



THE LOUISIANA PUBLIC DEFENDER BOARD

Supporting Public Defenders - Improving Outcomes in Client Representation

LPDB Supports Public Defenders

Established a public defender system free from undue political and judicial interference and free of conflicts of interest

Statewide database is the most expansive, real-time criminal justice data reporting tool available in the state capturing case data from arrest through disposition

Offers the most comprehensive and accessible defense attorney training program in the state, which is free to attorneys representing indigent clients

Developed a fair and transparent method of distributing state funds

Developed advisory councils to give defenders a voice in state policy

LPDB Provides Supervision to District and Program Offices

Implemented site visit protocol ensuring adherence to standards

Revenues and expenditures monitored to ensure solvency and compliance with state law

Individual attorney caseloads monitored to ensure attorneys maintain ethical responsibilities

LPDB Requires Adherence to Standards

Trial Court Performance Standards for Representation of Adult Clients, promulgated

Trial Court Performance Standards for Parents in Child in Need of Care Cases, promulgated

Trial Court Performance Standards for Children in Delinquency Cases, promulgated

Capital Performance Standards, promulgated

LPDB Continues to Improve Outcomes in Client Representation

Decreased attorney caseloads

Expedited the attorney appointment process

Improved representation and advocacy in post-conviction, juvenile, CINC, and criminal court proceedings

Improved outcomes in adult criminal and CINC proceedings

In pursuit of equal justice, the Louisiana Public Defender Board advocates for clients, supports practitioners and protects the public by continually improving the services guaranteed by the constitutional right to counsel.

Through its commitment to performance standards, ethical excellence, data-driven practices and client-centered advocacy, the Louisiana Public Defender Board oversees the delivery of high quality legal services affecting adults, children and families, and supports community well-being across Louisiana.