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SPECIALTY	Number of cases reviewed/sent to Experts	Number of Experts used and how often utilized	Active List Experts Y-T-D: 1,172↓
<i>ADDICTION</i>	10	6 EXPERTS 3 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 1 CASE 2 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 2 CASES 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 3 CASES	16
<i>ALLERGY & IMMUNOLOGY (A&I)</i>			6
<i>ANESTHESIOLOGY (Anes)</i>	20	14 EXPERTS 8 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 1 CASE 5 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 2 CASES 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 7 CASES* <i>*involved companion cases*</i>	88 ↓
<i>COLON & RECTAL SURGERY (CRS)</i>	2	1 EXPERT 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 2 CASES	4
<i>COMPLEMENTARY/ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE</i>	9	3 EXPERTS 2 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 2 CASES 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 5 CASES	29
<i>CORRECTIONAL MEDICINE</i>	3	3 EXPERTS 3 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 1 CASE	42 ↓
<i>DERMATOLOGY (D)</i>	27	5 EXPERTS 2 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 1 CASE 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 6 CASES* 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 9 CASES* 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 11 CASES* <i>*involved companion cases*</i>	15 ↓
<i>EMERGENCY (EM)</i>	22	17 EXPERTS 12 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 1 CASE 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 2 CASES 3 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 3 CASES 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 4 CASES	61
<i>ETHICS</i>	1	1 EXPERT 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 1 CASE	9
<i>FAMILY (FM)</i>	110	56 EXPERTS 31 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 1 CASE 9 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 2 CASES 5 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 3 CASES 4 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 4 CASES 6 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 5 CASES 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 9 CASES* <i>*involved 5 case reviews and 4 physical evaluations*</i>	102 ↓
<i>HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE MEDICINE</i>	1	1 EXPERT 1 EXPERT REVIEWED 1 CASE	12

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INTERNAL (General Internal Med)	103	61 EXPERTS 37 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 1 CASE 12 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 2 CASES 3 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 3 CASES 5 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 4 CASES 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 5 CASES 3 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 6 CASES* <i>*involved prep for hearing, supplemental work, and physical evaluations*</i>	229 ↓
Cardiovascular Disease (Cv)	25	17 EXPERTS 11 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 1 CASE 4 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 2 CASES 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 4 CASES 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 5 CASES	35
[Interventional Cardiology]	[7]		[27]
[Non-Interventional Cardiology]	[18]		[22]
Gastroenterology (Ge)	5	4 EXPERTS 3 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 1 CASE 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 2 CASES	21 ↓
MIDWIFE REVIEWER	6	4 EXPERTS 3 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 1 CASE 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 2 CASES	10
NEUROLOGICAL SURGERY (NS)	9	4 EXPERTS 3 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 2 CASES 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 4 CASES	9
NEUROLOGY (N)	10	10 EXPERTS 7 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 1 CASE 3 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 2 CASES	29
NEUROLOGY with Special Qualifications in Child Neurology (N/ChiN)			5
NUCLEAR MEDICINE (NuM)			6

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OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY (ObG)	102	43 EXPERTS 24 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 1 CASE 7 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 2 CASES 3 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 3 CASES 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 4 CASES 2 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 5 CASES 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 6 CASES* 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 7 CASES* 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 9 CASES* 2 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 10 CASES* 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 12 CASES*	95 ↓
<i>*involved case reviews of companion cases, supplemental work and prep for hearing* (also a specialty where it's difficult to find an actively practicing expert available to perform peer reviews for MBC)</i>			
OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE	2	2 EXPERTS 2 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 1 CASE	10
OPHTHALMOLOGY (Oph)	25	15 EXPERTS 3 OFF LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 1 CASE 7 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 1 CASE 2 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 2 CASES 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 3 CASES 2 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 5 CASES	37
ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY (OrS)	33	17 EXPERTS 10 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 1 CASE 3 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 2 CASES 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 3 CASES 2 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 4 CASES 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 6 CASES* <i>*involved companion cases*</i>	35 ↓
OTOLARYNGOLOGY (Oto)	12	10 EXPERTS 9 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 1 CASE 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 5 CASES	27 ↓
PAIN MEDICINE (PM)	63	18 EXPERTS 7 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 1 CASE 3 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 2 CASES 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 3 CASES 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 5 CASES 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 6 CASES* 2 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 7 CASES* 2 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 8 CASES* 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 10 CASES*	26
<i>*involved case reviews of companion cases, supplemental work, prep and testimony* (also a specialty where it's difficult to find an actively practicing expert available to perform peer reviews for MBC)</i>			

