

TOWN OF COLONIE

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Town Justice:
Peter G. Crummey
Senior Town Justice

Paula A. Mahan, Supervisor
Town of Colonie
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May 25, 2016

RE: The State of the Colonie Town Court- 2015 update

Dear Supervisor Mahan;

Once again, it is our pleasure to submit electronically the annual update to our inaugural 2009 Report entitled, The State of the Colonie Town Justice Court. Since our first Report, we have made best efforts to bring your attention to the dire unmet needs of our Court with little acknowledgment. We continue to trust that you will join us in our efforts to maintain and enhance our Town's Court system.

As you know, our Court handles approximately 25,000 criminal, vehicle and traffic and civil cases per year. As to criminal cases, according to the New York State Office of Court Administration, the Colonie Justice Court, in 2015, was ranked the twenty fifth (25th) busiest criminal court regarding finger printable offenses in the entire State Court System. As you can imagine, our criminal case load places us as the second (2nd) busiest court in Albany County- (see addendum 1 attached which also includes the ranking reports for Erie, Orange, Suffolk and Westchester Counties).

In 2015, as a result of total case disposition, our Court collected \$2,481,278.82 in revenue, placing the Court ninth (9th) on the Office of the State Comptroller's Justice Court Fund 2015 Calendar Year Town and Village Court Ranking Report- Statewide for total revenue reported. Of that amount, the Town of Colonie General Fund retained \$1,018,752.60, the State received \$1,342,994.19 and Albany County received \$119,532.03 (see addendum 2 attached).

In comparing the State Comptroller's Ranking Report with the New York State Office of Court Administration's Criminal Activity Report, it is apparent that revenue and caseload are not dependent on one another (see addendum 3 attached). Two (2) of the top ten (10) revenue producing courts do not handle criminal matters as those cases fall under the jurisdiction of the District Courts in their county. Of the remaining eight (8) of the top ten (10) revenue producing courts, there are only two courts that also fall within the top twenty five (25) in criminal court reporting activity, specifically the Town of Amherst Court and the Town of Colonie Court.

Upon further analysis, the Town of Amherst Justice Court reflects a total annual budget of \$1,705,407.15, for the year 2016. In sharp contrast, the Town of Colonie Justice Court's total annual budget for 2016 is less than half of that amount, totaling \$773,505. A closer look into the allocation of funds within the two budgets shows a glaring difference in the funding amount allocated to personal services.

For our Justice Department, the Town Legislative Body allocated \$669,865 in 2016, toward the salaries of 3 Town Justices, 1 Clerk of the Court, 3 Clerks to Town Justices, 4 Typist and 2 part-time employees (**8 full time and 2 part-time support staff**). The Town of Amherst allocates \$1,072,369.45 for the salaries of 2 Town Justices, 1 Clerk of the Court, 1 Drug Court Coordinator, 6 Principal Clerk Typists, 3 Senior Clerk Typists, 6 Clerk Typists and 1 part-time Clerk (**17 full time and 1 part time support staff with the remaining \$ 13,715.05 of its personal service budget allocated for part-time court officers**). Each Justice in the Town of Amherst is at a current

salary of \$96,700 and their Chief Clerk is at a current pay rate of \$87,462.46.

In comparing the Court Reported Activity charts, it appears that our Court handles merely one hundred (100) fewer cases than that of the Town of Amherst Court but your Colonie Court staffing is less than half of the staffing of the Town of Amherst Court. As we have routinely reported, this Department is both understaffed and under compensated in comparison to equivalent courts.

Further analysis reflects not only inequity in the salaries and titles between the Town of Colonie Court and the Town of Amherst Court but also between the Town of Colonie Court and other top ten (10) revenue producing courts.

While the Town of Wallkill processes less in terms of criminal activity, the Town of Wallkill's annual budget shows three (3) Judicial salaries in the amount of \$83,450 each, the Court Administrator salary in the amount of \$103,959 and Clerk salaries of \$77,905 and \$65,016 each.

