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Support
the
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Defender's

28,000 SAN FRANCISCANS RELY ON THE PUBLIC DEFENDER EACH YEAR

THERE MUST BE JUSTICE

2010 SF PUBLIC DEFENDER ANNUAL REPORT AND CALENDAR

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- **Up From Darkness Office**
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3pm-5pm
- **The Village Community Center**
1099 Sunnysdale Avenue
4th Wednesday of the Month
3pm-5pm
- **Southeast Community Center**
1800 Oakdale Avenue
1st & 3rd Thursday of the Month
9am-11am



JUSTICE FOR ALL

Dear Friends,

In 2009, an innocent man was arrested for a hit-and-run that never happened. A jury found him not guilty after his public defender exposed the supposed victim's history of reporting false accidents as part of an insurance scam.

A 56-year-old disabled woman saw her felony assault charges dismissed following a one-year court battle in which her public defender argued that police had unnecessarily shot her six times.

Carjacking charges against a San Francisco resident were thrown out on trial day when the victim told authorities they had the wrong man. Our client thanked his public defender for advising him to refuse a plea bargain that would have sent him to state prison.

These are three stories from the 28,000 people we represented last year, as the need for our services soared due to the economic downturn.

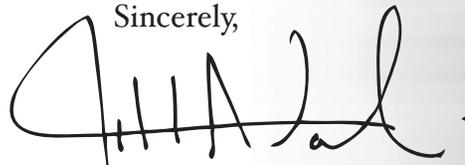
A recent study by the City Controller showed most of our attorneys work 50-70 hours a week without overtime and handle caseloads far exceeding the American Bar Association's guidelines. We were the only department whose employees agreed to take two pay cuts last year to help the city overcome its deficit. Despite these efforts, our budget was cut by nearly \$1 million, forcing us to outsource hundreds of cases to private attorneys.

Even with an acute staffing shortage, we continued to champion the professionalism and accountability for which our office is known. Here are a few of last year's highlights:

- We tried more cases than ever before and won more acquittals.
- Our reentry programs saved taxpayers more than \$6 million.
- Our Clean Slate program celebrated 10 years of helping people make new starts.
- We received the Program of the Year Award from the statewide Public Defender's Association for assisting children of incarcerated parents.
- More than 200 community members showed up at City Hall to support our fight against budget cuts.
- We held legal forums in Chinatown and other neighborhoods to inform members of the immigrant community of their legal rights.

This report reflects our belief in transparency. I am proud to share the collective achievements of our office and its dedicated partners. In the year ahead, we will continue to provide equal justice for all San Franciscans.

Sincerely,



Jeff Adachi

Public Defender



“My attorney fought for me.
Money didn't matter.”



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

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EQUAL JUSTICE

Attorney Lateef Gray represents one of the 28,000 clients served by the Public Defender's office in 2009. The need for public defender services soared amid high unemployment and a faltering economy.

JANUARY

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FACTS + FIGURES

\$25,000

Estimated maximum **income** of defendants eligible for a public defender.

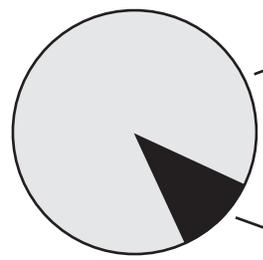
80%

Estimated number of public defender clients who cannot **afford** bail.

Bail for a **drug possession** charge.

\$5000

forty-five percent San Francisco County Jail inmates charged with **drug offenses**.



\$3000

Typical attorney **fee** to represent someone charged with driving under the influence.