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PATHOLOGY (Path)	5	3 EXPERTS 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 1 CASE 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 2 CASES 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 3 CASES	12
PEDIATRICS (Ped)	7	6 EXPERTS 4 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 1 CASE 2 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 2 CASES	57
Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine (NP)	3	1 EXPERT 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 3 CASES	6
Pediatric Cardiology (Cd)	1	1 EXPERT 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 1 CASE	7
PHYSICAL MEDICINE & REHABILITATION (PMR)	1	1 EXPERT 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 1 CASE	11
PLASTIC SURGERY (PIS)	42	23 EXPERTS 12 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 1 CASE 7 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 2 CASES 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 4 CASES 2 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 5 CASES 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 6 CASES	58 ↑
PREVENTIVE MEDICINE (PrM) General	1	1 EXPERT 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 1 CASE	5
PSYCHIATRY (Psyc)	124	52 EXPERTS 21 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 1 CASE 1 OFF LIST EXPERT PERFORMED 1 EVAL. 7 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 2 CASES 8 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 3 CASES 6 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 4 CASES 4 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 5 CASES 2 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 6 CASES* 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 7 CASES* 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 8 CASES* 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 12 CASES*	110 ↓
<i>*involved- combination- case reviews, psych evaluations, supplemental reports, prepared for hearing and testified at hearing*</i>			
RADIOLOGY (Rad)	11	8 EXPERTS 4 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 1 CASE 3 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 2 CASES 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 3 CASES	40
Radiation Oncology (Rad RO)	2	2 EXPERTS 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 1 CASE 1 OFF LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 1 CASE	5

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SLEEP MEDICINE (S)	2	3 EXPERTS 3 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 1 CASE	10
SURGERY (S)	24	17 EXPERTS 11 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 1 CASE 3 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 2 CASES 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 3 CASES 2 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 4 CASES	58 ↑
Pediatric Surgery (PdS)	2	2 EXPERTS 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 1 CASE 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 2 CASES	3
Vascular Surgery (VascS)	8	5 EXPERTS 2 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 1 CASE 2 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 2 CASES 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 3 CASES	14 ↑
THORACIC SURGERY (TS)	2	2 EXPERTS 2 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 1 CASE	20 ↑
(MEDICAL) TOXICOLOGY	1	1 EXPERT 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 1 CASE	3
UROLOGY (U)	25	11 EXPERTS 4 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 1 CASE 4 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 2 CASES 1 LIST EXPERT REVIEWED 3 CASES 2 LIST EXPERTS REVIEWED 5 CASES	19

TOTAL EXPERTS USED – 2011	450
TOTAL CASES SENT TO EXPERTS - 2011	786
TOTAL ACTIVE LIST EXPERTS (as of 1/3/2012)	1,172

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Medical Board of California
Investigation Prosecution Timeframes*

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
	Prior to VE	All	VE	All	VE	All	VE
Calendar Day Age from Case Assigned to Case Closed Not Resulting in Prosecution							
Average	271	299	138	330	268	374	358
Median	252	285	134	304	269	335	324
Record Count	827	703	192	648	539	609	588
Calendar Day Age from Request to Suspension Order Granted							
Average	51	44	4	34	38	19	19
Median	17	3	2	22	23	10	10
Record Count	24	21	11	17	13	21	17
Calendar Day Age from Request to Receipt of Medical Records							
Average	58	53	37	59	57	63	58
Median	32	31	26	31	31	28	28
Record Count	475	376	228	264	259	256	252
Calendar Day Age from Request to Physician Interview Completed							
Average	48	51	43	52	50	63	63
Median	36	42	38	37	36	41	42
Record Count	597	453	172	406	371	473	466
Calendar Day Age from Request to Receipt of Expert Opinion							
Average	51	47	35	51	43	50	50
Median	41	35	31	36	35	39	38
Record Count	519	424	82	344	270	374	359
Calendar Day Age from Case Assigned to Completed Investigation and Accusation Filed							
Average	556	554	140	543	340	565	493
Median	525	504	120	523	339	541	486
Record Count	187	149	17	198	95	157	131
Calendar Day Age from Accusation Filed to Disciplinary Outcome**							
Average	608	602	85	576	188	561	243
Median	526	466	99	426	182	384	238
Record Count	212	195	3	226	29	203	80

