

**OFFICE OF THE APPELLATE DEFENDER
REPORT TO THE MONTANA PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION**

JULY 2007

We have taken in 13 new appeals within the office this month and have contracted out 5 other new appeals to contract attorneys. Two of these appeals are dependent/neglect appeals which we have kept within our office. Total of 18 new appeals received in June.

As of 7/20/2007 we have filed 5 opening briefs, this number is low because the paralegal who formats and proofs all briefs was on vacation for the first two weeks of July. Estimate of an additional 9 briefs to be filed by the end of July.

14 Briefs filed in June (7 were opening briefs – 5 reply briefs – 2 Anders briefs) (2 of these briefs were dependent/neglect briefs).

15 Briefs filed in May (7 were opening briefs – 7 reply briefs – 1 Anders brief) (1 brief was a dependent/neglect).

Briefs filed within ADO Office
(This number is accurate)

08/2006	5
09/2006	5
10/2006	12
11/2006	15
12/2006	10
01/2007	14
02/2007	12
03/2007	14
04/2007	18
05/2007	15
06/2007	14

There are currently 205 appellate cases open in the ADO. (Within ADO 144 cases; contract open cases 47; conflict open 14; closed cases 48.)