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Dear Ms. Calvillo,

I am pleased to present you with a copy of the San Francisco Public Defender's 2013 Annual Report and 2014 Calendar, "Symbols of Justice." This report, which was not printed at public expense, highlights our accomplishments over the past year and shows both the people and the numbers behind our work.

In 2013, we provided vigorous legal representation to more than 20,000 clients who could not afford private attorneys. Some of them are included in these pages, along with the attorneys and support staff that fight on their behalf. This year, we also explore symbols of justice from throughout history and across the world. We chose this theme because although the work we do takes place in San Francisco, the concept of justice is universal, part of our shared human heritage.

Thank you for your continued support of the mission of the San Francisco Public Defender's Office.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeff Adachi".

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2013 Honors and Awards

Jeff Adachi, San Francisco public defender:

- Access to Justice Award, for providing vigorous representation to San Francisco's poorest residents; Lawyers Club of San Francisco
- Elected Official of the Year; Vanguard Court Watch

BMAGIC program: Super Hero Award for Community Activism; SuperHero Street Fair

Sheryl Davis, director, Mo' MAGIC:

Anthony F. Logan Award for outstanding contribution toward advancing and empowering communities of color; Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area

Jennifer Johnson, deputy public defender, Behavioral Health Court: County Champion Award for efforts to end criminalization of individuals with mental illness; Forensic Mental Health Association of California and the California Association of Counties

Patricia Lee, manager, Juvenile Unit: Cheyenne Bell Award honoring unsung heroes leading a legacy of sisterhood, self-determination, social justice and spirituality; Center for Young Women's Development

Sarah Wilner, deputy public defender, Juvenile Unit and Rebecca Young, deputy public defender, Felony Unit: Gideon Award for extraordinary commitment to indigent defense; Bar Association of San Francisco and the San Francisco Public Defender's Office

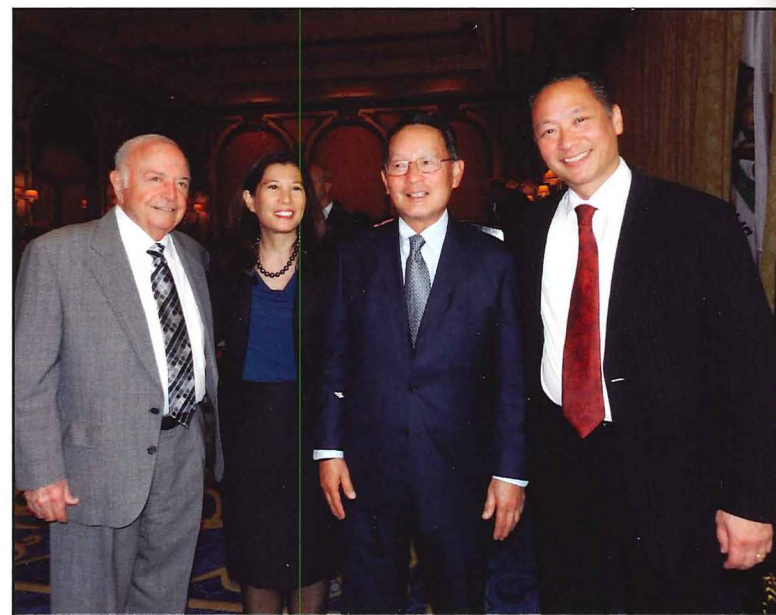


Sheryl Davis, director of the Mo' MAGIC collaborative since 2006. On Jan. 31, she was honored with the Anthony F. Logan Award for advancing and empowering communities of color.



The Access to Justice Award was presented Oct. 29 by the Lawyers Club of San Francisco at its annual Supreme Court Luncheon.

From left: The Honorable Marvin R. Baxter; Chief Justice Tani Gorre-Cantil Sakauye; the Honorable Ming W. Chin; San Francisco Public Defender Jeff Adachi.