\$349

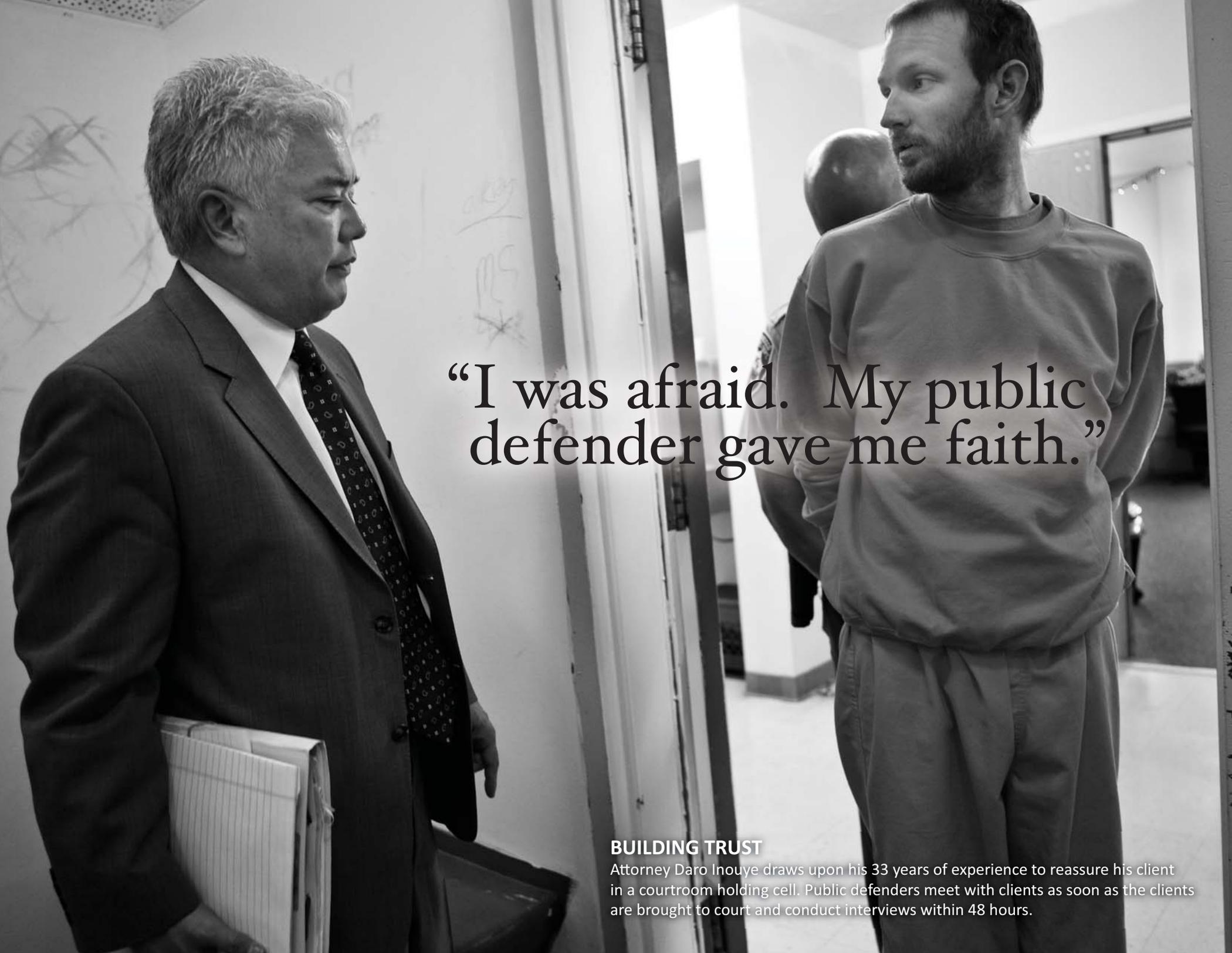
Actual cost if **represented** by public defender.

Two hundred forty thousand dollars per day

Cost to **taxpayers** for housing prisoners in San Francisco County Jail.



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“I was afraid. My public defender gave me faith.”

BUILDING TRUST

Attorney Daro Inouye draws upon his 33 years of experience to reassure his client in a courtroom holding cell. Public defenders meet with clients as soon as the clients are brought to court and conduct interviews within 48 hours.

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72 HRS

Length of time a person can be **detained** in jail before seeing a judge to hear the accusations against them.

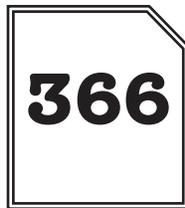


Approximate number of clients each public defender **assists** in a single day.

O.R.

adj – Abbreviation for “own recognizance.” A type of motion which argues for a client’s release from jail while the case is being investigated.

Usage: “The judge is granting an **O.R.** motion, releasing Mr. Johnson from jail while his case is decided.”



O.R. motions **filed** on behalf of clients in felony cases following judges’ initial denials of release.



Clients **released** on O.R. after motions were heard.





“When I speak for my clients,
I know how they feel.”

VOICE FOR THE UNHEARD

Attorney Stephanie Lacambra consults with her client before making his case in court. Public defenders know what it means to be the underdog. Many public defenders hail from communities that have long histories of struggling for justice, peace, and equality.

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19%

Public defenders who grew up in **low-income** families.

Managers in Public Defender's office who are **women**.

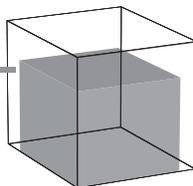
61.5%

+14.5%

Difference between San Francisco Public Defender's office & national average.

SIXTY-FIVE PERCENT

Public defenders who **identify** as ethnic or racial minorities, immigrants, or LGBT.



