

## 2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

In 2014 the Public Defender's Office reviewed 1571 Applications for Assigned Counsel under the terms of the County Law. Of the 1571 applications initially processed, 358 were recognized as conflicts and referred to Allegany-Cattaraugus Legal Services, Inc. or to the Assigned Counsel Administrator. 115 applications were denied on the basis of financial ineligibility.

A total of 1099 cases were opened. They included:

473	Misdemeanors
137	Felonies
414	Family Court Matters (63 Support/Paternity)
51	Violations of Probation
16	Parole Violations
9	IDV Court Case

The majority of funding from the State of New York continues to be distributed through a grant process administered by the Office of Indigent Legal Services. In March of 2014 we were notified that our application under the Upstate Quality Improvement and Caseload Reduction Grant was approved. We will receive \$299,528.00 over a three-year period. Under this grant we were able to hire a Third Assistant Public Defender. Attorney Paul DiCola began working for our office in August.

As always, the Allegany County Public Defender's Office remains committed to the zealous representation of our clients and the protection of the rights they enjoy by virtue of the constitution and the laws of the State of New York.

Respectfully Submitted,

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