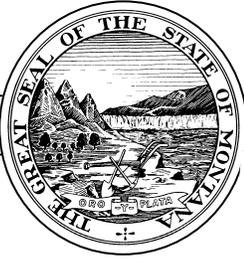


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To: Montana Public Defender Commission
From: Kristina Neal, Conflict Coordinator
RE: Report to the Commission

UPDATES

Conflict cases: During the last quarter, October 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012, I have appointed counsel in 974 cases, or approximately 324 cases per month. (see attached). In January 2013, I appointed attorneys for 292 cases. Although the overall number of cases has declined slightly, the expansion of DN cases continues, especially in Missoula and Great Falls. Great Falls continues to be of concern, given the limited number of contract attorneys available for that region.

Support Staff: On November 19, 2012, I hired Amy Clark as a part-time assistant. Ms. Clark has already proven to be a valuable asset and eased my work-load so that I can focus more on appointments and legal matters rather than administrative tasks.

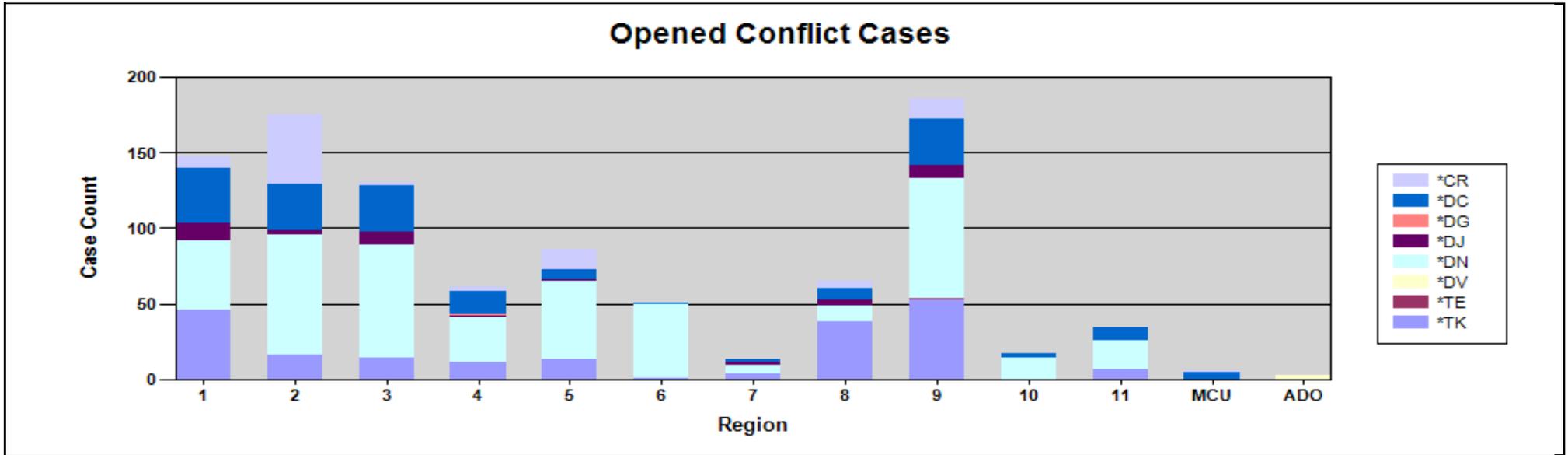
Legislative Session: We submitted a decision package to the legislature to hire another attorney to work for the conflict coordinator office. This attorney would have handled all of the state's postconviction work and serve as a back-up for me. Unfortunately, this legislation was tabled by the House Judiciary.

Standards Compliance Interviews: Larry Murphy and I have standards compliance interviews, via Skype, scheduled with two of our contract attorneys from Polson and potentially an attorney from Kalispell. This process has been a very beneficial opportunity to meet attorneys that I had not yet worked with and also a chance to receive input and suggestions from several of the attorneys.



