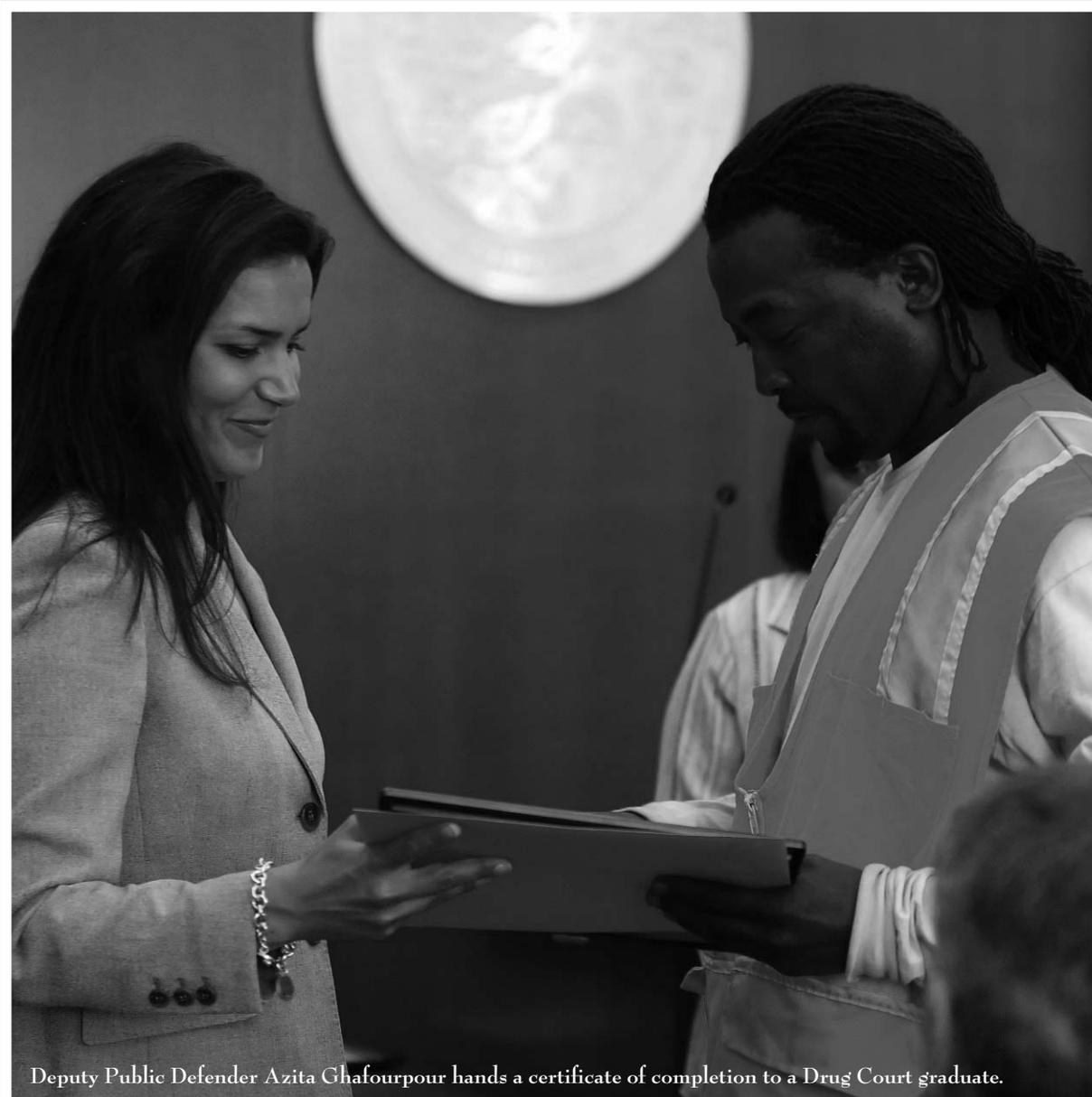
In 2008, our Research Unit produced **39** memoranda of law, **115** motions, **214** writs and appeals, and **20** office trainings and seminars.

At arraignment, Deputy Public Defender Megan Burns explains her client's rights.

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*Respect.* We understand and appreciate the inherent value of one another.  
We treat clients and their families with utmost dignity and respect.



Deputy Public Defender Azita Ghafourpour hands a certificate of completion to a Drug Court graduate.

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COURT:**

Recipient of the Council on Mentally Ill Offenders 2008 Best Practices Award, BHC redirects mentally ill offenders from jail and into intensive case management in the community mental health system.

- Total cases: **112**
- Number of graduates: **18**

**DRUG COURT:** Designed to treat the root causes of addiction, Drug Court diverts non-violent substance abusers into intensive treatment, vocation and educational programs. Charges are dismissed upon successful completion of the Drug Court program.

