

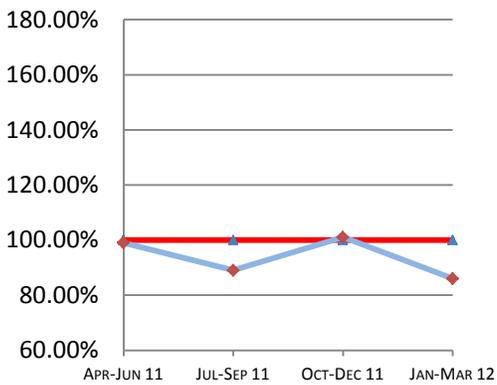
# Montana Supreme Court

## Case Processing Measures

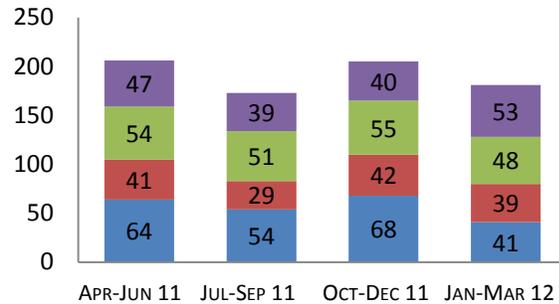
### Quarterly Report

# Jan-Mar 2012

### Case Clearance



### Manner of Disposition



Published Opinion    Non-Cite Opinion or Memorandum  
 Closed Other    Original Proceeding Dispositive Order

### Age of Pending Cases as of: 04/01/12

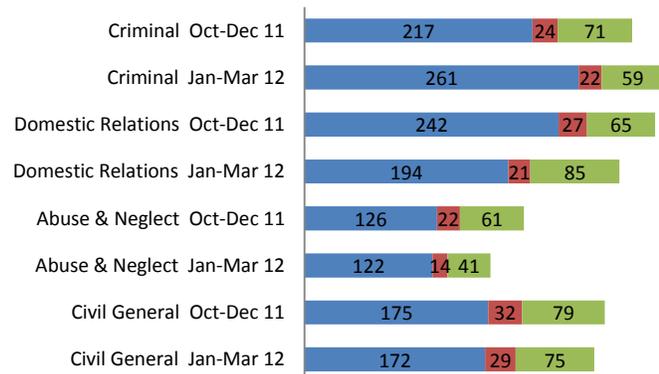
Age in Days from Date Sent to Court	# Cases Less than 365 Days Old	# Cases More than 365 Days old	Percent Current (less than 365 days old)
<b>Direct Appeal</b>			
Civil General	56	0	100%
Domestic Relations	9	0	100%
Abuse & Neglect	4	0	100%
Criminal	25	0	100%
<b>Direct Appeal All</b>	94	0	100%
<b>Original Proceedings</b>	28	0	100%

### 1st Quarter 2012 Highlights

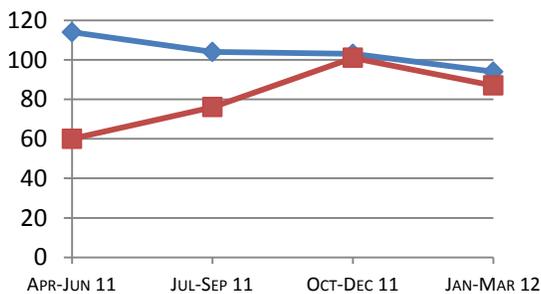
- \* 196 cases were filed and 169 cases closed in the 1st Quarter 2012, 5 more filed and 24 fewer closed than in 4th Quarter 2011.
- \* Case Clearance rates dropped 15% from 4th Quarter 2011. Rates were 101% in 4th Quarter 2011 and 86% in 1st Quarter 2012.
- \*Disposition days decreased from 103 to 94 days for Direct Appeals in the 1st Quarter 2012.
- \*Disposition days decreased from 101 to 87 days for Original Proceedings in the 1st Quarter 2012.

### Direct Appeal Lifecycle - Median Days by Case Type

- Median Days from Notice of Appeal to Court
- Median Days from Date Sent to Court to Classification
- Median Days from Classification to Remittitur



### Time to Disposition



Direct Appeals    Original Proceedings

**Case Clearance:** The ratio between the number of cases closed (outgoing) and the number of cases filed (incoming).

**Manner of Disposition:** The manner by which the Court disposes of its cases.

**Age of Pending Cases:** The age of the Court's active cases (does not include stayed cases).

**Time to Disposition:** The length of time (median days) it takes the Court to dispose of cases.

*Baseline information and a description of the methodology used is available at [www.courts.mt.gov](http://www.courts.mt.gov)*

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