ASSIGNED COUNSEL PROGRAM ERIE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION AID TO INDIGENT PRISONERS SOCIETY, INC.

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July 29, 2011

Robert M. Graber Clerk of the Erie County Legislature 92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor Buffalo, NY 14202

Re: Resolution 233 of May 6, 1975

Dear Mr. Graber:

Pursuant to the above-referenced Resolution, I am enclosing a financial report for the period 1/1/11 - 6/30/11, along with a list of attorneys who are currently on our panel. I am also enclosing copies of the minutes of each meeting of our Board of Directors that has been held within that six month period.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Lonski Administrator

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ECBA AIP Assigned Counsel Program

Report to	the Clerk	of Erie	County	Legislature

Period 1/01/11 - 06/30/11

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Source	of Funds:	•

County of Erie:	\$3,803,651
NYS:	120,800
Interest:	997
Donation - Training Restricted	10,450

Total: \$3,935,898

Program Expenditures:

Attorney Fees	3,395,696
Transcripts	35,793
Experts	36,394
Investigators	25,585

Total: \$3,493,468

Administration:

Personnel (Wages, Hosp, FICA, Unemp	427,705
Util/Telephone	6,146
Space Rental	23,358
Office Supplies	6,766
Postage	14,665
Travel	929
Insurance	52
Legal/accounting (Accountant)	6,000
Dues & Assoc. Membership Fees	195
Office Printing/copying (Reproduction)	3,508
Training	728
Equipment Purchase	223
Computer Maintenance	0
Legal Publications	887
Courier Service	2,370
Temp & Law Student	3,534
Payroll Service	805
Misc (Misc & Misc Volunteer Support)	872

Total: \$498,743

Grand Total: \$3,992,211

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TERENCE	NEWCOMB	RACHAEL	SAVANYU
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MICHAEL	QUINN	JOSEPH	TERRANOVA
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Meeting of the Board of Directors Erie County Bar Association Aid to Indigent Prisoners, Inc. January 19, 2011

Present: John Aman, Richard Barns, Robert Convissar, Julie Dee, James DeMarco III, Brenda Freedman, Kenneth Gibbons, Robert Goldstein, Paul Michael Hassett, Nicholas Hicks, Earl Key, Hon. Richard Kloch, Sr., Catherine Nagel, Robert Richardson, Ayoka Tucker, JoAnn Wahl, Karen Welch, Robert Lonski and Claudia Schultz.

Mr. Hicks convened the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

The Board unanimously approved a motion accepting the Minutes of the meeting of November 22, 2010 as submitted.

Mr. Lonski presented the financial report through the end of December, 2010. He noted that based on the data available at this time he expects that the program will close the 2010 fiscal year without a deficit. He pointed out that although it appears from the report that there is an excess in revenue in the amount of approximately \$298,000.00, that represents a cash-basis payment of a state grant that had already been booked as a receivable for a prior year, and will not impact on the bottom line for the 2010 fiscal year.

Mr. Lonski updated the Board on the statewide Office of Indigent Legal Services. He reminded the Board that the nine-member statewide board that will be reviewing the status of public defense on a statewide basis and making recommendations for improvement includes Judge DiTullio from Erie County. He reported on his and JoAnn Wahl's ongoing initiative to arrange a meeting with Susan V. John, who until December 31st had been a State Assemblywoman from the Rochester area and who is now a member of the statewide board.

He further reported on his understanding that the likely director of that statewide office will be an individual who was instrumental in developing and operating the statewide defense system in Massachusetts. It is noteworthy that the primary model for providing public defense in that state is through assigned counsel rather than through a staffed model. He expressed optimism that this individual, should he be hired, would as a result be more open than others might be to the advantages of maintaining assigned counsel as a significant component of any statewide system that may be developed in New York State.

The Board then discussed and approved unanimously the recommendations of the Professional Standards Committee with respect to its felony panel review of attorneys David Kelly, Andrew LoTempio, Edward Martnshin and Scott Riordan. Likewise, the recommendations of the Committee with respect to the following attorneys who are applying for participation were unanimously approved: Edward Betz, Sarah Filocamo, Kevin Harris, Carolyn Leed, Nicole Talev, Samuel Davis, Michael Conroy, William

Curtin and Chad Padanick. Participation in the program of attorneys Betz, Leed, Conroy and Padanick had not been recommended at this time.

The Board then discussed the proposed amendments to the Complaint Review Rules of the Assigned Counsel Program. Following some discussion, it was agreed that the word "filed" in numbered paragraph 1 of the rules should be taken out. As so modified, the amended rules were unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Schultz provided an update on the planning for the Attorney Recognition Reception, which will again be held at the Buffalo Club thanks to the generous support of Catherine Nagel. The event will be held on either March 3rd or March 10th, and the planning committee will be meeting shortly to make recommendations of honorees, which will be circulated to Board members for their approval before hand. Mr. Lonski reminded the Board that they will be receiving a letter in the near future asking for donations to support the event.