Although the Town of Greenburgh is closest to the Town of Colonie Court in terms of revenue, its criminal activity is less than half that of the Town of Colonie Court. In review of the Town of Greenburgh's annual budget, their Court Administrator is at a current salary of \$103,031, the two (2) Court Clerks average a salary of \$62,470 and the seven (7) Assistant Court Clerks on average are at a pay rate of \$52,399.

Similarly, the Village of Port Chester, which is ranked fifty fourth (54th) in the State for criminal activity, budgets a salary of \$104,550 for the Court Clerk. As reflected in the Village budget, the three (3) Assistant Court Clerks range in salary from \$70,834 to \$75,442 while the two (2) Intermediate Typist salaries are \$58,423 and \$64,389 and the two (2) Intermediate Clerks salary are \$55,573 and \$62,793.

In final comparisons, the Town of Southampton currently budgets for two (2) judicial salaries of \$111,880 each, one (1) judicial salary of

\$107,236 and a fourth judicial salary of \$99,268. The Clerk of the Southampton Court reflects a total budget salary of \$148,353 with support staff salaries ranging from \$57,460 to \$87,531. The two (2) Town Justices of East Hampton receive a salary of \$119,879 each and the Town's Justice Court Director receives a salary of \$99,115.00 while the support staff ranges in salary from Clerk Typist at a salary of \$40,923 to Senior Justice Clerk at a salary of \$87,446.

These figures continue to illuminate the unjust treatment by our Town's Legislative Body which we have addressed in our prior budget requests. Our humble petitions for redress have been met with no action although individual legislators have expressed personal support for our Court's requests for relief.

As we pointed out in last year's Report, the cities of Albany, Schenectady and Troy have added additional judges in an effort to handle their case loads despite the fact that only the City of Albany has a greater case load than the Town of Colonie. It is absolutely unconscionable to operate a full time big city court like the Colonie Court under the current footprint and confines imposed on the Judicial Branch by the Town's Legislative Branch.

I also invite you to the [Final Report on Judicial Compensation by the New York State Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation](http://www.nyscommissiononcompensation.org/pdf/Compensation-report-Dec24.pdf), dated December 24, 2015. The Commission has long studied the inequity in judicial pay and has concluded that judges have suffered from pay inequity and the commission has resolved the issue by setting new standards of compensation for State pay Judges. <http://www.nyscommissiononcompensation.org/pdf/Compensation-report-Dec24.pdf>

Even the compensation of part time city court judges, with far smaller caseloads, are compensated far more equitably than the judges in your court. The refusal to act by the Town's Legislative Body flies in the face of the spirit and findings of the State Commission on Judicial Salaries and in the face of the case volume presented in your court.

Further, as you know from the memorandum from Judge Crummey to you and our Legislative Body, dated March 11, 2016, the under compensation of our Clerk of the Court is well documented and reaffirmed by the data we have referenced heretofore concerning the Town of Amherst and other courts (see addendum 4 attached). Our previous comparisons to State and Local courts, and with other Town employees, have again been met with no action.

We continue to draw attention to the fact that our Justice Department total budget for 2015 was \$723,492.00. As one can readily see, the Court system more than pays for itself and in fact, the revenue generated by our Court should be reinvested into the Court system as outlined in our inaugural Report and in our 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 annual updates.

We wholeheartedly urge the Town Legislative Body to take the action as requested. Most of our requests for relief have been summarily denied which is counterproductive to the delivery of Justice.

Additionally, as you recall, to add insult to injury, the personal service line item of our 2014 budget was unilaterally decreased by \$36,000, with the elimination of an existing Typist position, without notice to, or input from, this Department. It is also unconscionable to refuse to provide this Court with additional staff to not only handle the current caseload but also the additional caseloads generated by the addition of twenty (20) Colonie Police Officers this year. We remain in dire need of regaining that position and we urge a more thoughtful and cooperative approach by the Legislative Body in addressing the needs of your Court System.

