

# § TIOGA COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE §



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## **PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE YEARLY REPORT FOR 2023**

### **REPRESENTATION PROVIDED IN 2023**

#### **Criminal Courts-**

Counsel at First Appearances (includes Attorney at After Hours & Criminal Courts)-	880
Homicides-	5
All Other Felonies-	195
Misdemeanors, Violations, Others (includes Parole, Fugitives, Drug Treatment Court)-	588
Cases Disposed of During Year-	725

#### **Family Court-**

Cases Accepted-	243
Cases Disposed of During Year-	177

**Criminal Cases Pending As Of 12/31/23-** 434

**Family Court Cases Pending As Of 12/31/23-** 66

## HIGHLIGHTS

1. George Awad retired after 38 years of service with the thanks of the County, leaving a program that continues to be recognized as a model in providing counsel at first appearances.
2. 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.
3. For 2024 our goal is to ensure, despite the significant staff changes and increasing number of cases, that this office continues to provide the best service possible to accused persons in this County.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Thomas R. Cline".

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