

§ TIOGA COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE §



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PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE YEARLY REPORT FOR 2024

REPRESENTATION PROVIDED IN 2024

Criminal Courts- New matters

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| Counsel at First Appearances- | 893 |
| Homicides- | 3 (0 new in 2024) |
| All Other Felonies- | 202 |
| Misdemeanors, Violations, Others (includes Parole, Fugitives, Drug Treatment Court)- | 607 |
| Cases Disposed of During Year- | 597 |

Family Court-

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| Cases Accepted- | 212 |
| Cases Disposed of During Year- | 214 |
| Criminal Cases Pending As Of 12/31/24- | 418 |
| Family Court Cases Pending As Of 12/31/24- | 82 |

HIGHLIGHTS

1. The office successfully negotiated several personnel changes with no drop in the quality of services provided.
2. Our program for providing the state-mandated counsel at first appearances continues successfully, saving the County from potential liability.
3. Family Court intakes were reasonably consistent with the prior year, and Criminal intakes were up slightly (about 2%) much of which can be attributed to the increase in bench warrants.
4. 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.

Very truly yours,

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