*Excludes Out of State and Headquarters Cases

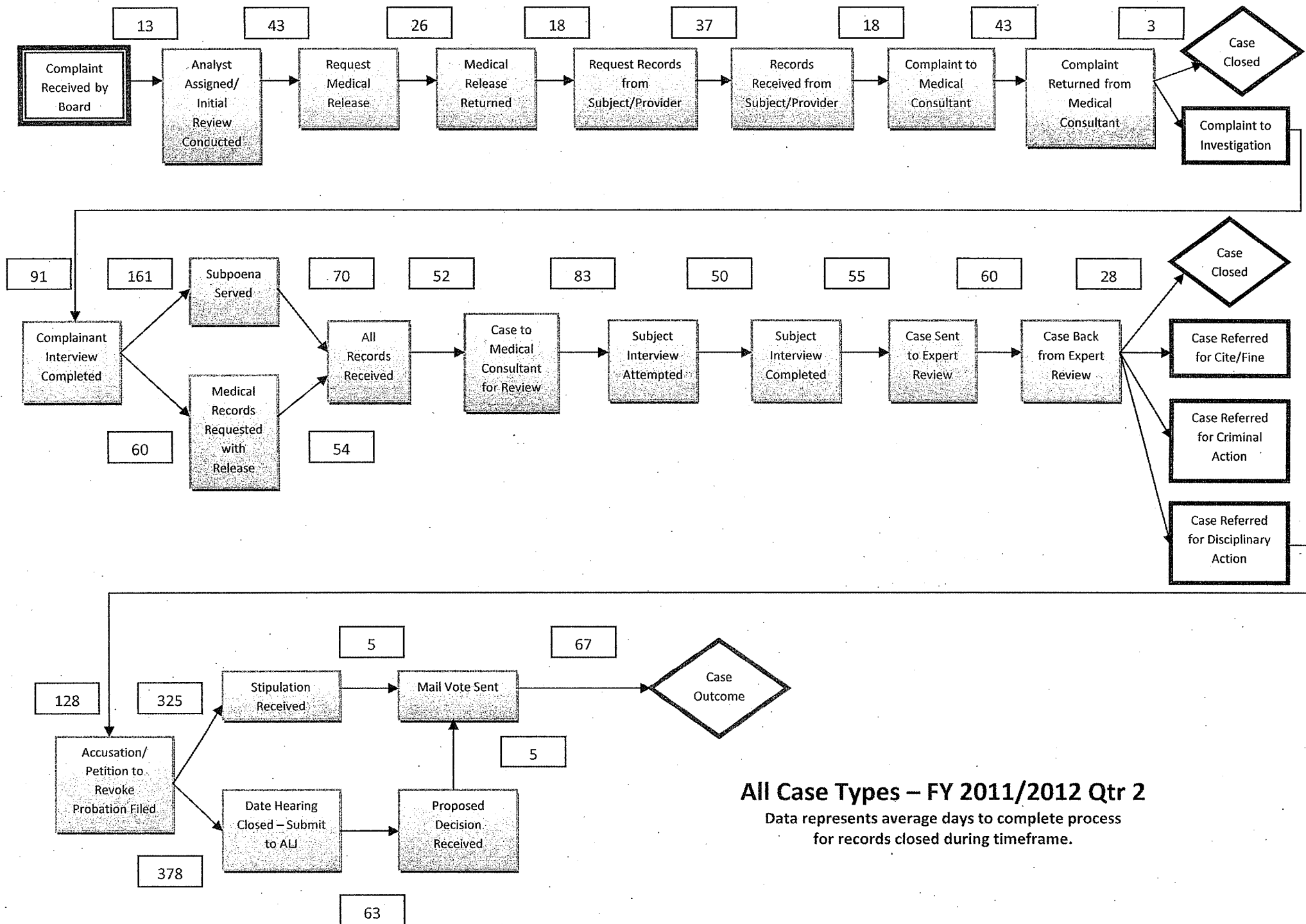
**Excludes Outcomes where no Accusation Filed

