

LEGAL AID BUREAU OF BUFFALO

Established in 1912, the Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo is the largest and oldest provider of indigent legal services in Western New York. Our agency provides legal help in both civil and criminal law. Our staff, volunteers, funders, and donors have been making a difference for over 100 years. Our mission is to provide access to justice and due process to the most vulnerable individuals, children, and families through quality legal representation and assistance. Help us empower individuals, children and families by making a donation at legalaiddbuffalo.org/donate.

ONTARIO COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE

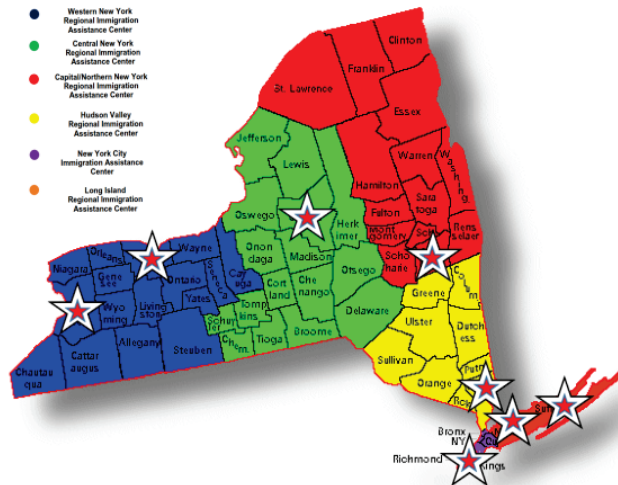
The Ontario County Public Defender's Office was founded in 2010 to provide quality legal representation to individuals charged with criminal matters. We also have a Family Court representation program, wherein we offer holistic advocacy to clients who also have matters pending in Family Court. The Public Defender's Office protects the community's interest in the administration of justice by providing zealous representation for our clients and by advocating for alternatives to incarceration. We represent individuals with substance abuse disorders and mental health issues through social work services and treatment referrals. The office advocates for participants in the Finger Lakes Treatment Courts. We also represent clients accused of violating probation and parole. Our team handles clients' legal matters competently and diligently in accordance with the highest ethical standards of the profession.

WNY IMMIGRATION CENTER

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ILS REGIONAL IMMIGRATION ASSISTANCE CENTERS STATEWIDE MAP



WESTERN NEW YORK REGIONAL IMMIGRATION ASSISTANCE CENTER

Providing legal support to attorneys who provide mandated representation to noncitizens in the 7th and 8th Judicial Districts of New York.



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WHY WE EXIST

Changes to immigration laws have dramatically raised the stakes of a noncitizen's criminal conviction. Providing accurate legal advice for noncitizens accused of crimes has never been more important. Deportation is an integral part — indeed, sometimes the most important part — of the penalty that may be imposed on noncitizen defendants who plead guilty to specified crimes. As such, the Supreme Court ruling in *Padilla v. Kentucky*, 559 U.S. 356 (2010), now requires criminal defense attorneys to advise noncitizen clients as to the potential immigration consequences of a criminal conviction before taking a plea.

OUR GOAL

To provide training, technical assistance and other legal support to attorneys in the 7th and 8th Judicial Districts of New York who provide mandated representation to noncitizens in criminal and family court proceedings so they can fully advise their noncitizen clients as to the immigration consequences of their particular case. We are also available to consult on criminal appeals and post-conviction relief for noncitizens in removal proceedings who may have immigration issues related to their pleas.

WHEN TO CALL US

Representatives of criminal defendants should contact us as soon as possible following arraignment so that we can help you determine the immigration consequences of your client's plea. With regard to mandated Family Court representation, please contact us anytime to discuss the possible consequences of an adverse finding or potential settlement.

We offer free CLE trainings and case review meetings. Call us to schedule one in your office or to find out about already scheduled dates.

WHAT WE WILL NEED

Please have as much of the following information available as possible at the time of your initial contact:

- ☐ Client's Name and Date of Birth
- ☐ Client's Country of Birth
- ☐ Client's Immigration Status
- ☐ Client's Date of Admission/Entry to U.S.
- ☐ Penal Law Section Charged
- ☐ Is there a Domestic Violence element?
- ☐ Penal Law Section in Plea Negotiation
- ☐ Prior History of Convictions
- ☐ Any Removal Proceeding pending?
- ☐ Any Family Court case pending?

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US

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