

**THE 2014
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ALLEGANY COUNTY ATTORNEY**

The County Attorney's Office is comprised of three Assistant County Attorneys and two secretary/paralegals. The Allegany County Attorney's Office provided legal representation to the County Board of Legislators and all other County offices and departments. This involved the rendering of formal and informal opinions, legal research, attendance at conferences, attendance at Board and Committee meetings, individual and group consultations as well as preparation for and appearances in Supreme, County and Family Court actions and proceedings. In addition, laws affecting County operations were examined and appropriate legal advice rendered as a result. A wide variety of work was undertaken for the Board of Legislators, County departments and offices. In addition to the review and preparation of numerous agreements, the following legislation, instruments and documents were prepared: 257 resolutions; 70 tax deeds; 208 confessions of judgments for DSS; 186 child support satisfactions of judgment; 5 discharge of mortgages.

The County Attorney also oversaw the work of outside counsel involved in representing Allegany County in tort claims and labor-management issues. Finally, this office represents the Soil & Water Conservation District.

Work on behalf of the Department of Social Services, and as the Presentment Agency for PINS and juvenile delinquency petitions, comprises a substantial part of the legal services performed by this office. Each of these proceedings requires multiple court appearances and conferences on behalf of the attorneys in this office. In particular, the following extensive Family Court work was undertaken: 21 juvenile delinquency proceedings; 11 PINS proceedings; 168 neglect petitions; 6 child abuse petitions; 3 family offense petitions; 4 guardianship petitions; multiple petitions terminating parental rights.

For calendar year 2014, the Allegany County Support Collection Unit collected a total of \$6,037,254. Of that amount, \$334,539 will reimburse public assistance grants. For 2014, the County Attorney's Office received revenues of \$532,185 from legal services provided to the Department of Social Services, a portion of which is recouped by DSS from the state and federal government. Also, this office received revenue of \$1,406.25 for services provided to the STOP-DWI Office. Although not reflected in revenue received by this office, money is also returned to the County as a result of legal services related to enforcing liens for Medicaid and/or public assistance grants.

I look forward to continuing to serve Allegany County as your County Attorney.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas A. Miner, County Attorney