

OFFICE OF THE APPELLATE DEFENDER
Report to the Montana Public Defender Commission

November 2007 through February 21, 2008

The Appellate Defender Office (ADO) has taken in the following cases since the last report:

November 2007:	23 new appeals, 7 contracted out of office, 1 case kept by OPD
December 2007:	28 new cases, 8 contracted out of office, 1 case kept by OPD
January 2008	18 new cases, 1 contracted out of office, 3 kept by OPD
February 2009	7 new cases, 1 case contracted out of office (as of February 21)

Thirteen of these cases were either dependent/neglect, mental health or juvenile cases. We are currently awaiting either transcripts or the district court record to be filed before appointment on 12 of these cases.

Since November 2007 we have filed 38 opening briefs and 29 reply briefs. Fourteen of these openings and replies were either dependent/neglect or mental health briefs.

Briefs filed within ADO by month:

08/2006	5	03/2007	14	10/2007	21
09/2006	5	04/2007	18	11/2007	16
10/2006	12	05/2007	15	12/2007	17
11/2006	15	06/2007	14	01/2008	18
12/2006	10	07/2007	18	02/2008	16 (as of 2/21)
01/2007	14	08/2007	19		
02/2007	12	09/2007	23		