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You choose the attorney	YES	NO, you do not choose the Public Defender. (Assigned)
Case Results	YES	NO, Public Defenders do not publish case results.
Experience	YES	Public Defender assigned to you might not have experience in the specific field (DUI)
Case Load	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low • We hand pick the cases we want to handle. • The client receives individualized review and evaluation of his/her case. • Common sense dictates that the more cases your attorney handles, the less time he/she spends on your case. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High • Some private attorneys take all and any case. • Caseloads are so excessive that in many jurisdictions, public defense counsel are unable to perform core functions such as conducting an adequate factual investigation into guilt or innocence.*
Communication	<p>We always answer our phones and happy to meet the client face to face.</p> <p>Updates on the progress of the case.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case load and customer service dictates whether your attorney is easy to reach. • If you cannot get a hold of your attorney, you are not receiving the best service.
Initial Contact w/client	<p>YES.</p> <p>We begin work as soon as we are hired. This includes meeting the client in jail if he/she is in custody.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtually all of Public Defenders have no contact with a defendant until they are appointed at the arraignment, several days after arrest.* • This delay jeopardizes the ability to preserve evidence and makes it more difficult to locate witnesses which may be favorable to the defense.*
Investigators	YES	All (100%) of the responding California offices that employed staff investigators reported having excessive investigator workloads. The recommended standard is one investigator for every three attorneys.*
Interview Prosecutors Witnesses	YES	California defender offices reported that they had difficulty interviewing prosecution witnesses. More than one quarter (27%) classified this problem as "serious."*
Training	<p>YES</p> <p>We regularly attend continued education courses especially in the specialized fields such as DUI and Drug Defense.</p>	<p>Maybe. Public Defenders have their own continued education courses that are open to all defense counsel. Delicino and Vialtsin, LLP regularly attend those courses as well.</p>

*When Excessive Public Defender Workloads Violate the Sixth Amendment Right to Counsel Without a Showing of Prejudice by Laurence A. Benner,
https://www.acslaw.org/files/BennerIB_ExcessivePD_Workloads.pdf