

Dear Tom, Mike, Steve, Scott, Darryl, Susan, Tom, Bob, Andy, Sara, Barbara, Tim, Kathleen, Norm, Alice, Mark, Stan, Steve, Matt, Claire, Kathleen, Skip, Tina, Laurette, Tim, Karen, Lindsay, Lance, David, Lisa, Christina and John:

I am pleased to invite you to be the initial members of the ILS **Criminal Defense Advisory Group (CDAG)**, and to invite you to participate in our first meeting on **Thursday, June 28 from 10:30 to 3:30 in Room 115 of the Alfred E. Smith State Office Building in Albany**. Lunch will be provided. As some of you may know, we have decided to separate our former CDAG, which was known as the Chief Defender Advisory Group, into a criminal defense advisory group and a parental representation advisory committee, whose membership we will announce in the coming weeks.

I began with the resolve to limit membership in the CDAG to 25 participants, but that goal proved to be insurmountable. In this era of statewide public defense reform and generational leadership change, and given the sheer number of public defense providers and the intensely local nature of public defense representation, we felt the need to include leaders of assigned counsel and conflict defender programs as well as public defender and legal aid providers. We tried to assure sufficient appellate representation, and to achieve membership in every geographic region and judicial district. With that said, there are at least a half-dozen omissions that I regret. I want to thank Susan Bryant at NYSDA and CDANY President Tina Luongo for their cooperation and their recommendations, and I apologize to my dear colleagues at ILS whose well-informed recommendations I did not always accept.

In order to maintain the vibrancy of the CDAG over time, I have decided to have three-year renewable terms; but with half of the original members appointed for two years, so that not all memberships come up for review at the same time. In the list below, those members whose names follow an odd number are appointed for a three-year term beginning this date; and those members whose names follow an even number are appointed for a term of two years.

The complete alphabetical list of CDAG member invitees is as follows:

1. Tom Angell, Dutchess (JD9)
2. Mike Baker, Broome (JD6)
3. Steve Ballan, St. Lawrence (JD4)
4. Scott Banks, Nassau (JD10)
5. Darryl Bloom, Cattaraugus (JD8)
6. Susan Bryant, NYSDA
7. Tom Cioffi, Washington ACP (JD4)
8. Bob Convissar, Erie ACP (JD8)
9. Andy Correia, Wayne (JD7)
10. Sara Davis, Oswego ACP (JD5)
11. Barbara Difiore, NYC ACP
12. Tim Donaher, Monroe (JD7)
13. Kathleen Dougherty, Onondaga ACP (JD5)
14. Norm Effman, Wyoming (JD8)
15. Alice Fontier, Bronx Defenders
16. Mark Funk, Monroe CD/ACP (JD7)
17. Stan German, NYCDS
18. Stephen Herrick, Albany (AD3)
19. Matt Knecht, NDS
20. Claire Knittel, Franklin CD (JD4)
21. Kathleen Kugler, Niagara CD (JD8)
22. Skip Laisure, Appellate Advocates (AD2)
23. Tina Luongo, CDANY and NYC LAS
24. Laurette Mulry, Suffolk LAS (JD10)
25. Tim Murphy, Erie (AD4)
26. Karen Needleman, Westchester ACP (JD9)
27. Lindsay Quintilone, Livingston (JD7)
28. Lance Salisbury, Tompkins Schuyler ACP (JD6)
29. David Schopp, Erie LAB (JD8)
30. Lisa Schreibersdorf, Brooklyn Defenders
31. Christina Swarns, OAD (AD1)
32. John Turi, Rensselaer (JD3)

Please let me know whether you accept this invitation, and if you can attend our initial meeting on June 28. I will be away from tomorrow through Monday, and will send out an agenda on June 21, one week ahead of the meeting. I welcome your suggestions in advance as to topics for our first meeting.

Many thanks to one and all,

Bill