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August 31, 2015

Karen M. McCarthy
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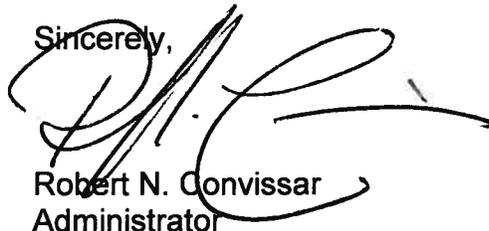
Re: Resolution 233 of May 6, 1975

Dear Ms. McCarthy:

Pursuant to the above-referenced Resolution, I am enclosing a financial report, cash basis, for the period 1/1/15 – 6/30/15, 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 N. Convissar
Administrator

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Assigned Counsel Program**

Report to the Clerk of Erie County Legislature

Period 1/01/15 - 6/30/15

Source of Funds:

County of Erie:	\$4,012,857
NYS:	0
ILS:	0
Donation - Training Restricted	0
Total:	\$4,012,857

Program Expenditures:

Attorney Fees	3,637,512
Transcripts	14,735
Experts	11,089
Investigators	15,861
Total:	\$3,679,197

Administration:

Personnel (Wages, Hosp, FICA, Unemploy, I	525,019
Util/Telephone	11,702
Space Rental	23,943
Office Supplies	9,107
Postage	12,281
Travel	2,666
Insurance	0
Legal/accounting (Accountant)	7,000
Dues & Assoc. Membership Fees	275
Office Printing/copying (Reproduction)	4,178
Training	5,075
Equipment Purchase	1,633
Computer Maintenance	10,417
Legal Publications	1,388
Courier Service	2,640
Temp & Law Student	903
Payroll Service	1,085
Misc (Misc & Misc Volunteer Support)	1,098
Total:	\$620,410