- Total cases: **1303**
- Number of graduates: **232**

**PROPOSITION 36 COURT:** Passed by California voters in 2000, Prop. 36 Court allows non-violent substance abusers convicted of drug possession to participate in treatment in lieu of incarceration.

- Total cases: **216**
- Number of graduates: **41**



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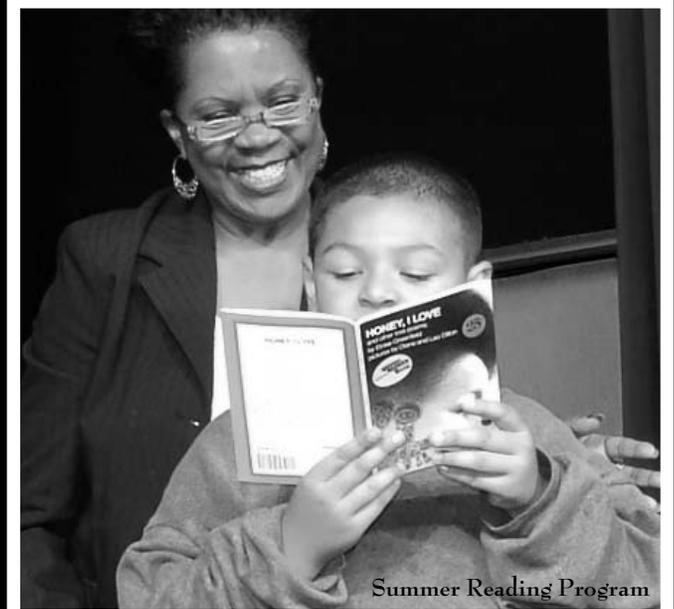
Children's Book and Technology Fair

The Public Defender's Office BMAGIC and Mo' MAGIC collaboratives each convene over 50 private, non-profit and government organizations to address the needs of service providers, youth and their families in the Bayview-Hunter's Point and Western Addition neighborhoods of San Francisco.

In 2008, BMAGIC and Mo' MAGIC provided educational and leadership opportunities to youth through innovative programming and events, including: Western Addition Community Health Fair; City Hall Youth Art Show and Talent Showcase; BMAGIC Winter Ball; Mo' MAGIC Black and White Ball; and the Annual Back-to-School Celebration and Backpack Giveaway where over 4,000 backpacks filled with school supplies are distributed.



Field Day in Golden Gate Park



Summer Reading Program

*Community. We make a difference in our local community.*

# August

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3rd Annual Reentry Summit, keynote speaker Joey Ray Lucero of Homeboy Industries.

reentry works.



### **3rd Annual Safe Communities Reentry Council Summit**

*Reentry Works: Creating Employment Opportunities for Formerly Incarcerated San Franciscans*  
**September 2008**

Over 375 participants convened at the 3rd Annual Reentry Summit, where the second edition of *Getting Out and Staying Out: A Guide to San Francisco Resources for People Leaving Jails and Prisons* was made available. To date, over 8,000 copies of *Getting Out* have been distributed to county jails, federal and state prisons, and community-based organizations.

The Safe Communities Reentry Council provides information and updates on reentry issues to over 900 individuals each month. For more information on the Safe Communities Reentry Council visit: <http://sfreentry.com>.

