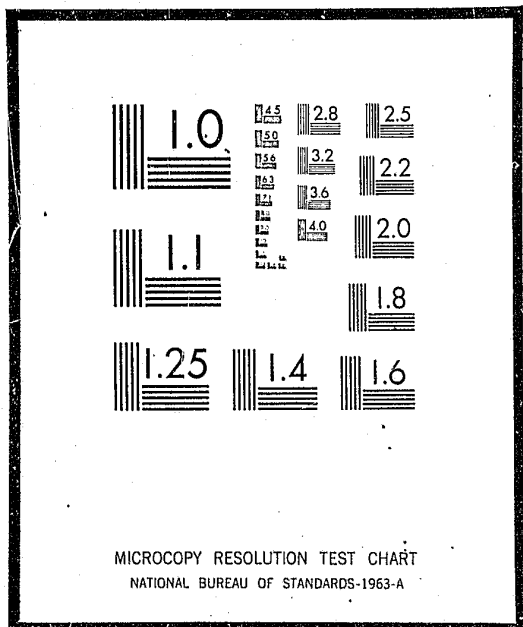


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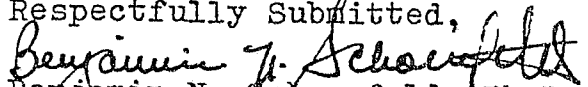
The project continues its success in clearing up the backlog in appeals in criminal cases. This dramatic achievement may be seen in the summary statistics of backlog elimination. No backlog exists any longer for 1973 and 1974 cases handled. The March 1975 listings are substantially disposed of. Only four cases are open from the June 1975 listing. The detailed analysis indicate the various avenues by which this has been accomplished.

1974 Cases-	Open Cases:	3
	Defender Relieved from Duty	1
	Written Brief Filed	1
	Written Brief Completed	1
	Backlog Remainder	0
March 1975 Cases-	Open Cases:	18
	Defender Relieved from Duty	2
	Written Brief Filed	7
	Written Brief Filed, Oral Argument Completed	2
	Written Brief Complete	2
	Case Discontinued	3
	Commonwelath filed Appeal	2
	Backlog Remainder	0
June 1975 Cases-	Open Cases:	36
	Defender Relieved from Duty	4
	Written Brief Filed	12
	Written Brief Filed, Oral Argument Completed	3
	Written Brief Complete	1
	Case Discontinued	2
	Commonwealth filed Appeal	2
	Cases Remanded	2
	Other Counsel Selected	2
	Cases Quashed	1
	Cases Continued	3
	Backlog Remainder	4
Backlog Remainder Open		4

Although this report lists only four cases as open backlog remainder, this does not mean that no work remains on the remaining cases. The Appeals Unit of the Defender Association has continuing responsibility in those cases in which the brief has been completed and filed, cases requiring oral argument, and in all cases until an opinion of the court has been filed. Viewed from this aspect, the statistical accomplishments recorded by this follow-up report mask the continuing workload of the Unit. Much of its efforts are presently expended in this area of its work.

In the Evaluator's Refunding Evaluation Report, Section V, Findings and Recommendations, Paragraph 2, the Evaluator found that while the existing record keeping system was adequate to record the status of the case on appeal, it failed to reflect adequately the effort to manage the backlog elimination operation. He then made minor recommendations to the Project Director to effect these minor changes. The Project Director has indicated his receptivity to altering existing record-keeping practices in the event the project is refunded.

The conditions and operations described in the Refunding Evaluation Report have continued during this period. No change in personnel has been effected. The Findings and Recommendations of that report are confirmed by the findings of this follow-up report. There has been success in attacking the problem of the backlog of criminal appeals in the Defender Association.

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