We continue to include in our Department's annual budget proposals to meet the dire needs of our Department. Enclosed please find copies of our most recent, and denied, budget requests again for your convenience (see addendum 5 attached). We continue to urge you to grant these requests.

Our Department's efforts for State grant funding through the 2015-2016 cycle of the Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) has been met with a grant award in the amount of \$10,370.20. These funds will be utilized for courtroom enhancements, office equipment and enhanced security.

The portion of this funding designated for courtroom enhancements will be used to assist with this Department's continued requests seeking the replacement of the flooring in both the large and small courtrooms as they have become not only a potential safety concern but also a disgrace. As these funds will cover only a portion of the cost, we will be using our 2016 budget funds for the balance, specifically the \$24,000 obtained in 2015 through bail bond forfeiture which has been placed in the Capital outlay improvements line item of our 2016 budget.

SECURITY RECOMMENDATIONS REDACTED FOR SAFETY PURPOSES

Attached to our 2013 Report were articles which bring to light the need for increased court security due to the rise in Court Room violence throughout our court system. Further, we continue to refer you to the National Center for State Courts recent publication entitled, Guidelines for Implementing Best Practices in Court Building Security. The aforementioned report may be found at the following link to the National Center for State Courts website at:

<http://cdm16501.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/ref/collection/facilities/id/153>

We also refer you to the following additional links highlighting Court Room Violence and the need for adequate security.

<http://www.americanbar.org/publications/youraba/2014/december-2014/a-judge-reflects-on-how-to-reduce-courtroom-violence.html>

<http://www.ncsc.org/sitecore/content/microsites/future-trends-2012/home/better-courts/1-1-courthouse-security-incident.aspx>

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Finally, with the remaining grant funds, we look to purchase office equipment to be utilized by court staff to assist in the processing of our caseload and delivery of justice.

Nonetheless, even in the face of this continued adversity, the Court continues to take the action it can to better facilitate Court functions.

Through this Court's initial leading efforts to designate the Albany County Correctional Facility as the Town's overnight holding facility, State legislation was signed into law as Chapter 343 of 2012 establishing the facility as an overnight housing facility for all of the Courts within the County. The cost savings and enhanced delivery of justice in implementing such Law are fully presented in our 2009 Report. As the overnight holding was only a portion of our initial Greener Court proposal, which was to also include video arraignments with the Correctional Facility, we hope to make strides toward this goal, as well.

Further utilization of Correctional Facility holding also works to eliminate arraignments without counsel which has been the goal of this Judiciary. The Court will continue its effort to increase the utilization of the Albany County Correctional Facility for pre-arraignment holding.

I am pleased to report that in 2016, with special thanks to Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple together with the assistance of Chief Jonathan Teale, this Court has eliminated overnight arraignments without counsel and implemented daily arraignments following overnight holds. As a result, the Colonie Court is now in session seven (7) days per week.

The Court continues to distinguish itself as a leader among the Judiciary.

In 2015, at a conference of the New York State Magistrates Court Clerks, Inc., the published Report of Examination for the Colonie Justice Court, prepared by the Office of the State Comptroller, was publically referenced as a **model audit** during the presentation by the New York State Office of the State Comptroller on fiscal responsibility. The Senior Examiner of Municipal Affairs from the State Comptroller's office shared excerpts from our Court's most recent state audit released in June, 2014, which "**commended the [Colonie] Justices for establishing strong internal controls over Court operations**" (pg. 5 of Audit).

Further, in 2014, Judge Crummey served as President of the Albany County Bar Association, established in 1900, and continues to serve as a delegate to the New York State Bar Association and is a member of the Judicial Section. Earlier this year, Judge Crummey was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States. In 2013, Judge Crummey received the 2012 Distinguished Service Award from the New York State Bar Associations Law, Youth and Citizenship Committee. Judge Crummey also received the "Partners in Education Award" from the Capital District Council for Social Studies.

Judge Sommer's has served as an Instructor of Town and Village Justices.

