



Steuben County Public Defender's Office

Bath, New York

Number of Public Defenders

22

Number of Gideon's Promise Defenders

4

Types of Cases Fellows Will Handle

Misdemeanors & Low-level felonies

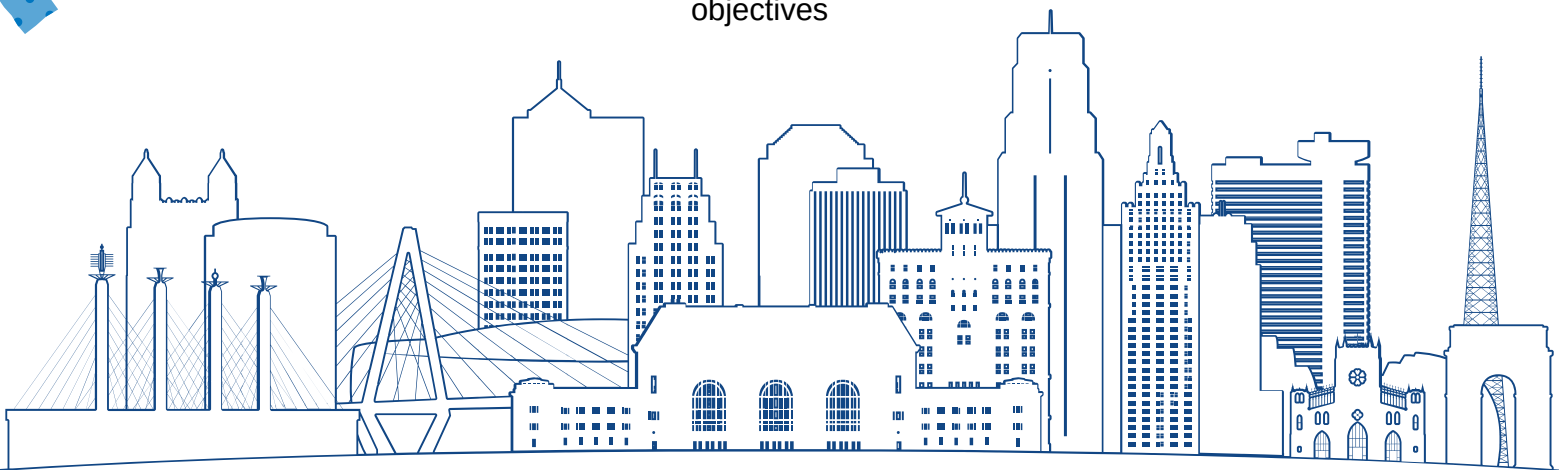
About our Office

2nd Largest County in NY (1404 square miles) serving a population of 92,015 residents. The office represents an average of 1100 misdemeanor, 550 felony and 650 family court cases per year. Most of the population falls below the Federal Poverty Guidelines and is eligible for our services. State mandatory caseload limits are no more than 300 misdemeanor equivalent cases per attorney per year. There are 39 Local Courts (5 Village Courts; 32 Town Courts; and 2 City Courts) that are presided over by 49 Local Court Judges. All four City Court Judges are attorneys and 4 of the 45 Village/Town Judges are attorneys. Steuben County also has 5 County Court Judges. Staff attorneys appear on a rotating basis at our centralized arraignment court twice a day, 365 days a year with no exceptions.

Core Values

The Steuben County Public Defender's Office is committed to:

- Providing our clients high quality legal services through compassionate representation and uncompromised advocacy
- Pursuing and achieving a fair and unbiased system of justice
- Partnering with our clients and communicating thoroughly to achieve the goal of true client-centered representation
- Respecting and aggressively representing the human worth and dignity of our clients with holistically inspired defense objectives





About the Fellowship

(1) Our office are willing to fund 2 fellows. (2) Fellows can stay for the February Bar. (3) Experience with Rural Populations is desirable.

Words from the Office

“Traditionally our clients were underserved, ignored and grossly taken advantage of by the police and the prosecution. For the past 10 years as Chief, I have dedicated my role to change the culture surrounding public defense, both inside and outside the office, expose the misdeeds of the police and prosecution and strive every day to ensure we are delivering the gold standard in client centered holistic defense. Fortunately, I have been blessed with working with Gideon's Promise and, with their education and guidance, I have achieved many successes in this culture change. As a partner office, I have engaged in all GP Leadership and Trainer courses and 3 of my assistant public defenders have completed the CORE 101 program. Please consider helping our team continue our mission of excellence, hand-in-hand with our commitment to the GP program. Located in Upstate NY wine country, Steuben County is also a beautiful place to work, enjoy the outdoors and raise a family in an amazing rural setting. We are only 2 hours away from Rochester and Syracuse, NY and 6 hours from NYC and Boston.”

Shawn Sauro
Steuben County Chief Defender
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