*Leadership. We lead by example.*

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# September

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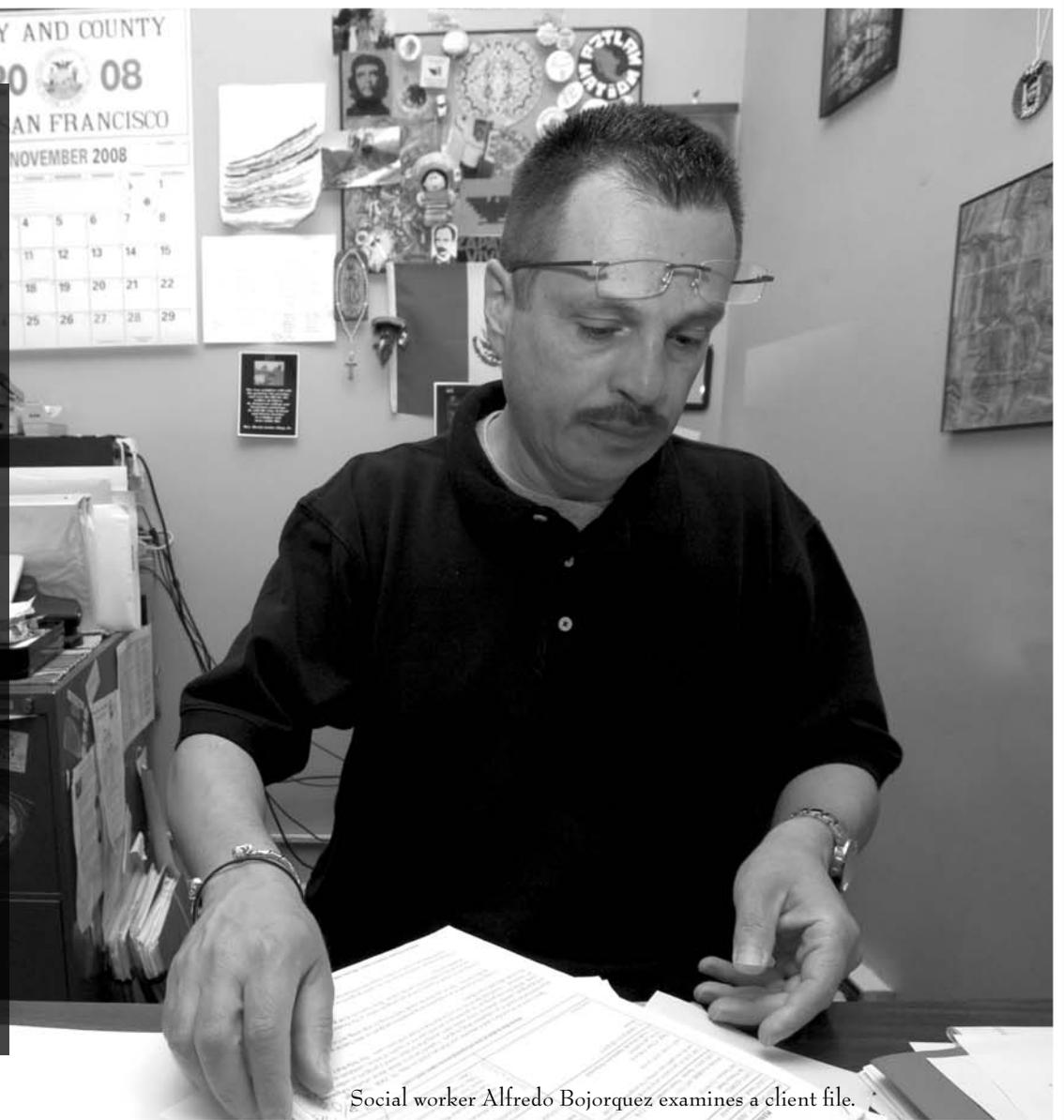
The Public Defender's Office Reentry Unit provides clients with an innovative blend of legal, social, and practical support through its Clean Slate Program, Children of Incarcerated Parents (CIP) program, and social work component.

In 2008, the Reentry Unit assessed a total of **400** clients for social services; over **60%** were successfully placed into or referred to employment, housing, educational, medical, or mental health services.

CIP acquired **54** new clients, bringing their caseload to **150**; over **75%** of CIP clients received the services they requested, including contact visits with their children, advocacy at court hearings, housing, education and treatment referrals.

The Clean Slate Program filed **1432** motions to reduce the impact of lifetime arrest and/or conviction records; **86%** of these motions were successfully granted:

- **879** clients had a felony or misdemeanor conviction expunged from their record;
- **140** had an arrest record sealed or sealed and destroyed;
- **120** clients had a felony conviction reduced to a misdemeanor; and
- **6** clients received a Certificate of Rehabilitation after serving a state prison sentence.