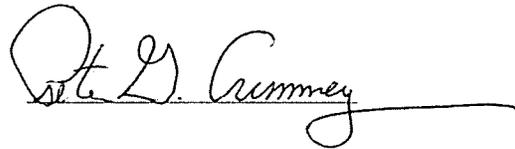
Judge Massry serves as our area's West Point Admissions Representative.

Further, Clerk of the Court Julie Gansle continues to serve as President to the New York State Association of Magistrates Court Clerks, Inc., and in 2014 was named Court Clerk of the Year. President Gansle currently serves on the Joint Committee for Mandatory Training for Town and Village Court Clerks which recently received notification that the Committees proposed Mandatory Training Rule has been approved for public comment by the Office of Court Administrations Administrative Board of the Courts. President Gansle has served on the New York State Task Force for Voluntary Reform of Justice Courts as well as the Town and Village Court Clerks Operations Manual Committee which recently released its Manual and she

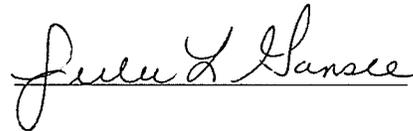
continues to develop curriculum and instruct clerks as part of the Office of Justice Court Supports "Supporting the Bench" curriculum.

As always, thank you for your consideration and support. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or comments. We would be pleased to provide a compact disc or paper copy of this report upon request.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter G. Crummey". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Hon. Peter G. Crummey
Senior Colonie Town Justice

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie L. Gansle". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Julie L. Gansle
Clerk of the Court

Cc: Honorable Thomas A. Breslin, 3rd JD Administrative Judge
Honorable Andrew C. Sommers
Honorable Norman C. Massry
Hon. Christopher Carey, Town Board
Hon. David Green, Town Board
Hon. Linda J. Murphy, Town Board
Hon. Paul L. Rosano, Town Board
Hon. David C. Rowley, Town Board
Hon. Jennifer Whalen, Town Board
Chief Jonathan M. Teale
Rosemary Newton, Human Resources Director

ADDENDUM # 1

2015 Court Reporting Activity				Jan 01 2016	Page 1 of 62	
Court ID	Activity Placement		Court	Estimated Court Events	Not Reported	Percent Reported
	County	State				
Albany County						
NY001011J	1	13	Albany City Court	3177	754	76.27 %
NY001291J	18	356	Albany City Traffic Court	1	1	0.00 %
NY001013J	3	37	Albany County Court	1135	18	98.41 %
NY001121J	16	341	Altamont Village Court	16	9	43.75 %
NY001271J	15	331	Berne Town Court	26	14	46.15 %
NY001061J	5	94	Bethlehem Town Court	461	14	96.96 %
NY001101J	10	309	Coeymans Town Court	48	15	68.75 %
NY001041J	6	124	Cohoes City Court	350	67	80.86 %
NY001131J	2	25	Colonie Town Court	1695	255	84.96 %
NY001241J	14	328	Green Island Town Court	29	8	72.41 %
NY001211J	4	38	Guildertand Town Court	1113	99	91.11 %
NY001181J	13	326	Knox Town Court	31	14	54.84 %
NY001081J	8	184	Menands Village Court	198	2	98.99 %
NY001071J	9	264	New Scotland Town Court	96	44	54.17 %
NY001091J	11	315	Ravena Village Court	42	20	52.38 %
NY001111J	17	350	Rensselaerville Town Court	7	6	14.29 %
NY001051J	7	168	Watervliet City Court	237	52	78.06 %
NY001141J	12	325	Westerlo Town Court	32	16	50.00 %
Totals for	Albany		County are:	8694	1408	83.80 %

