

## **FAMILY DIVISION**

The Family Division was re-established in 2007 as a separate Division of the Office of the Attorney General. The Family Division handles all matters relating to juveniles in our community to include juvenile delinquency matters, which are cases involving juveniles who commit criminal acts which, if committed by an adult would be a crime, including drug and alcohol related offenses. The Family Division also represents Child Protective Services in cases brought to court involving children that have been subjected to abuse and neglect by their parents or caretakers, as well as cases involving juveniles who have been deemed “beyond control” by their parents or caretakers.



*Deputy Attorney General  
Carol Hinkle-Sanchez*

The goals of the Family Division are:

1. To vigorously represent the government in juvenile special proceedings, juvenile delinquency cases, and other matters before the Family Court of the Superior Court of Guam;
2. To vigorously represent Child Protective Services in child abuse and neglect cases brought before the Family Court of the Superior Court of Guam;
3. To adequately staff and fund personnel and provide training to juvenile staff to update their skills and knowledge;
4. To establish and consistently conduct community outreach activities and participation in educational and social meetings dealing with juvenile issues; and
5. To promote legislation that will significantly impact juvenile activities and other matters relevant to the mandates of the Family Division.

The objectives of the Family Division include:

- 1) To obtain adequate staffing of experienced attorneys and support staff, to include an investigator, school resource officer, victim advocate and administrative support staff, to service the particular mandates of the Division;



*Family Division, front (L-R): Deputy Attorney General Carol Hinkle-Sanchez, AAG Amber Robinson, and Eloise Bejosano. Back, (L-R): AAG Thomas Parker, Holly Gumataotao, AAG Alan Haeuser, and Julie Salas.*

- 2) To develop and implement a case management tool to better track cases, dispositions, and other information and that will generate reports to assist the efficient and effective operation of the Division; and
- 3) To develop and implement consistent outreach events designed to provide the community with information on juvenile issues and the prevention of juvenile offenses.

Dealing with the island's youth, Deputy Attorney General Carol Hinkle-Sanchez knows that the challenges will be many. But she is grateful for the hard-working group of people who assist her daily with the Division's mandates.



*Assistant Attorney General  
Alan Haeuser*

One of those people is Assistant Attorney General Alan Haeuser, who has been with the Office for 19 years. "There is a lot of rewarding work involved," Haeuser said.

"When kids get in trouble, we try to get them to turn around their way of thinking and grow up to be productive citizens and not lead a life of crime."

## 2008 CASES FILED BY FAMILY DIVISION

### JUVENILE DRUG COURT (JC's) (150 cases)

Alcohol	Drug Possession	Inhalants	Tobacco	Others
97 (2 w/JD)	58 (1 w/JD)	0	3 (2 w/JC; 1 w/JD)	0

### JUVENILE PROCEEDINGS (JP's) (95 cases)

Petition for Persons In Need of Services	Beyond Control Cases
38	57 (3 w/JD; 2w/JC)

### JUVENILE DELINQUENCY (JD's) (405 cases)

OFFENSE	Filed as JC	Filed as JD	Total
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	1	6	7
ASSAULT	5	61	66
RECKLESS CONDUCT	1	10	11
TERRORISTIC CONDUCT	0	8	8
TERRORIZING	4	11	15
CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT	0	22	22
FAMILY VIOLENCE	3	19	22
HARASSMENT	4	31	35
MUTUAL COMBAT	1	22	23
RIOTING	1	24	25
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	18	66	84
CHILD ABUSE	0	2	2
ARSON	0	7	7
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	4	30	34
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF OF A MOTOR VEHICLE	7	33	40
GRAFFITI	4	49	53
BURGLARY	6	31	37

CRIMINAL TRESPASS	2	37	39
ROBBERY	3	9	12
CONSPIRACY	2	8	10
CRIMES AGAINST COMMUNITY	0	18	18
THEFT CRIMES	30	97	127
NEGLIGENT BURNING	0	3	3
CURFEW	21	21	42
FORGERY	0	1	1
OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE	6	7	13
UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE	2	7	9
IMPERSONATION	0	1	1
UNLAWFUL RESTRAINT	0	1	1
UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY OF A SCHOOL CAMPUS	0	2	2
POSSESSION OF A FIREARM WITHOUT AN ID CARD	1	1	2
DRIVING WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL	13	1	14
UNSWORN FALSIFICATION	0	1	1
IMPRUDENT DRIVING	4	1	5
GUILT ESTABLISHED BY COMPLICITY	0	7	7
RESISTING ARREST	2	3	5
ASSAULT ON A PEACE OFFICER	2	1	3
FELONY ESCAPE	1	3	4
OPEN CONTAINER	3	0	3
SPEEDING	1	0	1
RECKLESS DRIVING	3	0	3
PUBLIC DRUNKENNESS/INTOXICATION	20	0	20

EXPIRED REGISTRATION	2	0	2
NO VALID INSURANCE	1	0	1
DISTRIBUTION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	1	0	1
CRIMINAL FACILITATION	1	0	1
FAILURE TO WEAR A SEATBELT	1	0	1
LEAVING THE SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT	1	0	1
SALE AND DELIVERY OF ALCOHOL ON SCHOOL GROUNDS	1	0	1
TOTAL No. Of Cases:	<b>183</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>845</b>

<b>Pre-Adjudicatory Diversionary Program</b>	15
Guam Police Department Reports filed with AG's Office	514

<b>Total Cases Filed in 2008</b>	
Juvenile Drug Court Cases	150
Juvenile Proceedings Cases	95
Juvenile Delinquency Cases	405
Pre-Adjudicatory Diversionary Cases	15
TOTAL:	665