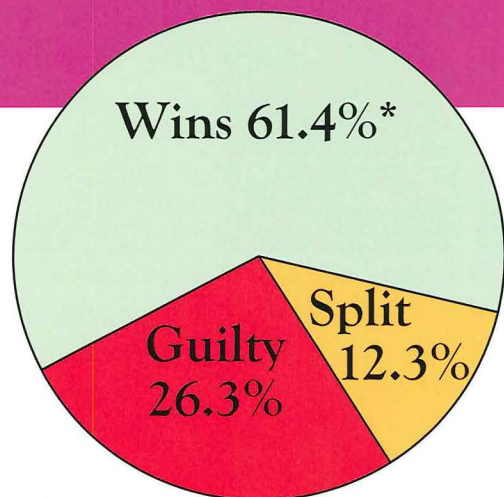
Felony

- 858 Motions litigated
- 65 Jury trials
- 455 Cases dismissed
- 957 Preliminary hearings
- 740 Cases reduced to misdemeanor
- 581 Cases resolved by plea agreement
- 44 Average number of cases per attorney at any given time
- 634 Strikes avoided
- 11 Murder trials (9 complete, 2 pending)

Murder Trial Results

- 4 Acquittals/hangs
- 1 Split verdict
- 4 Guilty

Felony Trial Outcomes



* not guilty/hung/dismissed at trial



Drug Court

- 198 Participants
- 53 Graduated and had charges dismissed
- 100% Graduates who are drug free, safely housed and with a legal source of income
- 74% Graduates enrolled in school or vocational programs or with plans to enroll



Training

- 51 In-house workshops and lectures
- 82 New attorney training sessions
- 78 Case conferences
- 376 Case conference attendees
- 104 Case conference hours
- 86 Felony trial practice group meetings
- 105 Felony trial practice group hours
- 100 Misdemeanor trial practice groups
- 125 Misdemeanor trial practice group hours

Clean Slate

- 6,387 Individuals provided with legal consultation and services
- 1,004 Motions filed
- 80% Motions granted
- 557 Convictions expunged
- 72 Felony convictions reduced to misdemeanors
- 11 Probations terminated early

Public Forums



Author and anti-death penalty activist Sister Helen Prejean, whose bond with a condemned man inspired the Oscar-winning film *Dead Man Walking*, speaks at Temple Emanu-El on May 9 in a free community event presented by the San Francisco Public Defender's office. The talk and book signing drew more than 1,000 people.



Karen Houppert, author of *Chasing Gideon: The Elusive Quest for Poor People's Justice*, joins a discussion with Dawn Porter, director and producer of the HBO documentary *Gideon's Army* at the San Francisco Public Defender's Justice Summit March 19.

Mental Health Unit and Behavioral Health Court

- 153 Behavioral Health Court clients
- 27 Behavioral Health Court graduates
- 3,307 Mental Health Unit clients
- 13 Dismissals granted for conserved clients facing criminal charges
- 3 Mental Health Unit jury trials

Children of Incarcerated Parents

- 63 Families served
- 100% Families referred to services

Social Work

- 314 Clients assessed
- 95% Clients referred to treatment, housing, vocational training and other services.



Community Justice Center

- 1,288 Cases handled
- 95% Successfully completed program/charges dismissed
- 90% Referred to services

BMAGIC

- 2,754 Backpacks distributed
- 68 Organizations that participated as partners in back-to-school event
- 320 Children who attended literacy fair
- 70 Teens who participated in Bayview Hunters Point Youth Summit
- 4,000 Resource guides distributed to community

Mo' MAGIC

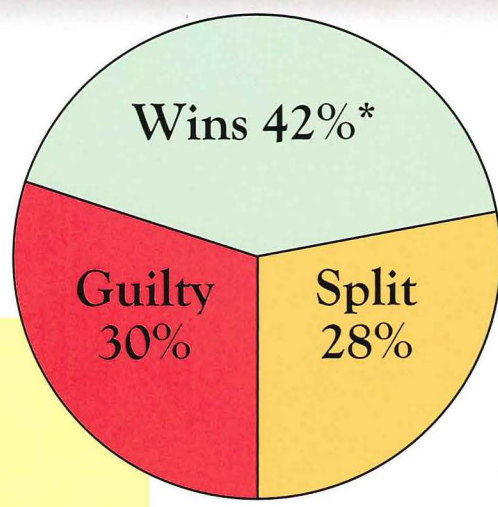
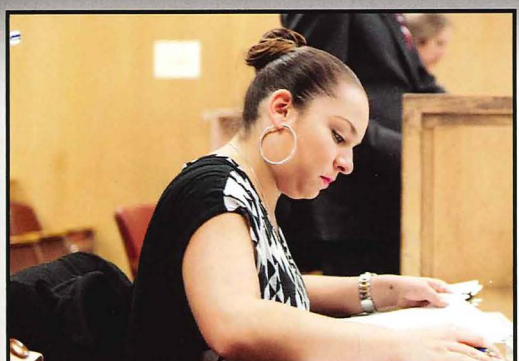
- 1,500 Backpacks distributed
- 900+ Children who participated in Summer Learning Day
- 250+ National Night Out attendees
- 3,500 Books handed out during the summer
- 175 Students who earned 60 hours of reading enrichment

