

County of Albany

112 State Street
Albany, NY 12207



Meeting Agenda

Monday, February 10, 2020

7:00 PM

Law Committee

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE ALBANY COUNTY ATTORNEY
2. CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER



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January 13, 2020

Hon. Bruce A. Hidley
Office of the Albany County Clerk
Albany County Courthouse
Albany, NY 12207

Hon. Necole Chambers, Clerk
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street, Room 710
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Dear Mr. Hidley and Ms. Chambers:

I write to advise that I am appointing Eugenia K. Condon as Albany County Attorney, subject to confirmation by the County Legislature. Authority to make this appointment lies in the County Charter under Sec. 302(c) and Sec. 1501. Given the scope and importance of the County Attorney within Albany County, I anticipate the County Legislature will take up this appointment in an expedient fashion.

I have enclosed a resume for review by the legislature.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely

Daniel P. McCoy
Albany County Executive

cc: Hon. Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
Hon. Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader
Kevin Cannizzaro, Majority Counsel
Arnis Zilgme, Minority Counsel



Legislation Text

File #: TMP-1408, Version: 1

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Description (e.g., Contract Authorization for Information Services):

Appointment of Albany County Attorney

Date: 1/13/2020
 Submitted By: Lucas Rogers
 Department: Office of the County Executive
 Title: Policy Analyst
 Phone: 518-447-5566
 Department Rep.
 Attending Meeting: Mike McLaughlin

Purpose of Request:

- Adopting of Local Law
- Amendment of Prior Legislation
- Approval/Adoption of Plan/Procedure
- Bond Approval
- Budget Amendment
- Contract Authorization
- Countywide Services
- Environmental Impact/SEQR
- Home Rule Request
- Property Conveyance
- Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Increase/decrease category (choose all that apply):

- Contractual
- Equipment
- Fringe
- Personnel

- Personnel Non-Individual
- Revenue

Increase Account/Line No.: Click or tap here to enter text.
Source of Funds: Click or tap here to enter text.
Title Change: Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING CONTRACT AUTHORIZATIONS

Type of Contract:

- Change Order/Contract Amendment
- Purchase (Equipment/Supplies)
- Lease (Equipment/Supplies)
- Requirements
- Professional Services
- Education/Training
- Grant

Choose an item.

Submission Date Deadline Click or tap to enter a date.

- Settlement of a Claim
- Release of Liability
- Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

Contract Terms/Conditions:

Party (Name/address):
Click or tap here to enter text.

Additional Parties (Names/addresses):
Click or tap here to enter text.

Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: Click or tap here to enter text.
Scope of Services: Click or tap here to enter text.

Bond Res. No.: Click or tap here to enter text.
Date of Adoption: Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING ALL REQUESTS

Mandated Program/Service: Yes No
If Mandated Cite Authority: Click or tap here to enter text.

Is there a Fiscal Impact: Yes No
Anticipated in Current Budget: Yes No

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line: Click or tap here to enter text.

Revenue Amount: Click or tap here to enter text.

Appropriation Account and Line: Click or tap here to enter text.

Appropriation Amount: Click or tap here to enter text.

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal: Click or tap here to enter text.

State: Click or tap here to enter text.

County: Click or tap here to enter text.

Local: Click or tap here to enter text.

Term

Term: (Start and end date) Click or tap here to enter text.

Length of Contract: Click or tap here to enter text.

Impact on Pending Litigation

Yes No

If yes, explain: Click or tap here to enter text.

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:

Resolution/Law Number: Click or tap here to enter text.

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Justification: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

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EUGENIA KOUTELIS CONDON

[REDACTED]
Selkirk, New York 12158

LICENSES: Admitted to Practice Law in the State of New York,
Appellate Division, Third Department, 1990

EDUCATION: **Juris Doctor Degree** June 1989
Albany Law School of Union University
Albany, New York

Bachelor of Arts Degree in History/Political Science May 1986
The College of Saint Rose
Albany, New York
Academic G.P.A. 3.525
Honors: **Cum Laude**, Dean's List for 7 semesters

EXPERIENCE: **Albany County Attorney's Office** 1990 - Present
Albany, New York

Deputy County Attorney:

February, 2012 to Present: Provide legal counsel and representation to County agencies, departments heads and elected officials. Perform supervisory and oversight functions of all County Attorney office staff. Perform the functions of the County Attorney in his absence. Report directly to the County Attorney and County Executive.

Assistant County Attorney:

March 1992 - Present: Act as legal liaison and adviser to numerous Albany County agencies and elected officials on all aspects affecting their operation. Work includes legal research, preparation and review of Departmental policies, bid and procurement documents, preparation of contracts, drafting of Legislation, representation in all aspects of litigation, before Courts and regulatory agencies, and advising agencies as to various aspects of County policy, local, State and Federal Law, including, but not limited to the following areas: General Municipal Law, Public Officer's Law, Municipal Home Rule Law, HIPAA Compliance, Quality Assurance Issues, Human Rights Law issues, Personnel Issues, Health Insurance and Benefits, Mental Hygiene Law, Health Care Law, Enforcement of Public Health Codes, Education and Treatment of Children with Disabilities, Social Services Law, Election Law, Corrections

Law, Criminal Law, Public Works Projects, Public Sector Labor and Employment Law, and Insurance Law.