Grand Total: \$4,299,607

Assigned Counsel Panel As Of June 30, 2015

JEFFREY	ABATE	MICHALE	CIMASI
ANTHONY	ABBARNO	DANIEL	CIMINELLI
DAVID	ABBATOY	JAMES	CIMINELLI
EUGENE	ADAMS	DIANE	CIURCZAK
GEORGE	ADAMSON	PAUL	CLEARY
DAVID R	ADDELMAN	JAMIE	CODJOVI
FERN	ADELSTEIN	RICHARD	COLE
JERRY M	ADER	CORNELIUS	COLLINS
MARK	ADRIAN	KEVIN	CONDON
JOSEPH	AGRO	DANNINE	CONSOLI
CHERYL	ALOI	LATASHA	CRUTCHER
FRANCIS	AMENDOLA	WILLIAM	CURTIN
ELENA	ANCONA	ROBERT	CUTTING
ANN	ANDERSON	CRAIG	CWICK
HEATHER	ANDERSON	PHILLIP	DABNEY, JR.
RYAN	ANDERSON	DON	DALLY
JOHN	ANGE	DANA	DANTONIO
SARA	ANTHIS	SAMUEL	DAVIS
ANN	ARNOLD	MICHAEL	DEAL
JAMES	AURICCHIO	PAUL G.	DELL
LURIE	BAKER	REGINA	DELVECCHIO
MICHAEL	BARONE	JAMES	DEMARCO III
PAUL	BARR	JAMES	DEMATTEO
RUTH	BAUM	MARY BETH	DEPASQUALE
JOHN	BEDASKA	GINA	DEPRIMA
DEBRA	BENDER	JORGE	DEROSAS
CATHERINE	BERCHOU	LAWRENCE	DESIDERIO
PETER	BERGENSTOCK	KATHLEEN	DEVEREAUX
ALAN	BIRNHOLZ	JASON	DIPASQUALE
JENNIFER	BLACKHALL	MARK	DOANE
DAVID	BLACKLEY	BARRY	DOLGOFF
JEFFREY	BOCHIECHIO	ALAN	DONATELLI
DANIEL	BOECK	CECILE	DORLIAE
FRANK	BOGULSKI	JOHN	DUDZIAK
REBECCA	BRAWN	KATHRYN	EASTMAN
GAIL	BREEN	LAURA	EL-BAHTITY
WILLIAM	BRODERICK JR	ANTHONY	EMMI
MATTHEW	BROOKS	HOLLY	ERICK
ANGELO	BUFFOMANTE	TARA	EVANS
FRANK	BUFFOMANTE	THOMAS C	FARLEY
KARA	BUSCAGLIA	JENNIFER	FARRELL
NICHOLAS	BUSSI	KENNETH	FARRELL
FRANK	BYBEL	WAYNE	FELLE
DOMINIC	CANDINO	NOEMI	FERNANDEZ
E. CAREY	CANTWELL	M. KREAG	FERULLO
ANTONIO	CARDARELLI	SHANNON	FILBERT
CATHERINE	CAREY	GREGORY	FINA
BENJAMIN	CARLISLE	ANDREW	FISKE
A. JOSEPH	CATALANO	ROBERT	FLYNN
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MICHELLE	CHAAS	GARY	FREEDMAN
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PATRICK	GARRITY	DENIS	KITCHEN
ROSS	GELBER	MICHAEL	KOBIOLKA
GIOVANNI	GENOVESE	ADAM	KOCH
MATTHEW	GIANNETTI	MICHAEL	KOOSHOIAN
LESLIE JEAN	GIBBIN	PETER	KOOSHOIAN
KENNETH	GIBBONS	JOSHUA	KORMAN
KEVIN	GIBBONS	ANTHONY	KOWALSKI
LISA	GIBERTONI	JEFFREY	KRAJEWSKI
JOHN	GILMOUR	KATHLEEN	KUGLER
ROBERT	GOLDSTEIN	PAUL	KULLMAN
ALBERT	GRANDE	JESSICA	KULPIT
DANIEL	GRASSO	LEE CHARLES	LAMENDOLA
CHARLES	GREENBERG	ANTHONY	LANA
ALVIN	GREENE	CHRISTINA	LANA SHINE
JOHN	GRENELL	ELIZABETH	LANDWEHR
DANIEL	GRIEBEL	FREDERICK	LANG
DAVID	GUTOWSKI	JAMES	LAZARUS
LYLE	HAJDU	MICHAEL	LEFF
WILLIAM	HARPER	RICHARD	LEFF
IAN	HARRINGTON	CLAYTON	LENHART
JEFFREY	HARRINGTON	DEAN	LILAC JR
KEVIN	HARRIS	MICHAEL	LOCICERO
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JASON	HENSKEE	TIMOTHY R	LOVALLO
KAREN	HENSLEY	JOHN	LUHR
AUDREY	HERMAN	EVAN	LUMLEY
MICHAEL	HERON	PARKER	MACKAY
NICHOLAS	HICKS	LOUIS	MAINO
JOSEPH	HODAN	JAMES	MALONEY
ALAN	HOFFMAN	JOAN	MALONEY
LORI	HOFFMAN	J. MICHAEL	MARION
BERNADETTE	HOPPE	MINDY	MARRANCA
STEPHEN	HUGHES	RACHEL	MARRERO
THOMAS	HURLEY	SHAWN	MARTIN
FRANK	IERACI	EDWARD J	MARTNSHIN
RAMON	IRIZARRY	PATRICIA	MAXWELL
JUSTIN	JABLONSKI	JENNIFER	MCCANN
HOPE	JAY	KATHLEEN	MCDONALD
ROBERT	JOHNSON	MICHAEL	MCKEATING
ROCHELLE	JONES	RALPH	MEGNA
JOHN K	JORDAN	CHARLES	MESSINA
KELLY	KAPPERMAN	PAUL	MICHALEK JR
SUSAN	KARALUS	TARA	MIDLIK
RANDALL	KAY	RAYMOND	MILES III
THOMAS	KEANE	CORY	MISSELL
JOHN M	KEAVEY	JOHN	MOLLOY
THOMAS	KEEFE	ROSEANNE	MORAN
DAVID	KELLY	RICHARD	MORRISROE
MICHAEL	KELLY	MARK	MULTERER