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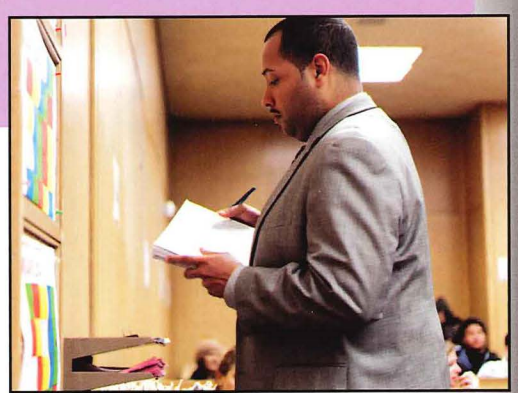
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The Code of Hammurabi, known for its "eye for an eye" directive, is also one of the earliest examples of the presumption of innocence, a radical idea in 1772 BC. The Babylonian law code also suggests that both the accused and the accuser have the opportunity to provide evidence.

Client German, who faced life in prison under California's three-strikes law, was acquitted after his public defender, Megan Burns, proved he was confused and manipulated by police investigators' leading questions.



Misdemeanor
 150 Jury trials
 133 Cases dismissed
 74 Average number of cases per attorney at any given time
 19 Participants in the Volunteer Attorney Program
 62 Trials by volunteer attorneys
 166 Motions by volunteer attorneys



Clerical
 100,000 Phone calls answered
 855 File requests fulfilled

Transcription
 2,255 Pages of transcripts completed
 214 Rush pages completed
 85 Transcript requests received

Paralegal
 3,010 Subpoenas prepared
 190 Clients outfitted with suits for court
 412 Trial exhibits created

Intern
 26 High school students
 150 Law school students

Investigation
 2,774 Investigation requests received
 3,000 Subpoenas served
 5 Average number of attorneys served by one investigator

Research
 60 Motions to suppress/dismiss
 21 Legal research papers
 29 Residency restriction petitions filed
 48 Appeals and writs
 43 Training presentations
 21 Other motions

Misdemeanor Trial Outcomes
 * not guilty/hung/dismissed at trial

Statistics include year-end projections.

Juvenile
 30 Trials
 51 Contested dispositions
 4,552 Court appearances handled
 0 Youth committed to California Department of Juvenile Justice
 0 Youth transferred to adult court
Youth Advocate/Juvenile Social Work
 272 Cases handled
 213 Clients who achieved favorable outcomes
Juvenile Investigation
 156 Investigation Requests
 342 Witness interviews
 334 Subpoenas served
Legal Educational Advocacy Program (LEAP)
 70 Referrals
 85 Individualized Education Program (IEP) meetings attended
 0 LEAP students referred for expulsion
 530 School visits



MAY 2014

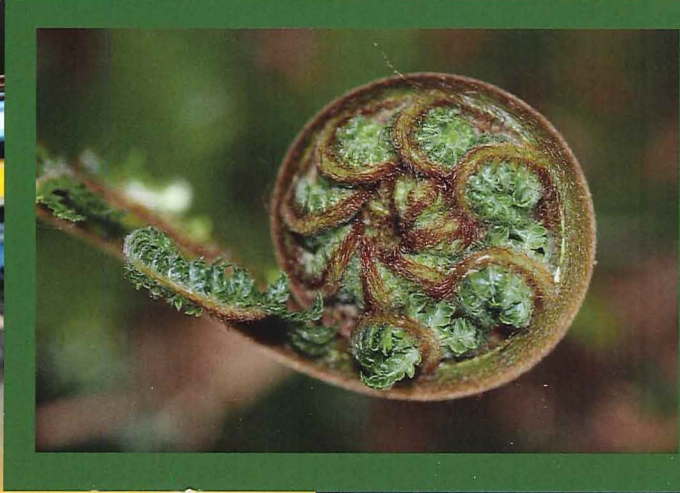
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Harvey Milk Day

Memorial Day

The koru, Maori for “loop,” is a spiral shape based on an unfurling silver fern frond. It symbolizes new life, growth, strength and peace. A staple of Maori art, it has more recently been embraced by advocates of restorative justice throughout the world.