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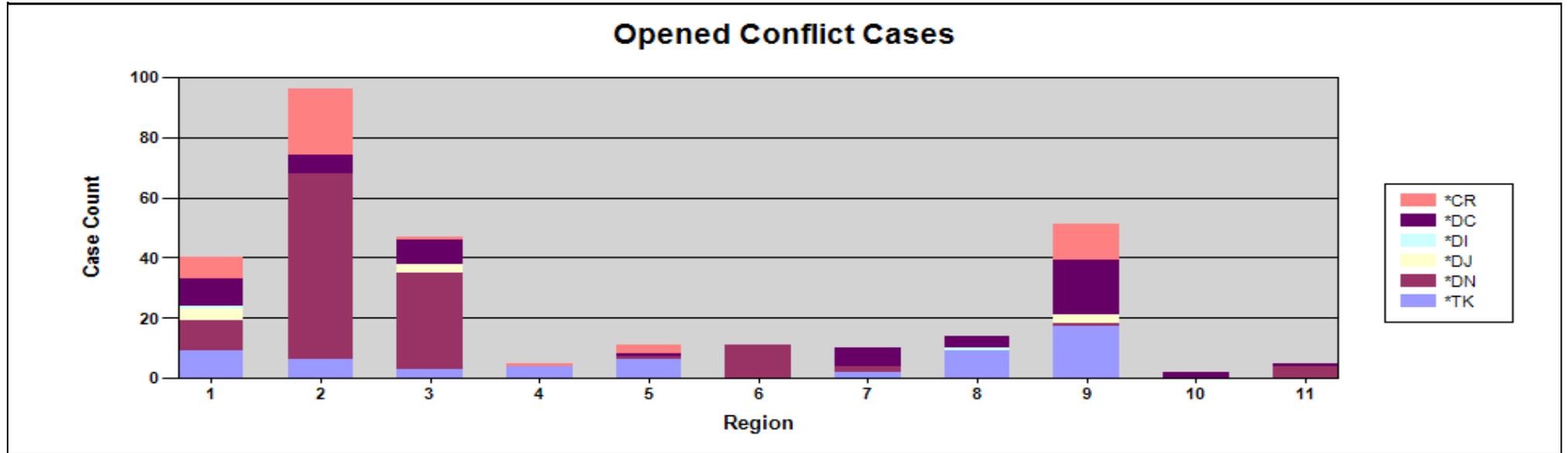


	*CR	*DC	*DG	*DJ	*DN	*DV	*TE	*TK	Total
Regional Office, Region 1	7	37	0	11	46	0	0	46	147
Regional Office, Region 2	46	30	0	3	80	0	0	16	175
Regional Office, Region 3	2	30	0	9	75	0	0	14	130
Regional Office, Region 4	3	15	1	1	30	0	0	11	61
Regional Office, Region 5	13	7	0	1	52	0	0	13	86
Regional Office, Region 6	0	1	0	0	49	0	0	1	51
Regional Office, Region 7	0	2	0	1	6	0	0	4	13
Regional Office, Region 8	5	7	0	4	11	0	0	38	65
Regional Office, Region 9	14	30	0	9	79	0	1	53	186
Regional Office, Region 10	0	3	0	0	14	0	0	0	17
Regional Office, Region 11	0	8	0	0	19	0	0	7	34
Major Crime Unit	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Appellate Defender's Office	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Total	91	175	1	39	461	3	1	203	974



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	*CR	*DC	*DI	*DJ	*DN	*TK	Total
Regional Office, Region 1	7	9	1	4	10	9	40
Regional Office, Region 2	22	6	0	0	62	6	96
Regional Office, Region 3	1	8	0	3	32	3	47
Regional Office, Region 4	1	0	0	0	0	4	5
Regional Office, Region 5	3	1	0	0	1	6	11
Regional Office, Region 6	0	0	0	0	11	0	11
Regional Office, Region 7	0	6	0	0	2	2	10
Regional Office, Region 8	0	4	1	0	0	9	14
Regional Office, Region 9	12	18	0	3	1	17	51
Regional Office, Region 10	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Regional Office, Region 11	0	1	0	0	4	0	5
Total	46	55	2	10	123	56	292