Court ID	Activity Placement			Estimated Court Events	Not Reported	Percent Reported
	County	State	Court			
Westchester County						
NY059231J	35	318	Ardsley Village Court	38	19	50.00 %
NY059481J	18	229	Bedford Town Court	133	16	87.97 %
NY059391J	36	320	Briarcliff Manor Village Court	36	2	94.44 %
NY059171J	38	326	Bronxville Village Court	30	4	86.67 %
NY059631J	42	344	Buchanan Village Court	12	11	8.33 %
NY059161J	8	86	Cortlandt Town Court	492	72	85.37 %
NY059151J	21	256	Croton-on-Hudson Village	102	8	92.16 %
NY059291J	22	266	Dobbs Ferry Village Court	92	45	51.09 %
NY059101J	15	216	Eastchester Town Court	152	78	48.68 %
NY059531J	28	298	Elmsford Village Court	58	4	93.10 %
NY059501J	7	72	Greenburgh Town Court	613	69	88.74 %
NY059661J	11	121	Harrison Town Court	371	35	90.57 %
NY059341J	26	289	Hastings-on-Hudson Village	68	33	51.47 %
NY059351J	37	321	Irvington Village Court	35	0	100.00 %
NY059431J	26	289	Larchmont Village Court	68	35	48.53 %
NY059251J	29	300	Lewisboro Town Court	56	18	67.86 %
NY059521J	31	308	Mamaroneck Town Court	48	2	95.83 %
NY059471J	14	197	Mamaroneck Village Court	182	35	80.77 %
NY059711J	17	226	Mount Kisco Town Court	140	31	77.86 %
NY059261J	9	103	Mount Pleasant Town Court	429	63	85.31 %
NY059031J	2	19	Mount Vernon City Court	2058	82	96.02 %
NY059221J	30	306	New Castle Town Court	50	7	86.00 %
NY059041J	5	34	New Rochelle City Court	1278	245	80.83 %
NY059141J	34	316	North Castle Town Court	40	25	37.50 %
NY059121J	41	338	North Salem Town Court	18	3	83.33 %
NY059211J	13	143	Ossining Town Court	303	14	95.38 %
NY059011J	10	114	Peekskill City Court	392	18	95.41 %
NY059071J	16	218	Pelham Town Court	150	14	90.67 %
NY059361J	27	297	Pleasantville Village Court	59	13	77.97 %
NY059181J	6	54	Port Chester Village Court	797	79	90.09 %
NY059461J	39	328	Pound Ridge Town Court	28	6	78.57 %
NY059691J	20	255	Rye City Court	104	11	89.42 %
NY059131J	32	311	Rye Town Court	45	4	91.11 %
NY059401J	26	279	Scarsdale Village Court	78	9	88.46 %
NY059311J	24	273	Sleepy Hollow Village Court	84	43	48.81 %
NY059081J	23	268	Somers Town Court	89	21	76.40 %
NY059191J	19	231	Tarrytown Village Court	131	54	58.78 %
NY059381J	40	333	Tuckahoe Village Court	23	15	34.78 %
NY059013J	4	26	Westchester County Court	1634	2	99.88 %
NY059G13J	33	314	Westchester County Grand	42	0	100.00 %
NY059SC3J	43	355	Westchester County	1	1	0.00 %
NY059021J	3	24	White Plains City Court	1761	80	95.46 %
NY059051J	1	12	Yonkers City Court Criminal	3229	32	99.01 %
NY059611J	12	138	Yorktown Town Court	316	51	83.86 %
Totals for	Westchester	County are:		15865	1409	91.12 %