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MOLLY JO	MUSARRA	JEFFREY	SANTORO
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JESSICA	MUSSELL	DAVID	SARKOVICS
CATHERINE	NAGEL	ANTONIO	SAVAGLIO
CINDY	NAVARRO	JEFFREY	SCHERER
TERENCE	NEWCOMB	SEAN	SCHOENBORN
ANN	NICHOLS	JEREMY	SCHWARTZ
JON ALLON	NICHOLS	LAWRENCE	SCHWEGLER
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JOHN	NUCHERENO	DENIS	SCINTA
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EVELYNE	O'SULLIVAN	SETH	SEEGERT
ANDREW	PACE	MARC	SHATKIN
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BRIAN	PARKER	ROBERT	SHEPHERD
LUCIAN	PARLATO	DAVID	SILVERBERG
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KIM	PAUL	VICTORIA	SMITH
TIMOTHY	PAWARSKI	KEVIN	SPITLER
NEIL	PAWLOWSKI	MICHAEL	STACHOWSKI
DOROTHY	PEARMAN	JOSEPH	STADLER
BRITTANY	PENBERTHY	PATRICK	STAFFORD
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GARY	PHILLIPS	SCOTT	STEPIEN
DANIEL	PIOTROWICZ	JENNIFER	STERGION
KATHLEEN	PLATZER	DOUGLAS	STILLER
YULIYA	POLLACK	JOSEPH	TERRANOVA
MICHAEL	PORETTA	FRANCIS	TESSEYMAN JR
MATTHEW	POTENZA	THOMAS	THEOPHILOS
BECKY	POWELL	PAMELA	THIBODEAU
ARTHUR	PRESSMAN	DAVID	TODARO
DEAN	PULEO	NELSON S	TORRE
PATRICK	QUINLIVAN	DELREASE	TOTA-NEAL
ANDREW	RADACK	RONALD	TRABUCCO
JOSHUA	RAMOS	EMILY	TROTT
MELISSA	REESE	AYOKA	TUCKER
SUSAN	REINECKE	LANA	TUPCHIK
SCOTT	RIORDAN	JOSEPH	TURNER
NORA	ROBSHAW	DENIS	UMINSKI
JULIE	ROGERS	STEPHEN	UNDERWOOD
LORI	ROMAN	JASON	URBANIAK
WALTER	ROOTH III	LISA	VALVO
MARIA	ROSCIGLIONE	JAMES	VANDETTE
CAROL	ROSENTHAL	PETER	VASILION
ELISABETH	ROSSOW	VERA	VENKOVA
DEBRA	ROUGEUX	CATHARINE	VENZON
BRIAN	RUFFINO	JESSICA	VESPER
SEAN	RYAN	LOUIS	VIOLANTI
MARK	SACHA	KAMALJIT	VIRK
BRENT	SALEVSKY	SURINDER	VIRK
JOHN	SANCHEZ	JEFFREY	VOELKL
SALVATORE	SANFILIPPO	CHRISTINE	VOGEL
SABBY	SANTARPIA	JACLYN	WANEMAKER

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DANIEL	WARD
DOUGLAS	WEINERT
PIETER	WEINRIEB
WALLACE	WIENS
DAVID	WILSON
KEVIN	WOLF
PAUL	WOLF
MARK	WORRELL
GRANT	ZAJAS
MICHAEL	ZOSH

MINUTES
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Erie County Bar Association Aid to Indigent Prisoners, Inc.
January 15, 2015

Present: John Aman, Richard Barnes, James DeMarco III, Kenneth Gibbons, Daniel Henry Jr., Robert Lonski, Joseph Terranova, Ayoka Tucker, Peter Vasilion, JoAnn Wahl, Robert Convissar

Mr. DeMarco convened the meeting at approximately 12:25 p.m., and the entire Board welcomed Mr. Convissar as the incoming Administrator of the Program.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of December 5, 2014.

Mr. Lonski presented the financial report through the end of November, 2014, which had been previously distributed to the Board. The Board received the report following short discussion. Mr. Lonski then discussed the present status of the ILS arraignment grant implementation, noting that Grand Island and the Town of Tonawanda have been added to the list of courts in which an attorney of the day is present on selected days for arraignment purposes, and that preparations have begun for expanding the "on-call" portion of the project into the second third of the county.

He reported that Legal Aid is apparently now interested in applying for the ILS Padilla grant, but that at the Board's previous direction, he is supporting and collaborating with the Volunteer Lawyer's Project with respect to its application for the same grant.

He then advised that Dennis McGrath has entered a plea to a C felony, and that sentencing is scheduled for March. A confession of judgment in favor of the Program has been signed by Mr. McGrath; Mr. Convissar will continue to discuss with the Board the advisability of satisfying the judgment with a lesser amount in cash at an appropriate time.

The Board considered and unanimously approved the Audit Committee Charter, a Whistleblower Policy, a Conflict of Interest Policy, and certain amendments to the corporation's bylaws.

The Board resolved to recognize Vince Doyle III for his continuing pro bono representation of the Program regarding the McGrath matter.

The next meeting of the Board was set for February 18th at 12:15 p.m.

