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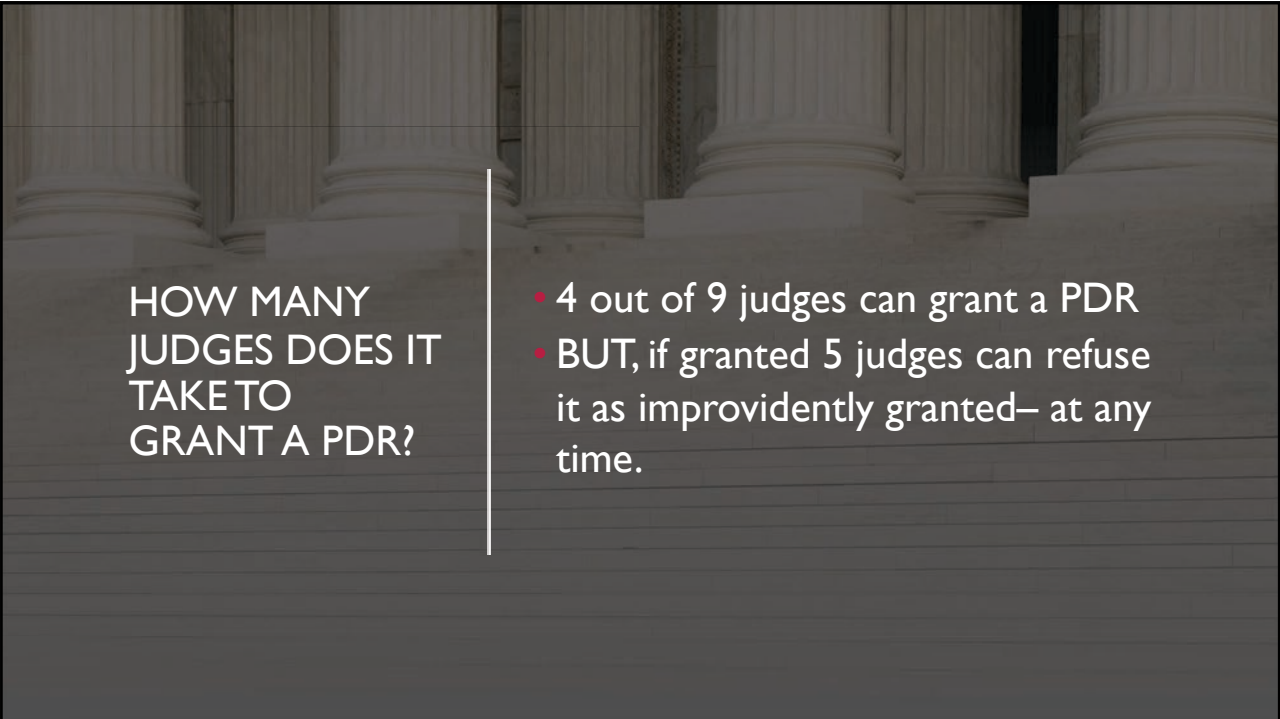
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**PDR'S GRANTED:  
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**HOW MANY  
JUDGES DOES IT  
TAKE TO  
GRANT A PDR?**

- 4 out of 9 judges can grant a PDR
- BUT, if granted 5 judges can refuse it as improvidently granted— at any time.

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