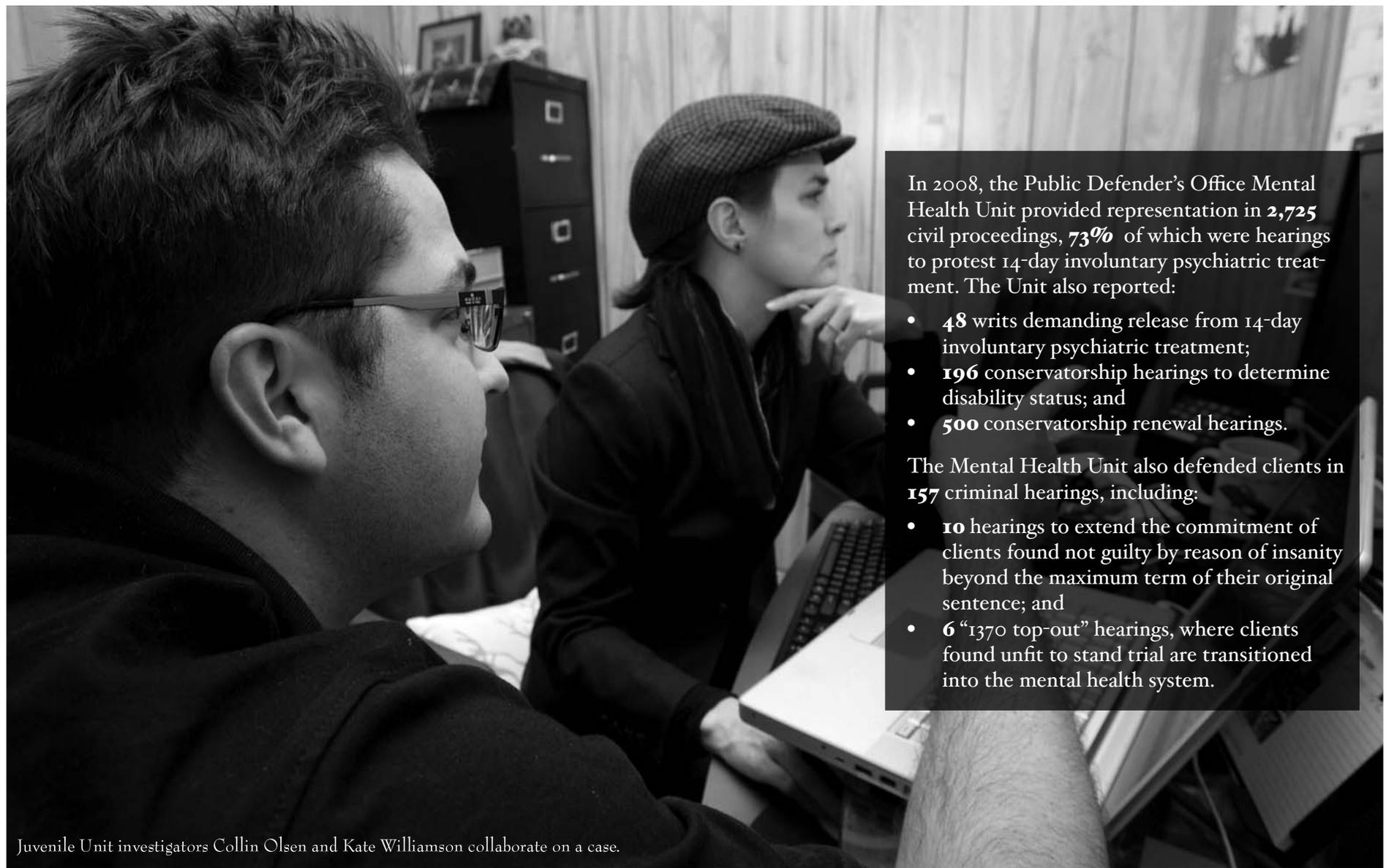


Social worker Alfredo Bojorquez examines a client file.

## *Services.*

We focus on serving the needs of our clients.





Juvenile Unit investigators Collin Olsen and Kate Williamson collaborate on a case.

In 2008, the Public Defender's Office Mental Health Unit provided representation in **2,725** civil proceedings, **73%** of which were hearings to protest 14-day involuntary psychiatric treatment. The Unit also reported:

- **48** writs demanding release from 14-day involuntary psychiatric treatment;
- **196** conservatorship hearings to determine disability status; and
- **500** conservatorship renewal hearings.

The Mental Health Unit also defended clients in **157** criminal hearings, including:

- **10** hearings to extend the commitment of clients found not guilty by reason of insanity beyond the maximum term of their original sentence; and
- **6** "1370 top-out" hearings, where clients found unfit to stand trial are transitioned into the mental health system.

## *Teamwork.*

We have a supportive, diverse work environment. We value innovation, input and feedback from all.

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# Opportunity.

We provide opportunities to all staff to contribute and achieve their highest potential.

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## **VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY PROGRAM**

The Volunteer Attorney Program (VAP) offers recently graduated lawyers and law firm associates experience handling misdemeanor cases and jury trials. Volunteers receive extensive training in trial skills, the law of evidence and courtroom protocol. This competitive program requires a full-time four month commitment.

In 2008, **9** attorneys participated in VAP, trying a total of **20** cases.

## **VOLUNTEER INTERN PROGRAM**

The Volunteer Intern Program (VIP) provides opportunities to law students, paralegals, investigators, college students and volunteers who are interested in receiving hands-on experience.

In 2008, **215** interns participated in VIP.

## **WEST COAST FORENSIC TRIAL COLLEGE: Blood Spatter, Spring 2008**

The Public Defender's Office hosted a 1-day weekend "trial college" where participants were lectured on the science of blood spatter and learned how to discredit poorly trained experts in cases involving this critical forensic area.

## **TRIAL SKILLS COLLEGE: Advanced Techniques of Cross Examination, Fall 2008**

Hosted by the Public Defender's Office, this 1-day workshop featured Larry Pozner, co-author of *Cross Examination: Science and Techniques.* Participants, organized into small breakout groups, put Pozner's principles of cross examination into practice.

Deputy Public Defender Michelle Tong, former VIP participant and paralegal, chats with a client.

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