Judge Kloch announced the naming of Hon. Sheila DiTullio as a second Supervising Judge for the Criminal Courts in the Eighth Judicial District. He discussed the fact that this new appointment will allow for more hands-on attention to be given to the criminal courts in what is the busiest of the counties in the District, and noted his anticipation of an excellent working relationship with Judge DiTullio.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Dee Secretary

Meeting of the Board of Directors Erie County Bar Association Aid to Indigent Prisoners, Inc. March 31, 2011

Present: John Aman, Richard Barns, Robert Convissar, Julie Dee, Lenora Foote-Beavers, Kenneth Gibbons, Daniel Henry, Jr., Earl Key, Catherine Nagel, Rodney Personius, JoAnn Wahl, Robert Lonski and Claudia Schultz.

Mr. Convissar convened the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

Following a motion and second, the Minutes of the meeting of January 19, 2011 were approved unanimously, with the sole correction being that of the spelling of the name of Mr. Barnes.

Mr. Lonski presented the administrator's report. Initially, he briefly presented the financial report, which had been previously circulated to the Board. He then reported that the field work for the annual independent audit had been completed earlier this week, and that he expects an audit report to be presented to the Board at its next meeting.

Mr. Lonski then reported on the progress of negotiations with the county on a new contract for services. He described some of the issues that had arisen during that process, including a proposal by the county that the amount to be provided to the program be qualified with the language "not to exceed" preceding the amount appropriated by the Legislature. He reported that his negotiations with the County Attorney's Office resulted in the withdrawal of that proposed language. He also reported that there were some additional requests related to insurance and indemnification of the county that were resolved through a compromise and some adjustment of the language of our insurance policies.

Mr. Lonski also advised the Board that the county indicated that it may want to discuss in the future a possible requirement that panel attorneys carry malpractice insurance, and to discuss as well the scope of coverage with respect to that insurance. Mr. Lonski advised that he would keep the Board informed on that issue, and asked Board members to begin to think about the issue in anticipation of future discussion.

Mr. Lonski then discussed his short-term participation on the county's Community Corrections Advisory Board. He advised that he and the Executive Committee had met shortly after his appointment to that board, and had agreed that a conflict of interest existed such that it would be improper for him to continue to serve on that board. As reported by Mr. Lonski he then advised the chairperson of the County Legislature accordingly, and resigned from the advisory board. The Board expressed its agreement with that decision, and a number of Board members indicated that they felt that declining our participation on the advisory board was in the best interests of this organization.

The Board then discussed the program's policy on prosecutor participation with the program, and voted unanimously to amend that policy to include attorneys working for the county's Department of Social Services who prosecute juvenile delinquents in Family Court among those who are not eligible for participation in this program.

Mr. Lonski then reported on the status of the statewide public defense commission, technically known as the Office of Indigent Legal Services, or OILS. Specifically, he advised the Board that in the recent New York State budget negotiations, the budget for the administrative office of OILS was cut by 50%, to \$1.5 million. He also reported that OILS was releasing grant money to the defense organizations in each county, but had required on very short notice a submission of the specific ways in which that money would be used to improve and enhance existing defense services.

Mr. Lonski summarized the initiatives for which this program intends to use that money in the sum of approximately \$105,000.00. The several initiatives include the following: investigative and other assistance during felony trials; enhanced funding for the existing social work assistance program; enhanced training of attorneys, particularly in the area of trial skills; additional funding for experts; resumption of the pilot project for representation at arraignments in the Town Court of Cheektowaga, and provision for second attorneys to be appointed in a limited number of extraordinarily complex criminal trials. The Board expressed its approval of that plan.

Mr. Lonski advised that the Professional Standards Committee is preparing to do another round of investigations and interviews of approximately 10 attorneys who are currently on the program's felony panel.

Mr. Convissar and Ms. Schultz then reported on the very successful Attorney Recognition Reception that was held earlier in the month. The Board was again thanked for its financial contributions, and Ms. Nagel was especially recognized as having provided special support in conjunction with her membership at the Buffalo Club.

Mr. Henry advised that some members of the Board of Directors of the Bar Association had expressed some interest in attending the event. There was some discussion to the effect that attendance by individuals who are not directly associated with the program, such as the Bar Association's directors and Judges, for example, could have the potential of shifting the focus of the event away from the panel attorneys themselves. A suggestion was made that in the future the Bar Association's Board of Directors be invited through a single letter directed to the Bar president, but it is expected that the Board of Directors will have further discussion on this topic prior to the next recognition reception. Mr. Lonski reminded the Board that, from time to time, one or more prosecutors serve as directors on the Bar Association's Board of Directors. It was not felt that that should automatically prevent an invitation, but that among other factors would be discussed at an appropriate time in the future.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Dee Secretary

Annual Meeting
of the
Board of Directors
of the
Assigned Counsel Program
March 31, 2011

Present: John Aman, Richard Barns, Robert Convissar, Julie Dee, Lenora Foote-Beavers, Kenneth Gibbons, Daniel Henry, Jr., Earl Key, Catherine Nagel, Rodney Personius, JoAnn Wahl, Robert Lonski and Claudia Schultz.