DEC. 17, 2009

Paralegal Lillian Vera became a **naturalized citizen**.

TWICE

Number of times the Public Defender's office received the Bar Association of San Francisco's **top award** for ethnic and gender diversity.





“Mistakes happen. I’ll catch them before they ruin lives.”

CONFIDENCE IN JUSTICE

Investigator Lawrence Porchia interviews a witness at United Nations Plaza. The Public Defender’s 18 investigators conduct independent reviews in each case and gather critical evidence for trial.

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THREE: Number of attorneys recommended per a single investigator.



FIVE: Actual number of public defender attorneys per a single investigator.

168

Cases handled by a single investigator per year.

932
Subpoenas filed by investigators.

FOUR

Witnesses interviewed in a typical case.

Pitch·ess

adj – Legal case that first allowed for the review of police officers’ misconduct records.

Usage: “We need a **Pitchess** investigation of Officer Evans’ background to see if he has a history of using excessive force.”

850

Estimated Pitchess investigations conducted.





“My heart belongs here.”

DEDICATION & PROFESSIONALISM

Felony Attorney Niki Solis works late into the evening preparing to defend a young man charged with murder. Many of the attorneys in the office have turned down lucrative careers in the private sector to become public defenders.

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Memorial Day

one thousand two hundred per week

..... Unpaid overtime hours worked by public defenders.

Public defenders with **more than 20 years** experience.

26 — **9½**

Average years of **experience** practicing criminal law.

BOALT
COLUMBIA
HARVARD
STANFORD
UC HASTINGS
YALE

Sample of **law schools** attended by public defenders.

Clerk Angela Mathews' **first day** of work at the Public Defender's office. She celebrated her 32nd anniversary in 2009.



225

Law students, attorneys, college and high school students who **volunteer** per year.





“I’m a public defender,
not a public pretender.”

COURAGE & TENACITY

Attorney Eric Quandt argues the merits of his client’s case before a judge. Despite the large number of cases which are assigned to the office, each client receives vigorous representation and individual attention.

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\$652M \$23M

Money **spent** on law enforcement vs. money **spent** on public defender.

1,311

Hearings to **challenge** whether evidence is sufficient to support felony charges.

Legal **motions** filed by public defenders.

1,252

1,971
Police officers
staffed per
city charter.

18: Public defender **investigators.**

12 Number of **jurors** in a criminal case.

90 Typical number of **San Franciscans** called to select 12 jurors.

29,942

San Franciscans who **reported** for jury service at the Hall of Justice in 2009.





“The best
defense money
can’t buy.”

IT TAKES A TEAM

The Juvenile Unit personifies the spirit of collaboration that guides the Public Defender’s office. Investigators, attorneys, paralegals and support staff combine efforts each day in pursuit of one goal: justice.

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Independence Day						
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1:6

Ratio of **paralegal** to attorneys.

thirty thousand

Files **created or retrieved** by public defender clerks each year.

5126

Pages **transcribed** by clerical staff.

Brown Bag

n – a lunchtime meeting during which an attorney will review the evidence and the law with other public defenders, paralegals, & investigators to determine how to best defend a client.

Usage: “I felt really confident going to trial with my client because we had a **brown bag** regarding his case.”

125

Brown bags & brainstorming **meetings** held.

246

Appeals and challenges **authored** by research attorneys to dispute rulings by trial judges.

130,000
MAY I HELP YOU?

Phone calls **answered** and visitors **assisted** by support staff.





“I empower my team to succeed.”

LEADERSHIP

Managers provide coaching and support to the staff of the Public Defender's office. The management team meets twice a month to resolve problems and ensure that the office operates smoothly.

Photo by Jackson Solway.

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Asterisk *

adj – A senior attorney in a misdemeanor courtroom who serves as both advisor and role model to newer public defenders.

Usage: “As an **asterisk** attorney, I watch out not just for my own clients but for everyone who appears in my courtroom.”

Number of **employees** in the Public Defender’s office.

155

Performance evaluations completed each year to ensure **high quality** representation.

155

100
PERCENT

Employees who receive individualized **coaching** from managers.

16 Clients personally **represented** by full-time managers.

Number of **office-wide** meetings to discuss goals and monitor progress. **TWO** per year

forty-seven

Trainings held in areas such as faulty breathalyzers, immigration issues and **ballistic evidence**.





“Fail them and we fail.”

KIDS & COMMUNITY

Bayview MAGIC Director Yvette Robles enjoys storytime with children at the BMAGIC Book Fair. The Public Defender's office's Juvenile Unit works to achieve positive legal and social outcomes for 1,100 youth annually. Through the MAGIC programs, public defenders do more than just defend kids in court; they invest in neighborhoods and provide the tools to improve lives.