Mr. Lonski expressed his gratitude to the Board for its support over the years, and the Board likewise expressed its thanks to him for the work that he has done for the Program.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert D. Lonski
Acting Secretary

MINUTES
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Erie County Bar Association Aid to Indigent Prisoners, Inc.
February 18, 2015

Present: Hon. John Aman, Samuel Davis, Hon. Julie Ann Dee, James DeMarco III, Kenneth Gibbons, Robert M. Goldstein, Daniel Henry Jr., Hon. Michael Hudson; Marianne Mariano, Joseph Terranova, Ayoka Tucker, Peter Vasilion and Robert Convissar

Mr. DeMarco convened the meeting at approximately 12:25 p.m., and the entire Board welcomed Mr. Convissar as the new Administrator of the Program.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of January 15, 2015.

Mr. Convissar advised the Board of an Audit which was scheduled and conducted by the Erie County Comptroller's Office. The letter announcing it was received on his first day of work. This is the first audit of our Program by the County in our history. It was intended to determine our compliance with the County Contract and it was triggered by the publicity given to the DA's prosecution of Dennis McGrath. The audit focused on Program procedures and systems, a review of all 2014 1099's issued to our panel members, and a random review of over 400 vouchers submitted and paid in 2013 and 2014. Mr. Convissar then discussed the County's review of the implementation of procedures to address the McGrath issue. The auditors were shown the changes made to our initial and renewal applications requiring the submission of a Statement of Good Standing from the Appellate Division or proof of payment to the OCA for our Attorney Registration fee. One of the first things Mr. Convissar did was to systematize the review of Fourth Department Attorney Discipline decisions which are issued on Fridays during their term. This was effective in addressing the inquiry made by the Auditors as to how we know when someone is suspended or disbarred. We were in total compliance with two attorneys who were recently suspended. Our payments to them, on both vouchers, stopped as of the date of suspension,

Mr. Convissar did not present a financial report due to the fact that our books for the year ending in 2014 were not yet closed. He reported that the Program was approximately \$100,000.00 under budget pending booking of all of December's vendor bills, staff hospitalization deductibles and vouchers which were paid at the end of December. The Board received the report following short discussion.

Mr. Convissar then discussed his meeting with representatives of the Erie County Budget Office and the County Attorney. This was a friendly meet and great introducing Mr. Convissar as the new Administrator and meeting Timothy Callen, Deputy Budget Director, who is now newly in charge of our budget.

Mr. Convissar discussed his meeting with Kevin Stadelmeier, from the Legal Aid Bureau. This was a meet and greet as well, but not as friendly. Mr. Convissar advised that he plainly advised the Legal Aid Bureau that we would not allow any further encroachments on our felony business by them, that we would not attack their business and that we should peaceably co-exist. I strongly suggested that there exists no weakness in our operation due to the transfer of leadership and that they best not start anything. He advised that he understood.

Mr. Convissar then discussed his contact with Bill Leahy, the head of ILS which also was a friendly meet and great. Mr. Convissar further advised that Grant # 4 was received from the County. It provides for additional ACP hiring of two "quality enhancement attorneys and an administrative assistant. There was a discussion of the manner and method of hiring these new personnel. It was unanimously agreed by the Board that Mr. Convissar would have the authority to make all such hiring decisions.

Mr. Convissar discussed proposed changes to the name of his position, which will now be known as Chief Defender/Administrator to be consistent with State-wide terminology for the heads of programs providing aid to the indigent. There was discussion of making changes to the letterhead and it was unanimously agreed that the letterhead could list our Program's officers, but not a listing of the full board.

The Board considered and unanimously appointed Richard Barnes, Dan Henry, JoAnn Wahl, John Aman and Robert Convissar to comprise the Audit Committee. The Board unanimously appointed James DeMarco, Kenneth Gibbons, Robert Goldstein, Ayoka Tucker and Robert Convissar to the Nominating Committee.

The Board was advised that Board member Earl Key has left Erie County, dropped his Bar Association membership and moved to the State of Washington, thus creating a vacancy for the remaining one year in his term. This will be addressed by the Nominating Committee.

The Board scheduled future Board meetings as follows:

April 15, 2015 (Annual Meeting)
June 17, 2015
August 19, 2015 (Budget approval)
November 18, 2015
February 17, 2016

The Board was reminded that the Attorney Recognition Reception is scheduled for April 16, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at the Foundry. Mr. Convissar reminded the Board that this event was dependent on contributions from Board members and that he would soon send out a solicitation letter to Board Members.