Mr. Convissar convened the meeting at approximately 12:23 p.m.

He reminded the Board that directors elected through this process are presented to the Board of Directors of the Bar Association of Erie County, which then acts on those individuals through its own election process. Typically the action of the Board of the Bar Association is to confirm the names submitted through this Board's elections process.

Mr. Convissar reiterated the commitment of this Board to diversity of all different types.

He then reported that three directors, Lenora Foote-Beavers, Paul Hassett, and Daniel Henry, Jr. are rotating off the Board at this time due to the operation of the by-laws. The Board joined him in thanking each of them for their committed service to the program over the past several years.

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Mr. Convissar nominated Joseph Terranova and Hon. Michael Hudson for three-year terms as directors. The nominations were seconded, and there being no other nominations, both Mr. Terranova and Judge Hudson were elected unanimously.

Mr. Lonski then reported for the Nominating Committee with respect to its recommendations for officers. Mr. Convissar was nominated as president-elect, to take office as president at this time next year, in light of the fact that Nicholas Hicks will have to rotate off the Board 12 months from this time.

Catherine Nagel was nominated as vice-president-elect, to take office as vice-president at this time next year.

Julie Dee was nominated at secretary-elect, to continue as secretary at this time next year, and James DeMarco III was nominated as treasurer-elect, to take office as treasurer at this time next year, when Ms. Nagel moves into the position of vice-president.

Those nominations were seconded by Mr. Barnes. There were no other nominations and those nominated were elected unanimously.

There being no other business, Mr. Convissar adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Dee Secretary

Meeting of the Board of Directors Erie County Bar Association Aid to Indigent Prisoners, Inc. June 8, 2011

Present: John Aman, Richard Barnes, Robert Convissar, Julie Dee, Hon. Michael Hudson, James DeMarco III, Brenda Freedman, Kenneth Gibbons, Robert Goldstein, Rodney Personius, Joseph Terranova, Ayoka Tucker, JoAnn Wahl, Robert Lonski and Claudia Schultz.

Mr. Convissar convened the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

Following a motion and second, the minutes of the annual and regular meetings of March 31, 2011 were approved, with the only correction being the spelling of the name of Mr. Barnes.

Mr. Lonski presented the financial report of the organization through the end of April 2011. He pointed out the fact that the contract with Erie County has been signed, and that payment has been made in a timely way on that contract. He briefly discussed ongoing efforts to control costs without compromising the quality of representation, as well as any notable areas of costs over and under budget at this time. He reminded the Board that the organization's IRS Form 990 is available for review by any Board member at his or her request, and that a copy will be provided to any who request the same.

He then briefly addressed the grievance that had recently been filed and the reasons for the filing.

Mr. Lonski then reported on his recent meetings and discussions with Bill Leahy, the head of the statewide Office of Indigent Legal Services. He indicated that the two primary areas of interest for grant-making purposes: providing counsel at arraignments, and encouraging collaborative projects among defense providers within and especially between different counties. He discussed the complexity of the first issue, and conveyed his perception that the realistic expectation in the short term is progress toward the goal of representation at all arraignments. He stated his belief that this is a "system" issue rather than one that can be addressed solely by providers of defense services.

With respect to the second issue, he indicated that he has begun to explore areas of possible collaboration such as sharing training and screening expertise with assigned counsel programs in neighboring counties, and possibly utilizing attorneys from the respective counties in courts close to the respective counties' borders.

Mr. Lonski then reported on felony trial results over a 14 month period ending in March 2011. The report showed that program attorneys obtained full acquittals in 25% of such trials, and that in over 41% of felony trials in which the defendant was represented by

program attorneys, the result was either an acquittal or a conviction of nothing more than a misdemeanor or a violation. He reported that the percentage rose to over 53% when the criterion was acquittal, conviction of either a lesser felony, a misdemeanor, or a violation, or a mistrial/hung jury.

The financial report from the independent auditor was distributed and discussed. There were no exceptions, and there was no need for a management letter.

The Professional Standards Committee presented its recommendations on nine attorneys new or returning to the program, those being Benjamin Carlisle, Holly Erick, Ramon Irizarry, Jeffrey Lacey, Mark Montour, Joshua Ramos, Lisa Yaeger, Joseph Catalano and John Zimberlin. It also made recommendations on the requests of several attorneys who are currently on the panel but who had made requests to be approved to receive assignments in additional areas. These included Kreag Ferullo, Daniel Griebel, Rochelle Jones and Jessica Kulpit. All of these recommendations were approved by the full Board unanimously.

Mr. Lonski brought to the Board's attention attorney Thomas Kubiniec's request that it reconsider and revise its policy which prohibits program participation by attorneys who represent the county Department of Social Services in a prosecutorial posture. Following some discussion, the Board referred the issue to the Professional Standards Committee.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Dee Secretary