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Mission Statement

We strive to help those who cannot help themselves; who face steep odds against the power of the State; and who struggle with poverty, mental issues, helplessness, and dread. We save lives and we save families. We are the first line of defense for the freedoms granted to us by the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

April 9, 2026

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

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

Dear Ms. Owens,

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 1st quarter of 2026.

County funds appropriated for 2026 fiscal year: \$17,764,360

Portion of appropriation allocated to 1st quarter: \$4,441,090

Portion of appropriation allocated for year to date: \$4,441,090

Funds disbursed by Erie County to Assigned Counsel Program in 1st quarter: \$8,882,180

Funds disbursed by Erie County to Assigned Counsel Program, year to date: \$8,882,180

Administrative/Program expenses in 1st quarter: \$1,378,440

Administrative/Program expenses, year to date: \$1,378,440

Payments made to attorneys for legal services in 1st quarter: \$4,700,443

Payments made to attorneys for legal services, year to date: \$4,700,443

Payments made to investigators in 1st quarter: \$5,149

Payments made to investigators, year to date: \$5,149

Payments made to experts in 1st quarter: \$32,908

Payments made to experts, year to date: \$32,908

Payments made for transcripts in 1st quarter: \$34,209

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Of these above expenses, approximately \$2.4M are expenses to be reimbursed through the ILS and DCJS Contracts with NYS and the County, for 2026, and not part of the \$4,700,443 appropriated funds. The attorney payments are the cash basis total paid, so some are from our prior year accrued expenses.

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 during the 1st quarter of this year for legal services rendered is enclosed with this letter.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,



Hope Keilman
Chief Financial Officer

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cc: Jeremy C. Toth, Erie County Attorney
Mark Cornell, Erie County Director of Budget & Management

**ATTORNEYS RECEIVING ASSIGNED COUNSEL PAYMENTS
COST BASES - 1ST QUARTER 2026**

Abate, Jeffrey - ABAT01
Adeniji, Jesutowo - ADEN01
Alba, Samuel - ALBA01
Amendola, Francis - AMEN01
Ancona, Elena - ANCO01
Anderson, Ryan - ANDE09
Andruschat, Timothy - ANDR03
Anthis, Sara - ANTH01
Auricchio, James - AURI01
Baker, Jackie - BAKE06
Baranski Jr, Tibor - BARA01
Bauerle, Ariel - BAUE02
Baumann, Jeffrey - BAUM04
Beck, William - BECK02
Bedaska, John - BEDA01
Bellrose Lloyd, Jacqueline - BELL03
Bender, Debra - BEND01
Berchou, Catherine - BERCO1
Bernard, Scott - BERN07
Billanti, Catherine - BILL03
Blahowicz, Ashley - BLAH01
Bogulski, Frank - BOGU01
Bojak, Adam - BOJA01
Brady, Daniel - BRAD03
Broderick, William - BROD01
Brooks, Matthew - BROO02
Brooks, Timothy - BROO05
Byrne, Mark - BYRN01
Canterbury, Ian - CANT02
Carey, Catherine - CARE05
Cercone, Jake - CERC03
Chabala, Anthony - CHAB02
Chan, Mary - CHAN02
Chiarilli, Alexandria - CHIA05
Ciarrocca, Rebecca - BYLE01
Cimasi, Michael - CIMA01
Ciminelli, James - CIMI03
Clayton, David - CLAY02
Coad, Kevin - COAD01
Cole, Richard - COLE02
Connelly, Caitlin - CONN09
Conroy, Michael - CONR01
Cooper, Cindy - COOP03
Curtin, William - CURT05
Dell, Paul - DELL02
DeMatteo, James - DEMA01
Desiderio, Lawrence - DESI01
Didio, Paul - DIDI01
Dinki, Edward - DINK01
Dolgoft, Barry - DOLG02
Domenico, Anthony - DOME01
Donatelli, Alan - DONA01
Dorliae, Cecile - MATH02
Dougherty, Connor - DOUG01
Duncan, TheArthur - DUNC02
Eaton, Winter - EATO02
Emborsky, Andrew - EMBO01
Evans, Jason - EVAN03
Fabiatos, Lee - FABI01
Faraco, Jr., Anthony - FARA01
Farah, Elias - FARA02
Farrell, Bethany - FARR05
Ferullo, M. Kreag - FERU01
Flynn, Robert - FLYN03
Franjoine, Christopher - FRAN07
Fromen, Lucas - FROM02
Funda, Joyce - FUND02
Gallagher, Timothy - GALL05
Gately, Tyler - GATE01
Genovese, Giovanni - GENO01
Gibbons, Kenneth - GIBB02
Gibbons, Kevin - GIBB01
Gilbert, Brendan - GILB02
Gioia, Michael - GIOI03
Goldstein, Robert - GOLD04
Greenberg, Charles - GREE04
Greene, Alvin - GREE03
Greene, Shane - GREE07
Griebel, Daniel - GRIE01
Gutowski, David - GUTO01
Hart, Arrianna - HART08
Heubusch, Thomas - HEUB01
Hoerner, Kaitlyn - HOER01
Hoffman, Alan - HOFF01
Hughes, Stephen - HUGH01
Ieraci, Frank - IERA02
Jablonski, Justin - JABL01
Jarzembek, Joseph - JARZ01
Johnson, Robert - JOHN03
Jones, Deonna - JONE06

