

Dear all,

Centralized arraignment parts (CAPs) have begun or are soon to begin operating in Broome, Oneida, Onondaga and Washington counties, as explained in the attached OCA Press Release and the accompanying article in the New York Law Journal. We extend our congratulations to Chief Judge DiFiore, Chief Administrative Judge Marks, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge Coccoma, Administrative Judges Caruso, Tormey and Reynolds; and all the county officials, public defense providers, prosecutors, sheriffs and other stakeholders in the four counties for this historic accomplishment. I also want to thank Tina Luongo, attorney-in-charge of the The Legal Aid Society's criminal defense division, for her excellent statement in the NYLJ article.

We will continue to work with the counties, the providers, the stakeholders and the courts to ensure that the legal requirement that counsel be provided at every defendant's first court appearance is honored, and that it is done as efficiently as possible.

Our best to everyone,

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