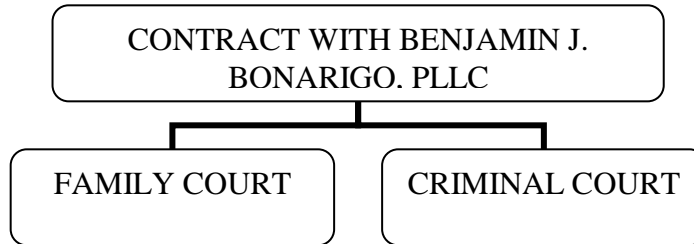


PUBLIC DEFENDER - ASSIGNED COUNSEL

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



DEPARTMENT DESCRIPTION

The Assigned Counsel Program provides legal representation for indigent persons who cannot be represented through the County's Public Defender's Office due to a conflict of interest situation. In criminal and family court matters, referrals to the Assigned Counsel Program are made by the Public Defender's Office of eligible individuals (those whose income falls at or below a predetermined guideline). Such representation is required as per Article 18B of the County Law of the State of New York and Subsection 407 of the Surrogate's Court Procedure Act of the State of New York.

The Assigned Counsel program is administered by Benjamin J. Bonarigo, PLLC through a contractual arrangement with the County and is operated independently of the County's Public Defender's Office.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

MISSION

To provide legal representation to and protect the rights of clients in those cases referred to them from the County's Public Defender's Office.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Appropriation by Object	Actual 2020	Actual 2021	Adopted 2022	Projected 2022	Adopted 2023
Family Court	\$152,924	\$249,740	\$245,000	\$260,000	\$350,000
Criminal Court	\$124,603	\$238,835	\$189,000	\$210,000	\$240,000
Contractual Services	\$17,500	\$17,500	\$17,500	\$17,500	\$17,500
Program Expense	\$9,907	\$28,943	\$133,325	\$30,000	\$133,325
Total Appropriation	\$304,934	\$535,018	\$584,825	\$517,500	\$740,825
Revenue	\$10,030	\$28,943	\$133,325	\$30,000	\$133,325
Net County Support	\$294,904	\$506,075	\$451,500	\$487,500	\$607,500

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

1. Beginning in 2019 the Assigned Council Program was able to secure Hurrell-Harring grant monies to cover expanded administrative expenses
2. The contractual fee paid for the administration of the program has been separated into a distinct line item beginning in 2017 to better track claims expense. Pre 2017 request, the annual fee has been \$8,700 and part of the Family Court budget. With the departure of the Genesee County Legal Assistance Corporation (GCLAC) Administrator, Michael Rivers, Esq. the GCLAC was unable to provide Genesee County with a replacement. The County Attorney's Office provided administrative support until the County could secure a contract directly with the current administrator, Benjamin J. Bonarigo, PLLC at a rate of \$17,500