

# § TIOGA COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE §



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## **PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE YEARLY REPORT FOR 2022**

### **REPRESENTATION PROVIDED IN 2022**

#### Criminal Courts-

Counsel at First Appearances-	685
Homicides-	2
All Other Felonies-	193
Misdemeanors, Violations, Others (includes Parole, Fugitives, Drug Treatment Court)-	521
Cases Disposed of During Year-	603*

\*Includes:

Conflicts-	58
Retained-	42
Not Indigent-	4
Fail to cooperate-	2

#### Family Court-

Cases Accepted-	205
Cases Disposed of During Year-	152
Criminal Cases Pending As Of 12/31/21-	254
Family Court Cases Pending As Of 12/31/22-	145

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

1. The Public Defender's program for providing the state-mandated counsel at first appearances continues to be recognized by the State as a model for providing service.
2. Although the number of matters handled has increased across the board from 2021, the level of service has remained constant.
3. For yet another year, not a single case or matter was returned by an Appellate Court due to ineffective assistance of counsel provided by this office.
4. For 2023 our goal is to continue to minimize the number of conflicts of interest and reduce the pressure on the Assigned Counsel Budget.

Very truly yours,

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