



THE LOUISIANA PUBLIC DEFENDER BOARD

Protecting State Investments - Improving Outcomes in Client Representation

LPDB Protects State Investments

Monthly expense, revenue, and compensation reports from district and program offices

Annual reporting by districts and state office submitted to the Legislature

Field audits for compliance with state procedures and accounting best practices

Dormant cases are not included in calculations to determine state funding

Regional approach to capital representation relieves district offices of the workload and financial burdens associated with capital cases, allowing local resources to be utilized for other case types

LPDB Provides Supervision to District and Program Offices

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

Implemented site visit protocol ensuring adherence to standards

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

Individual attorney caseloads monitored to ensure attorneys maintain ethical responsibilities

Client complaint policy

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.