Critically-acclaimed novelist and writing instructor Joe Clifford, shown here with wife Justine and son Holden, battled heroin addiction during the 1990s. Today, he is one of 20,000 law abiding people who have helped achieve their goals by cleaning up their old criminal records through the San Francisco Public Defender’s Clean Slate program.



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In the Tarot deck, the Justice card can represent impartiality, intellect, rationality and analysis. The card is frequently illustrated with an image of the goddess Athena, credited with bringing a model for justice to Athens and empaneling the first jury.

Deputy Public Defender Anita Nabha reassures client Plato and his wife following a misdemeanor pretrial conference. The Misdemeanor Unit works as a team to ensure the highest level of representation, learning about each other's cases, covering for colleagues who are in trial and brainstorming defense strategies. Clients benefit from this collective wisdom and are empowered by knowing they are backed by a team.



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Maat, the ancient Egyptian goddess of justice, is the foremother of Lady Justice. Adorned with an ostrich feather symbolizing truth, Maat represented balance, order, law, and morality.

While prosecutors rely on police, San Francisco public defenders depend on a small team of dogged investigators to find and interview witnesses, secure surveillance footage and other physical evidence, serve subpoenas and document crime scenes. Above, Investigator Joslyn Timmons talks to a potential witness in Golden Gate Park.



AUGUST 2014

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In Sumerian mythology, Nanshe served as the goddess of social justice, protecting the vulnerable members of society such as children, widows and refugees.

These children were among the 320 students from pre-kindergarten to second grade who attended BMAGIC's annual Literacy is Freedom Book Fair at the Bayview Opera House. The event includes reading circles, storytelling and musical performances, literacy-based arts and crafts, and free, culturally relevant books. BMAGIC works closely with child development centers and elementary schools in Bayview Hunters Point to inspire a love of reading, while its sister organization, Mo' MAGIC, provides educational programs in the Western Addition.