SEPTEMBER

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FACTS + FIGURES

1155

Youth **defended** by the Public Defender's office annually.

15.6

Average **age** of juvenile clients.

138

Youth a juvenile attorney will represent in a year.

four thousand five hundred

Children who **participated** in Mo'MAGIC and BMAGIC's Back to School Celebration and Backpack Giveaway.

268

Youth **placed** into community-based programs.

Youth sentenced to juvenile **state prison**.

ZERO

55: 

Ratio of clients per **juvenile attorney**.

Participants in the Mo'MAGIC **literacy and arts** program.

GOO KIDS

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“Instead of jail,
I received treatment.”



DIGNITY

Attorney Jennifer Johnson, who has defended clients in the Behavioral Health Court since its inception in 2003, celebrates her client's success in completing the program. The court provides positive legal outcomes to those who participate in long-term mental health treatment.

OCTOBER

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Estimated percentage of jail inmates nationwide who **suffer** from mental illness.

2,000

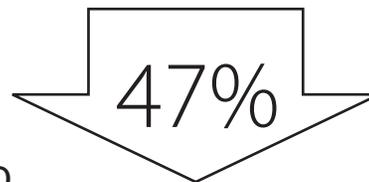
Approximate number of clients who participated in **Drug Court** in 2009.

two **thousand** eight **hundred** seventy-two

Criminal and civil cases **represented** by the Public Defender's office's Mental Health Unit.

\$2.7
MILLION

Annual net **savings** to taxpayers generated by the Behavioral Health Court.



Annual **cost savings** per client in Behavioral Health Court due to drop in recidivism.



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“The greatest triumph
is freeing an
innocent person.”



VICTORY

Chief Attorney Teresa Caffese in court. In 2009, Ms. Caffese obtained an acquittal for her client, a domestic violence victim who killed her estranged boyfriend in self-defense.

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78
Felony

110
Misdemeanor

41
Juvenile

TRIALS

25

Number of times investigators **testified** at trials in 2009.

thirteen-eighty-five

v. to dismiss a charge in the interest of justice.

Usage: "The judge **thirteen-eighty-fived** Ms. Fong's case because the witness didn't identify my client."

fifty-one percent

Felony trials resulting in **no conviction.**



Typical number of exhibits and presentations **prepared** by paralegals for each trial.



“I have my life back.”



REDEMPTION

Chris Jones, who expunged the convictions on his criminal record through the Public Defender's office's Clean Slate program, now counsels other formerly incarcerated individuals.

DECEMBER

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Clean Slate program **created** by Public Defender Jeff Adachi.



2,500

Clients **served** by Clean Slate in 2009.

BAYVIEW
FILLMORE
MISSION
SOMA
SUNNYDALE

Clean Slate **community** locations.

98%

Clients who experienced **positive outcomes** as a result of employment, education and substance abuse services made available through the Public Defender's office.

2009
DEC 3

Community celebrates 10 years of **second chances** through the Clean Slate Program.

Incarceration costs **saved** by the Public Defender's office's reentry unit. **\$5 MILLION**



