

# ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER - 1171

## MISSION

The mission of the Alternate Public Defender is to defend indigent individuals at all levels of the judicial process to ensure that their legal rights are upheld in those cases where a conflict of interest exists between an indigent defendant and the Albany County Public Defender's Office.

## ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

The Albany County Office of the Alternate Public Defender provides legal representation for indigent individuals at the Criminal Court, Family Court and appellate levels of the judicial process when a conflict of interest exists with the Albany County Public Defender's Office. In 2009 the Department completed a transition plan in which all attorney positions were converted to full-time County employees. These changes have allowed the Department to increase its overall caseload which benefits both the Department's clients and also the County.

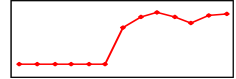
## OUTCOME

All indigent individuals represented by the Alternate Public Defender receive a high-quality, well-informed defense to ensure equal representation under the law.

## DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- In 2009, the Alternate Public Defender's Office represented 1,957 cases which equates to a 7.4% increase in caseload over the prior year.

## APPROPRIATION HISTORY



1998:	\$0
1999:	\$0
2000:	\$0
2001:	\$0
2002:	\$0
2003:	\$0
2004:	\$729,329
2005:	\$950,514
2006:	\$1,049,065
2007:	\$954,438
2008:	\$818,496
2009:	\$979,927
2010:	\$1,022,424

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