Act as legal counsel to the Department of Mental Health, Director of Community Services and prepare and present Applications to the New York State Supreme Court seeking Assisted Outpatient Treatment for appropriate clients pursuant to Mental Hygiene Law Section 9.60.

Have responsibility for oversight and administration of the County's General Liability, Multi-Peril and Medical Malpractice Insurance Program at all stages, including procurement of insurance, and defense of claims and lawsuits against the County. Defend litigation against the County in Court and before State regulatory agencies. Appear directly or coordinate defense with County agencies, defense counsel and insurance carriers. Appear before the County Legislature, County Executive and other authorizing bodies with respect to litigation and provide status reports and request settlement authorization.

Prepare reports on a yearly basis at the request of the County's auditors and in compliance with the provisions of the General Municipal Law which address the status of all claims against the County and assess the potential monetary impact on the County.

Acted as supervising attorney for law students participating in the clinical legal experience program through Albany Law School. Supervised the work assigned to law students by various office staff, reviewed their work product, and acted as liaison to the Law School.

January 2000 - December 2005: Acted as Hearing Officer directly appointed by the Albany County Commissioner of Health with respect to administrative hearings involving enforcement of State and County Public Health Codes.

June 1990 - April 1992: Prosecuted juvenile delinquency proceedings on behalf of the County of Albany in Albany County Family Court. Duties included research, drafting of juvenile delinquency petitions, responding to motions and discovery demands, as well as appearances at arraignments and hearings.



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I have enclosed a resume for review by the legislature.

Please advise if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

Daniel P. McCoy

cc: Andrew Joyce, Chairman
Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader
Majority Counsel
Minority Counsel



Legislation Text

File #: TMP-1410, Version: 1

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Description (e.g., Contract Authorization for Information Services):

Appointment of Albany County Alternate Public Defender

Date: 1/15/20
 Submitted By: Mike McLaughlin
 Department: Albany County Executive’s Office
 Title: Director of Policy and Research
 Phone: 518-447-7040
 Department Rep.
 Attending Meeting: Mike McLaughlin

Purpose of Request:

- Adopting of Local Law
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Appropriation Account and Line: A1171 11044
Appropriation Amount: Click or tap here to enter text.

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal: Click or tap here to enter text.
State: Click or tap here to enter text.
County: 100%
Local: Click or tap here to enter text.

Term

Term: (Start and end date) Click or tap here to enter text.
Length of Contract: Click or tap here to enter text.

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Justification: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

The County Executive's Office is seeking approval from the Legislature to appoint Tina Daljeet Kaur Sodhi to the position of Albany County Alternate Public Defender. The candidate's experience in Albany County uniquely qualifies her for this position. The attached resume is included for your review.

Tina Daljeet Kaur Sodhi

Albany, New York 12203

Cell Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

EDUCATION

Albany Law School, Albany, NY

Juris Doctor, May 2007

State of Admission: New York

University of California, Irvine, Irvine, CA

B.A., Criminology, Law, & Society, Minor in Political Science, June 2002

Summer Abroad Program, **Cambridge University**, Pembroke College, Cambridge, England, 2000

EXPERIENCE

Albany County Public Defender's Office, Albany, NY

Deputy Public Defender, September 2007 – current

- Represent clients in all aspects of felony criminal cases including jury trials, suppression hearings and plea proceedings in Albany County Court.

Administrator of Counsel at First Appearance Program

- Handle complaints from Judges.
- Supervise attorneys on CAFA teams.

Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Program (LEAD) Liaison

- Provide information regarding LEAD clients.
- Assist in criminal proceedings.
- Provide legal advice regarding Court proceedings.

Albany County District Attorney's Felony Youth Diversion Board Member

- Public Defender Liaison.
- Provide case updates and legal advice regarding Court proceedings.

Law Clerk, January 2006 – September 2007

- Represented indigent clients in misdemeanor cases.
- Appeared in front of Local Court Judges on behalf of indigent clients.
- Negotiated pleas with Assistant District Attorneys.
- Researched case law and statutes.
- Conducted interviews with inmates in County jail.

Albany County District Attorney's Office, Albany, NY

Law Clerk, May 2005–December 2005

- Researched case law and statutes and drafted memorandum.
- Negotiated cases with defense attorneys.
- Conducted Superior Court Information pleas in County Court.

Attorney General's Office, Litigation Bureau, Albany, NY

Legal Aide, August 2005 – May 2007

- Drafted answers, affidavits, summary judgment motions, and responses to Article 78 petitions.
- Drafted responses to habeas corpus petitions.
- Researched case law and statutes.
- Attended hearings, depositions, and trials.
- Handled cases relating to civil rights, prisoner, qui tam, and DOMA litigation.



New York State Police Office of Counsel, Albany, NY

Law Clerk, August 2005 – May 2007

- Researched case law and statutes.
- Drafted memorandum and responses to motions.
- Assisted in lectures at the Police Academy.
- Conducted moot court training for forensic scientists.

SKILLS

- Languages: Hindi (conversant) and Punjabi (conversant)