



# Albany County Public Defender's Office

Albany, New York

Number of Public Defenders

50

Number of Gideon's Promise Defenders

10

Types of Cases Fellows Will Handle

Misdemeanors & Non-violent felony cases

## About our Office

New York State and the County of Albany are both highly committed to public defense reform. For detailed information about the ongoing efforts to effect change throughout New York State, review the website of the NYS Office of Indigent Legal Service: [www.ils.ny.gov](http://www.ils.ny.gov). Equally important, the reforms being instituted at the State level require a collaborative partnership with each individual county. Albany County has proven itself to be a leader in this effort and fully supports the mission and goals of ILS and the Albany County Public Defender Office. Indeed, without this complete support from Albany County, reform would not be possible.

## About the Area

The Capital District in upstate New York, (Albany, Troy, Saratoga, and Schenectady) is an excellent place to work and live. The cost of living in this area is extremely reasonable, especially when compared to large cities. The region has excellent public school systems and is a great place to raise a family. In terms of entertainment, Albany boasts a variety of great restaurants, concert and arts venues, and nightlife options. Albany is also within a three hour drive to Montreal, Boston, Providence, and New York City. And for those who love the outdoors, Albany is a one hour drive from the Adirondack, Catskill, and Berkshire mountains. There are also numerous ways to become involved in the community on a political, religious, educational, athletic, and/or social basis





## About the Fellowship

(1) Financial - Fellow's starting salary will be 75K, then 86K upon admission to bar, with full benefits and entry into NYS retirement system; Our office are willing to fund 2 fellows. (2) midsize office with ample opportunities for advancement to handling more complex cases; (3) extremely well-resourced office in terms of access to supervision, training, experts, mitigation, and investigation.

## Words from the Office

“We are committed to providing high quality, client-centered representation and are building an office culture that shares the values promulgated by Gideon's Promise. Albany County is a diverse community both in terms of its population and types of neighborhoods. Attorneys joining our office should expect to become part of a holistic team that represents clients of all ages and all walks of life in cases that occur in urban, suburban, and rural locations. As the primary source of public defense representation in Albany County, we represent clients in a broad array of cases ranging from simple non-criminal violations to highly complex sexual assault and homicide cases. There is a great deal of camaraderie amongst staff in our office, and we want our attorneys to maintain a healthy work-life balance.”

Matthew Alpern  
Chief Assistant Public Defender  
Albany County Public Defender's Office