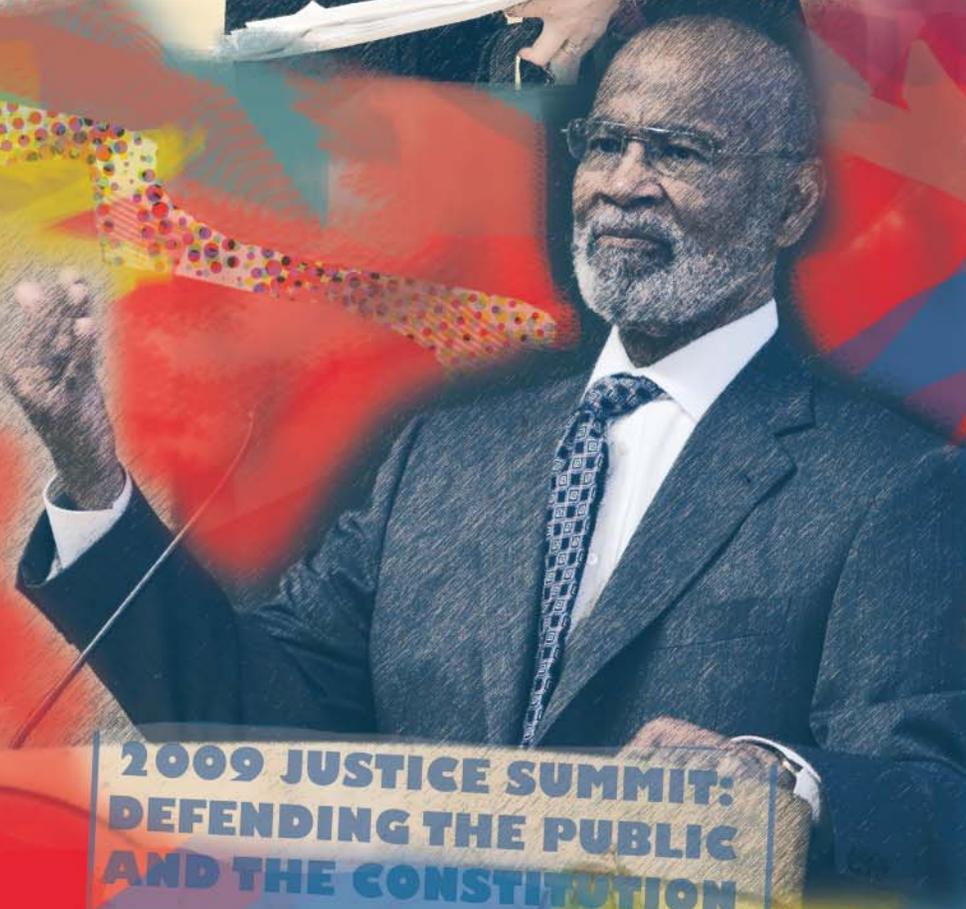
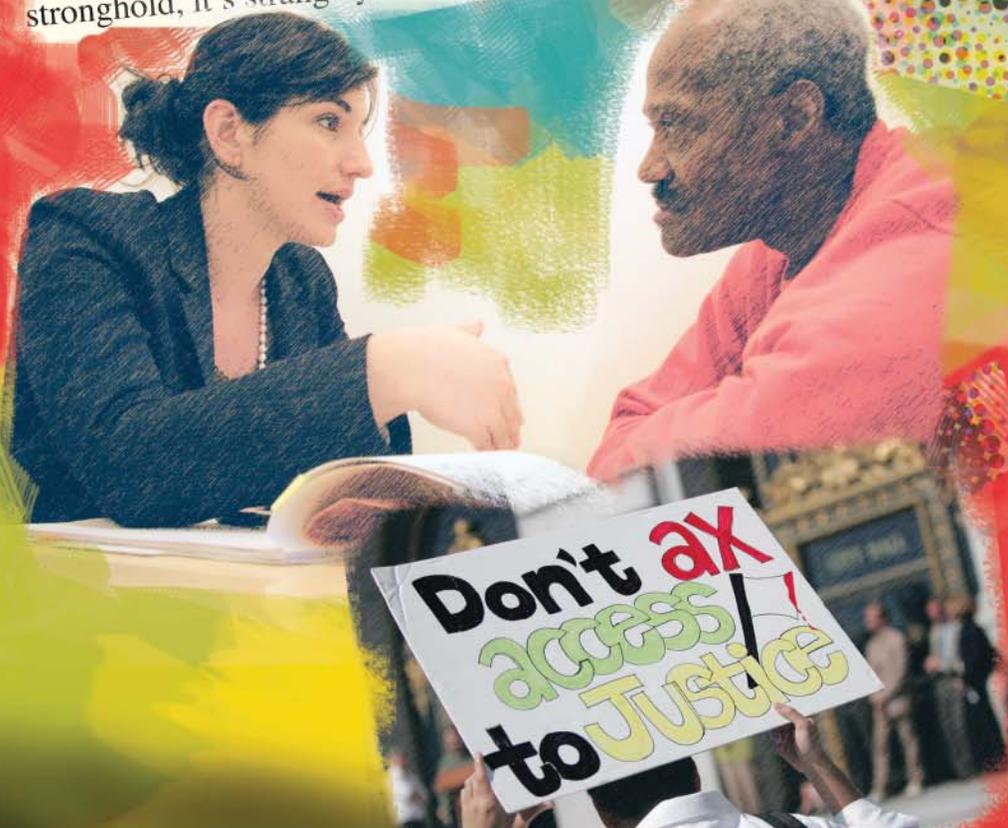
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EDITORIAL *On San Francisco's Public Defender*

Don't shortchange justice

Some public duties can't be shirked. One essential is the right to a public lawyer if a defendant is too poor to pay for a private attorney. That may seem to be a given in this society, but in San Francisco, a civil liberties stronghold, it's strangely not the case.



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AND THE CONSTITUTION**