Enforcement Data Markers
All Case Types

Data represents average days to complete Complaint and Investigation processes for records closed during reported time frames.	FY 2008/2009		FY 2009/2010		FY 2010/2011		FY 2011/2012 Qtr 1		FY 2011/2012 Qtr 2	
	Average Days	Number of Records	Average Days	Number of Records	Average Days	Number of Records	Average Days	Number of Records	Average Days	Number of Records
Complaint Processes										
Complaint Received by Board → Analyst Assigned/Initial Review Conducted	10	6761	11	6869	9	7513	10	1995	13	1721
Analyst Assigned/Initial Review Conducted → Request Medical Release	25	1216	24	1360	28	1567	30	328	43	411
Request Medical Release → Medical Release Returned	29	1044	26	1166	25	1321	28	270	26	321
Medical Release Returned → Request Records from Subject/Provider	7	687	7	802	11	888	15	175	18	204
Request Records from Subject/Provider → Records Received from Subject/Provider	39	1759	38	1879	35	1906	37	428	37	474
Records Received from Subject/Provider → Complaint to Medical Consultant	15	1617	16	1865	17	1768	22	411	18	434
Complaint to Medical Consultant → Complaint Returned from Medical Consultant	54	1934	54	2120	52	2129	43	506	43	525
Complaint Returned from Medical Consultant → Case Closed/Complaint to Investigation	7	1932	4	2114	5	2126	4	503	3	524
Investigative Processes										
Complaint to Investigation → Complainant Interview Completed	103	349	102	424	110	490	88	70	91	144
Complainant Interview Completed → Subpoena Served	173	42	237	43	172	44	220	8	161	11
Complainant Interview Completed → Medical Records Requested with Release	76	141	88	170	59	194	130	48	60	56
Subpoena Served → All Records Received	124	120	100	178	88	166	85	34	70	40
Medical Records Requested with Release → All Records Received	95	372	92	406	85	420	79	98	54	110
All Records Received → Case to Medical Consultant for Review	78	227	84	318	70	369	69	78	52	95
Case to Medical Consultant for Review → Subject Interview Attempted	110	374	109	488	77	558	79	135	83	148
Subject Interview Attempted → Subject Interview Completed	66	712	53	880	53	961	53	256	50	288
Subject Interview Completed → Case Sent to Expert Review	97	412	81	511	72	580	61	157	55	185
Case Sent to Expert Review → Case Back from Expert Review	79	510	72	601	63	658	63	182	60	209
Case Back from Expert Review → Case Closed or Referred for Action	39	495	31	585	30	656	24	186	28	215

Enforcement Data Markers
All Case Types

Data represents average days to complete Disciplinary processes for records closed during reported time frames.	FY 2008/2009		FY 2009/2010		FY 2010/2011		FY 2011/2012 Qtr 1		FY 2011/2012 Qtr 1	
	Average Days	Number of Records	Average Days	Number of Records	Average Days	Number of Records	Average Days	Number of Records	Average Days	Number of Records
Case Referred for Action → Accusation/Petition to Revoke Probation Filed	121	239	113	237	103	219	115	70	128	75
Accusation/Petition to Revoke Probation Filed → Stipulation Received	330	159	291	173	318	142	341	53	325	47
Stipulation Received → Mail Vote Sent	6	136	6	132	4	124	5	40	5	32
Accusation/Petition to Revoke Probation Filed → Date Hearing Closed - Submit to ALJ	416	25	370	30	393	44	276	12	378	14
Date Hearing Closed - Submit to ALJ → Proposed Decision Received	28	35	98	43	39	58	25	16	63	17
Proposed Decision Received → Mail Vote Sent	5	54	5	53	6	60	9	17	5	20
Mail Vote Sent → Case Outcome	131	206	87	208	111	205	82	69	67	60
Data represents overall average days from Receipt to Closure for records closed during reported time frames.	FY 2008/2009		FY 2009/2010		FY 2010/2011		FY 2011/2012 Qtr 1		FY 2011/2012 Qtr 1	
	Average Days	Number of Records	Average Days	Number of Records	Average Days	Number of Records	Average Days	Number of Records	Average Days	Number of Records
Complaint Received → Closure in Complaint Unit	84	5278	84	5247	80	5755	84	1466	97	1202
Complaint Received → Closure at Field/Referred for Administrative or Criminal Action/Citation Issued	467	1585	464	1747	453	1861	416	553	440	539



All Case Types – FY 2011/2012 Qtr 2

Data represents average days to complete process
for records closed during timeframe.