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AID TO INDIGENT PRISONERS SOCIETY, INC.  
ASSIGNED COUNSEL PROGRAM**

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Dear Counselor:

This letter is intended to be read in conjunction with the annual short application for participation in the Erie County Bar Association Aid to Indigent Prisoners Society, Inc.'s Assigned Counsel Program for the year 2010.

Please fill this form out completely and return it to our office as soon as possible.

Statutory rates for assigned work will be \$60/hour for misdemeanors and lesser offenses, and \$75/hour for other cases. The rates are the same both for time spent in and out of court.

I remind you that the Board of Directors of the Society has mandated that each member of the Assigned Counsel Panel be a member in good standing of the Erie County Bar Association.

The Board also requires that you be a member of the New York State Defenders Association if you accept criminal assigned cases. The Defenders Association offers a great deal of backup material which you will find most worthwhile. Applications and brochures are available from the Defender's Association as well as from our office.

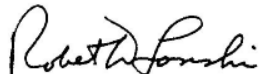
Please remember that vouchers must be submitted within 90 days of the last court appearance in a case. All vouchers submitted more than 180 days from the date of completion of the case, defined as the last court appearance, will not be paid. Felony vouchers from a local court must be submitted within this time period measured from last activity prior to indictment in Superior Court.

If you do not submit this application, we will assume that you do not want to accept any additional assigned cases.

Finally, please take note of the section at the end of the application form. By making a one-time voluntary donation in the amount you choose, withheld from your first Assigned Counsel Program check, you can contribute to our efforts to provide more and better training for our attorneys. We would appreciate your consideration of making such a contribution. A large number of quite modest amounts can make a difference. Your election to contribute or not to contribute, however, will have no impact on the number or types of assignments that you will receive.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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