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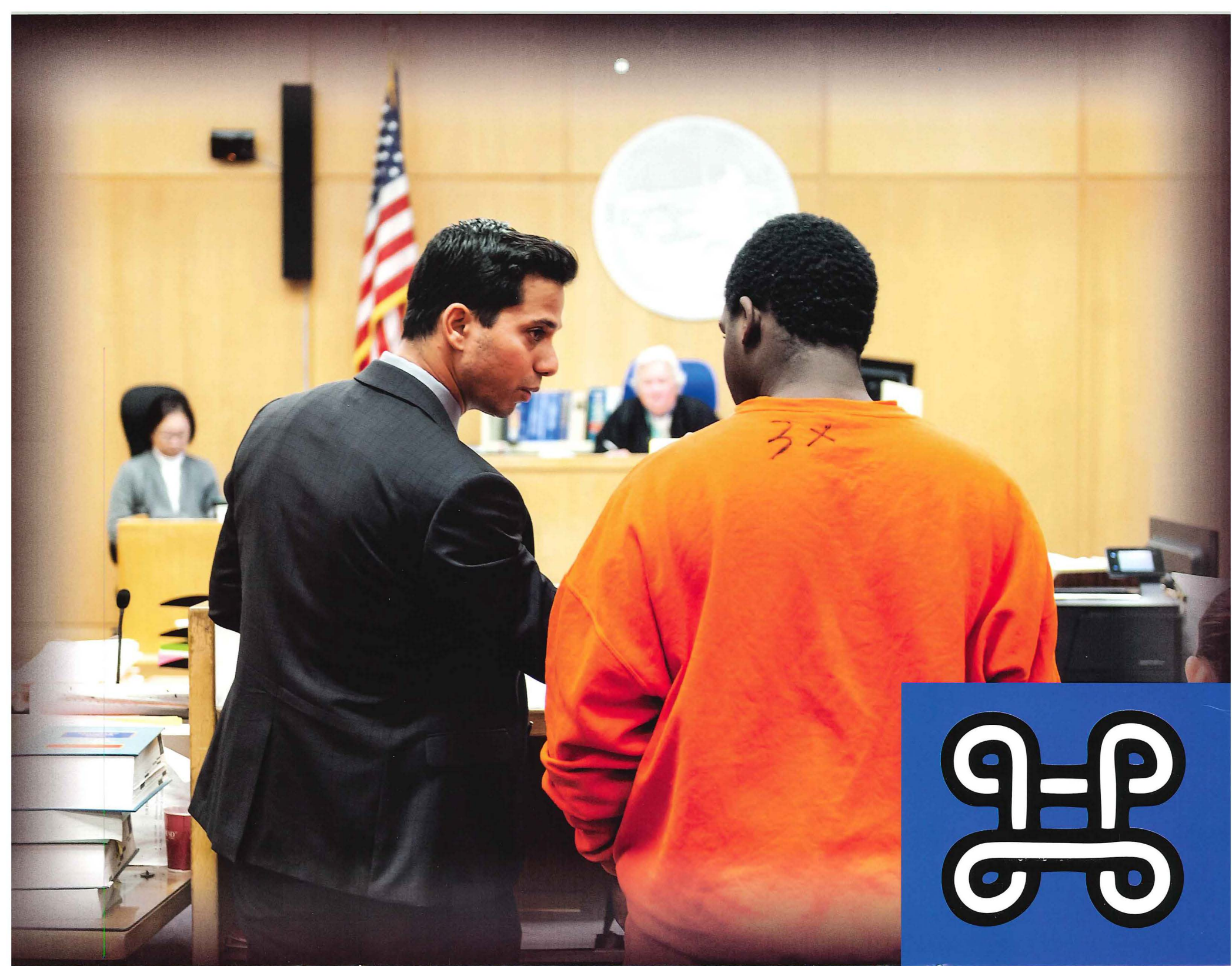
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César Chávez Day

Mpatapo, also known as the knot of reconciliation, is a West African Adrinka symbol. It represents the bond that binds people in a dispute to a just and harmonious reconciliation. It is a symbol of peace-making after strife.

Volunteer Public Defender Abe Abed fights to get his client released from jail. In a victory for young and seasoned attorneys alike, the Public Defender in 2013 negotiated to save the Volunteer Attorney Program. The 30-year-old program provides new lawyers, as well as members of civil firms, valuable trial experience and intense training.



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In Norse mythology, the god Tyr was associated with rationality and justice. In addition to leading human beings to glory in battle, he also oversaw winning just victory in legal matters.

The San Francisco Public Defender's Research Unit (L to R: Attorney Manager Chris Gauger and deputy public defenders Stephanie Wargo-Wilson, Dorothy Bischoff and Armando Miranda) challenges unjust rulings and unconstitutional practices through legal appeals.



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In East Asian Buddhism, Taoism, and Chinese mythology, Guanyin is depicted as a mother-goddess representing mercy and compassion. Her virtues also include courage, justice, and wisdom.

Youth Advocate Vanessa Alvarez (left) and Juvenile Public Defender Rebecca Marcus share a laugh with former juvenile client G., who turned his life around with their help. The public defender's Juvenile Unit provides holistic representation to its young clients and their families, connecting them with educational, housing, health and legal resources.



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Halloween

Among some indigenous North American people, a talking circle is a collaborative way of dealing with personal or community concerns. It is considered a safe and democratic way to resolve conflicts or plan solutions to long-term problems.

Newly released from jail, client Dionne (left), catches up with son Jaidyn and Social Worker Nicole Harris of the San Francisco Public Defender's Office. The nationally-recognized Children of Incarcerated Parents program works to improve the lives of families affected by incarceration through counseling, visitation and working with child welfare departments.



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The Lion of Saint Mark is not only the symbol for the Italian city of Venice. When pictured with an open book and a sword, the lion is considered as a symbol of public justice.

Client Marcus, center, was exonerated of murder and robbery charges in 2013 following a jury trial. His defense team greeted him as he stepped out of jail before accompanying him to a reentry program for young men. L to R: Investigator Jackson Holland, Deputy Public Defender Rebecca Young, client Marcus, Social Worker Kat McGuire, Research Attorney Jess Hallett. Not shown: Investigator Patrick Hoffman and Volunteer Attorney Kina Zoerb.