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COST BASES - 1ST QUARTER 2026**

Kane, Kevin - KANE04
Kapperman, Kelly - DUNN02
Karalus, Susan - KARA01
Kelly, Sean - KELL07
Kotnis, Mark - KOTN01
Krajewski, Jeffrey - KRAJ01
Kulpit, Jessica - KULP01
Landwehr, Paul - LAND02
Lauricella, Dillon - LAUR02
Lavin, Katharine - LAVI02
Leffler, Evan - LEFF03
Lenhardt, Clayton - LENH01
Lippes, Joshua - LIPP01
Litwin, Ashley - LITW02
Longo, Frank - LONG02
Loss, Katrina - LOSS01
MacDonald, Brian - MACD01
Mackay, Parker - MACK03
Mahoney, Kevin - MAHO03
Maloney, James - MALO03
Marinero, Alixandra - MARI04
Marranca, Mindy - MARR03
Martin, Alexander - MART11
Martnshin, Edward - MART02
Mathewson, William - MATH03
McCrary, Athena - MCCR02
McGrath, Peter - MCGR03
McIver, James - MCIV01
McKeating, Michael - MCKE01
McLaughlin, Patrick - MCLA02
Michalek, Jr., Paul - MICH07
Midlik, Tara - MIDL01
Mingo, Michael - MING01
Miserendino, Samuel - MISE01
Morrisroe, Richard - MORR03
Muehlbauer, Haley - MUEH01
Muscato, Joseph - MUSCO1
Nasser, Abraham - NASS02
Newcomb, Terrance - NEWC01
Nichols, Ann - NICH03
Nowadly, Kate - NOWA03
Ojeme, Osemudiamen - OJEM01
O'Neill, Tyler - ONEI02
Osman, Mayada - OSMA02
O'Sullivan, Evelyne - OSUL01

Pajak, David - PAJA01
Parker, Brian - PARK06
Parlato, Vincent - PARLO2
Paul, Kim - PAUL01
Pawarski, Timothy - PAWA01
Penberthy, Brittany Lee - PENB01
Pendergrass, Anthony - PEND01
Penn, Mary - PENN01
Peraza, Jessica - PERA03
Petersen, Frederick - PETE04
Phillips, Margaret - PHIL04
Pidanick, Chad - PIDA01
Platzer, Kathleen - PLAT01
Poretta, Michael - PORE01
Potenza, Matthew - POTE03
Potter, Todd - POTT01
Powell, Becky - POWE01
Proia, Olivia - PROI01
Purks-Morris, Shakora - PURK01
Quinlivan, Patrick - QUIN03
Radack, Andrew - RADA01
Remmes, James - REMM01
Repka, Crystal - WENT01
Roberts, Jr., Linwood - ROBE05
Robshaw, Nora - ROBS01
Rodriguez, David - RODR04
Rooth, III, Walter - ROOT02
Rosciglione, Maria - ROSCO2
Rossi, William - ROSS07
Sacha, Mark - SACH01
Saeli, Rachel - MARR05
Salcedo, Steven - SALC01
Salevsky, Brent - SALE01
Sanfilippo, Salvatore - SANF01
Sarkovics, David - SARK01
Scanlon, Rachael - SCAN01
Schaus, Daniel - SCHA07
Scherer, Jeffrey - SCHE04
Schoemick, John - SCHO03
Schwegler, Lawrence - SCHW07
Scinta, Joseph - SCIN03
Seegert, Seth - SEEG01
Shatkin, Marc - SHAT02
Smehlik, Adela - SMEH01
Smith, Jennifer - SMIT13

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Stachowski, Michael - STAC01
Stadler, Joseph - STAD01
Staeher, Jonathan - STAE01
Stafford, Patrick C - STAF02
Steinhaus, Andrew - STEI06
Steinhaus, Robert - STEI03
Stiller, Douglas - STIL01
SWARTWOOD, KAREN - SWAR01
Swerdlin, Matthew - SWER01
Szczepanski, William - SCZC03
Szczur, Celia - SZCZ02
Tabashneck, Andrew - TABA01
Tarantino, Daniel - TARA01
Texido, Esq., Nicholas - TEXI01
Thibodeau, Pamela - THIB01
Tota-Neal, Delrease - TOTA01
Towey, Brian - TOWE01
Trott, Emily - TROT02
Tupchik, Lana - TUPC01
Turner, Joseph - TURN01
VanDette, James - VAND03
Varavenkataraman, Radhika Padmanabhan - VARA01
Vasilion, Peter - VASI01
Venzon, Catharine - VENZ01
Vesper, Jessica - VESP01
Violanti, Louis - VIOL02
Voelkl, Jeffrey - VOEL02
Ward, Daniel - WARD02
Waterman, Tara - WATE01
Weinrieb, Pieter - WEIN05
Wheat, James - WHEA02
Whorley, Daniel - WHOR01
Whyte, Jonathan - WHYT01
Whyte, Steven - WHYT02
Wiens, Wallace - WIEN02
Wilson, David - WILS01
Wojdan, Jenna - WOJD01
Wojtan, Thomas - WOJT02
Zaccagnino, Reid - ZACC02
Zini, Gregory - ZINI01
Ziske, Jr, Robert - ZISK01
Zosh, Michael - ZOSH01