The next meeting of the Board was set for April 15, 2015 at 12:15 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Robert N. Convissar
Acting Secretary

MINUTES
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Erie County Bar Association Aid to Indigent Prisoners, Inc.
April 15, 2015

Present: Hon. John Amen, Robert Convissar, Hon. Julie Dee, James DeMarco III, Kenneth Gibbons, Robert Goldstein, Daniel Henry Jr., Hon. Michael Hudson, Hon. Richard Kloch, Sr., Joseph Terranova, Ayoka Tucker, and Peter Vasilion

Mr. DeMarco convened the meeting at approximately 12:40 p.m.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of February 18, 2015.

Mr. Convissar advised the Board of the Audit which conducted by the Erie County Comptroller's Office. The Board was provided with a Draft Audit Report. The triggering factor was the issue with Attorney Dennis McGrath. The audit reported no further instances of unlicensed practitioners. They found that the procedures we implemented in response to this situation, i.e. requiring copies of Proof of Good Standing or OCA Attorney Registration Receipts, as well as our review of all Fourth Department Disciplinary Decisions and our 3 year cycle of reviewing all our panel attorneys "greatly improved" our program. The report said that our quarterly reports were not all filed. However, we provided copies of the reports. It would appear they were not distributed within the County. There were no other significant issues from the audit.

Mr. Convissar presented a Financial Report for the first two months of the year and an unaudited financial statement for the 2014 year. He reported that our books for the year ending in 2014 were not yet closed. He reported that the Program was approximately \$1000.00 under budget pending our continued work to integrate our new Accounting System with our old Bookkeeping system. There will likely be further changes. The Board received the report following a short discussion.

Mr. Convissar then presented the Board with copies of a Seal and letterhead design prepared by a graphic designer for the total fee of \$150.00. The Board unanimously adopted the Seal and approved the letterhead.

Discussion began with respect to the necessity to adopt a Statement of Clients Rights and Responsibilities. This matter was tabled for further thought and discussion.

Mr. Convissar reported on the finalization of the plea, sentence and restitution paid by Dennis McGrath. The funds received from Mr. McGrath were turned over to the County, through the office of Tim Callan, Deputy Budget Director. The matter is now concluded and no further restitution is required.

The Board was reminded of the date of the Attorney Recognition Reception and requested to attend and contribute.

The next scheduled Board Meeting is June 17, 2015.

The Board scheduled future Board meetings as follows:

August 19, 2015 (Budget approval)
November 18, 2015
February 17, 2016

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

Respectfully submitted,

Robert N. Convissar
Acting Secretary

MINUTES
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Erie County Bar Association Aid to Indigent Prisoners, Inc.
June 17, 2015

Present: Hon. John Amen, Richard Barnes, Robert Convissar, Kenneth Gibbons, Daniel Henry Jr., Hon. Richard Kloch, Sr., Douglas Stiller, Joseph Terranova, Emily Trott, Ayoka Tucker, Peter Vasilion, JoAnn Wahl and Mark Worrell.

Mr. Barnes convened the meeting at approximately 12:20 p.m.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Annual Meeting of April 15, 2015 and the minutes of the regular Board meeting of April 15, 2015.

A report of Professional Standards Committee was given to the Board by Joseph Terranova. The Board was advised that the Committee has been reactivated. It will first handle determinations as to Panel acceptance of a number of experienced, well qualified attorneys seeking to join. They next will focus on determining applications by current panel members to upgrade their panel memberships. Thereafter, we will concentrate on reviewing new applicants who seek to join our Panel. Mr. Convissar also advised that the Committee will be handling a Regional ILS initiative to assist the Wyoming County Assigned Counsel Program with panel creation and attorney review under a \$21,000.00 ILS grant they have.

Mr. Convissar then presented the year-end financial report which is essentially finalized with our auditors. He reported that the final budget shows that once again we came in under budget in the sum of \$6939.00. Mr. Convissar presented a Financial Report for the first four months of the year. This report shows that through the month ending April 30, 2015, we are under budget for our Program Attorney costs and under budget for our Administrative Costs. The total is that we are under budget in the sum of \$18,572.00. The Board received the reports following a short discussion.

Mr. Convissar reported on his recent meeting with the Chief Defenders Association and then updated the Board on the progress of the State's response to the settlement of the Hurrell-Harring case and the renewed focus on Counsel at arraignment, case load limits, quality of counsel issues and the creation of uniform client eligibility standards.