NOVEMBER 2014

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Since the 15th century, Lady Justice has frequently been depicted wearing a blindfold. The blindfold symbolizes the idea that justice should be meted out objectively, regardless of the status, power, or wealth of the accused.

Client Tim was devastated after he was wrongly arrested for the murder of his husband. Fortunately, deputy public defenders Danielle Harris (above) and Emily Dahm were able to prove Tim's innocence at trial, freeing him from jail and allowing him to finally grieve his loss.



The concept of justice is part of our common cultural heritage as human beings. Symbolic representations of justice can be found in the artifacts of every civilization. One such symbol is the Nkondi, depicted on the cover of this report. The Knogo people of West Africa believed that the spirits contained in the Nkondi had the power to protect the innocent, punish the guilty, and enforce contracts. Community members involved in a conflict would appear before the Nkondi while a religious specialist investigated the problem. Upon reaching an agreement, both sides took an oath and sealed it by driving a nail into the figure, activating its power.

In our 2013 Annual Report and 2014 Calendar, we explore how symbols of justice throughout history and across the world relate to the work we do as public defenders. Every day, public defenders and support staff go to court to fight for just and fair outcomes for our clients. Whether a case is resolved by a jury trial, dismissal, or a plea agreement, our goal is to ensure that each of the 20,000 people we represent each year receives effective and vigorous legal representation as guaranteed by the Constitution. We have expanded our work outside the courtroom to help clients obtain mental health and substance abuse treatment, clear their criminal records, and fulfill their educational and career goals.

In 2013, public defenders across America celebrated the 50th anniversary of the high court's Gideon decision, which granted everyone, regardless of income, the right to an attorney. In San Francisco, we honored the spirit of Gideon with the following achievements:

- Securing successful outcomes in 72 percent of felony trials and 42 percent of misdemeanor trials.
- Ensuring that no juveniles were sent to state lockup or transferred to adult court.
- Allowing 6,387 law-abiding people to fulfill their career and educational goals by clearing their old criminal convictions through our Clean Slate program, which celebrated its 15th anniversary in 2013.



Photo of Jeff Adachi by Robert Fujioka

- Linking 95 percent of our social work clients to treatment, housing or vocational services.
- Distributing more than 4,000 backpacks and school supplies to children and providing health and literacy support to low income families throughout San Francisco through our community-based MAGIC programs.
- Sponsoring the 2013 Justice Summit, broadcast year-round through SFGovTV to educate the public on equal justice for the poor, bail reform, forced treatment and constitutional rights.
- Bringing famed death penalty abolitionist Sister Helen Prejean to San Francisco for a free talk and book signing, attended by more than 1,000 people and broadcast on SFGovTV.
- Preserving our Volunteer Attorney Program, which has improved the quality of representation for more than 30 years while giving young attorneys and seasoned civil lawyers valuable trial experience.
- Receiving a \$400,000 Department of Justice grant to create the first locally and nationally applicable

checklist system to guide attorneys through critical moments in cases and prevent wrongful convictions.

- Successfully advocating on behalf of Due Process for All, a local ordinance which protects undocumented San Franciscans against improper detentions and deportations.

We are honored to protect the constitutional rights of all San Franciscans, and to continue to guard against wrongful convictions, racial profiling and unconstitutional arrests. In 2014 and beyond, we will continue the fight to ensure that "justice for all" is not just a symbolic phrase, but is a reality for everyone.

Sincerely,

Jeff Adachi
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Main Office

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1290 Fillmore Street (Westbay Conference Center)
1st Wednesday of the Month, 3pm-5pm

The Village Community Center

1099 Sunnydale Avenue
4th Wednesday of the Month, 3pm-5pm

Southeast Community Center

1800 Oakdale Avenue
1st & 3rd Thursday of the Month, 9am-11am

DECEMBER 2014

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For the first time in a decade, world class violin player Kim has been reunited with her music. Formerly homeless, Kim was referred to the Behavioral Health Court instead of jail following an alleged assault. BHC provides intense psychiatric and substance abuse help and case management to clients living with serious mental illnesses.



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