The Administrator's report continued with an ILS update. Mr. Convissar advised that he was named to their Chief Defenders Advisory Committee and meet in Albany with Mr. Leahy and his staff on May 28, 2015. Under Grant # 4, the selection process for Quality Control Attorneys is moving along and 2 attorneys will be on board within a month or so. We received an 18 month extension of Grant #2, which was to expire June 30, 2015. It appears that our Program, under Bob Lonski had only spent about half of the funds. This extension should allow us to get all available proceeds from the Grant.

Mr. Convissar then advised the Board regarding his two personal meetings with ILS Staff member Joanne Macri and Andrew Davis, who is coordinating a data collection effort which our office will assist regarding the Attorney at Arraignment program.

A discussion was conducted and the Board advised of our recent efforts to improve the practice of our panel members in Family Court. We have re-created an Article 10 panel of our best family court trial attorneys and have created a special Support panel based on the need we were advised of by our meetings with the Support Magistrates. We are conducting a Trial Technique, three part, 9 hour CLE program to be taught by John Nucherino and others. It will be held on July 31, August 14 and August 28, 2015 and we have received permission to conduct the sessions in the Ceremonial Courtroom. It will be intended to teach evidence, direct and cross-examination and expert testimony to our Family Court Panel members and will include hands-on training sessions.

An update was given to the Board regarding moving On-Line Billing to the forefront of our initiatives. Systems being investigated will include complementary Case Management systems as well as voucher and billing. To that end an effort will be made soon to reach out to the Superior Court and Family Court Judges to address future methods of voucher approval given the anticipated change to On-line Billing.

Under New Business, the Board went into Executive Session and had a general discussion of two matters.

The next scheduled Board Meeting is August 19, 2015.

The Board scheduled future Board meetings as follows:

August 19, 2015 (Budget approval)
November 18, 2015
February 17, 2016

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert N. Convissar
Acting Secretary



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Re: Erie County Legislature Resolution of March 4, 2004
Comm. 5E-24 (2004)

Claudia S. Schultz
Deputy Administrator

Dear Ms. McCarthy:

Yvonne Vertlieb
Supervisor – Family Court

Pursuant to the above-referenced Resolution and the related letter from the Erie County Attorney to the Chairman of the Legislature dated March 16, 2004, this letter with enclosure constitutes the Quarterly Report of the Assigned Counsel Program for the 2nd quarter of 2015.

John R. Nuchereno
Dean - ACP Law School

County funds appropriated for 2015 fiscal year: \$8,025,713.00

Portion of appropriation allocated to second quarter: \$2,006,428.25

Portion of appropriation allocated for year to date: \$2,006,428.25

Funds disbursed by Erie County to Assigned Counsel Program in second quarter: \$4,012,856.50

Funds disbursed by Erie County to Assigned Counsel Program, year to date:
\$4,012,856.50

Administrative expenses in second quarter: \$330,199.80

Administrative expenses, year to date: \$712,183.97

Payments made to attorneys for legal services in second quarter: \$1,906,842.03

Payments made to attorneys for legal services, year to date: \$3,406,415.44

Payments made to investigators in second quarter: \$16,760.20

Payments made to investigators, year to date: \$35,815.75

Payments made to experts in second quarter: \$28,579.00

Payments made to experts, year to date: \$37,714.00

Payments made for transcripts in second quarter: \$16,746.40

Payments made for transcripts, year to date: \$27,744.75

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Karen M. McCarthy

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Please note that the figures for payments made to attorneys, year to date, are payments actually made and do not include liability incurred for legal work performed but either not yet billed or billed and not actually paid as of the end of the quarter.

A list of all attorneys who have received payments through the second quarter of this year for legal services rendered is enclosed with this letter.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RNC', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Robert N. Convissat
Administrator

RNC:nd

enc.

c: Michael A. Siragusa, Erie County Attorney
Robert W. Keating, Erie County Director of Budget & Management

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ATTORNEYS RECEIVING ASSIGNED COUNSEL PAYMENTS - 2nd QUARTER 2015

JEFFREY ABATE
ANTHONY ABBARNO
DAVID ABBATOY
EUGENE ADAMS
DAVID R ADDELMAN
JERRY ADER
MARK ADRIAN
JOSEPH AGRO
CHERYL ALOI
FRANCIS AMENDOLA
ELENA ANCONA
ANN ANDERSON
HEATHER ANDERSON
RYAN ANDERSON
JOHN ANGE
SARA ANTHIS
JAMES AURICCHIO
MICHAEL BARONE
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