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	County	State	Court			
Erie County						
NY014411J	20	248	Alden Town Court	113	37	67.26 %
NY014521J	35	329	Alden Village Court	27	9	66.67 %
NY014131J	4	22	Amherst Town Court	1783	111	93.77 %
NY014531J	34	328	Angola Village Court	28	1	96.43 %
NY014111J	18	237	Aurora Town Court	124	4	96.77 %
NY014191J	28	304	Blasdell Village Court	52	28	46.15 %
NY014441J	27	294	Boston Town Court	62	3	95.16 %
NY014401J	24	278	Brant Town Court	79	46	41.77 %
NY014011J	1	7	Buffalo City Court	11113	146	98.69 %
NY014301J	2	11	Cheektowaga Town Court	3400	94	97.24 %
NY014051J	11	128	Clarence Town Court	341	29	91.50 %
NY014041J	37	339	Colden Town Court	17	1	94.12 %
NY014391J	17	219	Collins Town Court	149	30	79.87 %
NY014211J	29	309	Concord Town Court	47	13	72.34 %
NY014181J	13	134	Depew Village Court	330	4	98.79 %
NY014061J	28	304	Eden Town Court	52	28	46.15 %
NY014231J	21	250	Elma Town Court	110	12	89.09 %
NY014013J	3	20	Erie County Court	1981	2	99.90 %
NY014G13J	23	268	Erie County Grand Jury	89	0	100.00 %
NY014331J	15	177	Evans Town Court	223	144	35.43 %
NY014201J	16	189	Grand Island Town Court	191	39	79.58 %
NY014471J	6	46	Hamburg Town Court	919	66	92.82 %
NY014101J	22	255	Hamburg Village Court	104	6	94.23 %
NY014161J	32	324	Holland Town Court	32	11	65.63 %
NY014311J	14	167	Kenmore Village Court	249	59	76.31 %
NY014021J	8	77	Lackawanna City Court	590	8	98.64 %
NY014371J	12	131	Lancaster Town Court	335	39	88.36 %
NY014551J	25	286	Lancaster Village Court	71	1	98.59 %
NY014221J	33	326	Marilla Town Court	30	4	86.67 %
NY014341J	26	289	Newstead Town Court	68	8	88.24 %
NY014291J	37	339	North Collins Town Court	17	6	64.71 %
NY014091J	10	117	Orchard Park Town Court	377	20	94.69 %
NY014071J	30	313	Orchard Park Village Court	43	6	86.05 %
NY014121J	33	326	Sardinia Town Court	30	6	80.00 %
NY014251J	19	241	Springville Village Court	120	8	93.33 %
NY014031J	9	115	Tonawanda City Court	389	24	93.83 %
NY014361J	5	43	Tonawanda Town Court	981	39	96.02 %
NY014241J	36	336	Wales Town Court	20	15	25.00 %
NY014261J	7	68	West Seneca Town Court	638	30	95.30 %
NY014141J	31	322	Williamsville Village Court	34	1	97.06 %
Totals for	Erie		County are:	25358	1138	95.51 %

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Suffolk County						
NY051121J	7	203	Amityville Village Court	171	16	90.64 %
NY051241J	16	356	Bellport Village Court	0	0	0.00 %
NY051131J	5	111	East Hampton Town Court	406	107	73.65 %
NY051541J	16	356	Huntington Bay Village	0	0	0.00 %
NY051081J	15	355	Lloyd Harbor Village Court	1	0	100.00 %
NY051231J	8	222	Northport Village Court	145	12	91.72 %
NY051041J	14	341	Ocean Beach Village Court	15	15	0.00 %
NY051671J	10	295	Quogue Village Court	61	6	90.16 %
NY051351J	4	57	Riverhead Town Court	762	240	68.50 %
NY051761J	11	310	Sag Harbor Village Court	46	5	89.13 %
NY051051J	11	310	Sheiter Island Town Court	46	2	95.65 %
NY051311J	3	51	Southampton Town Court	876	82	90.64 %
NY051751J	9	232	Southampton Village Justice	130	43	66.92 %
NY051281J	6	166	Southold Town Court	251	23	90.84 %
NY051033J	1	5	Suffolk County 1st District	19229	306	98.41 %
NY051013J	2	15	Suffolk County Court	2443	8	99.67 %
NY051G13J	13	340	Suffolk County Grand Jury	16	0	100.00 %
NY051651J	12	313	Westhampton Beach Village	43	16	62.79 %
Totals for	Suffolk		County are:	24641	881	96.42 %

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Court ID	County	State	Court			
Orange County						
NY035211J	15	232	Blooming Grove Town Court	130	56	56.92 %
NY035081J	21	282	Chester Town Court-	75	29	61.33 %
NY035401J	19	256	Chester Village Court	102	70	31.37 %
NY035271J	18	250	Cornwall Town Court	110	62	43.64 %
NY035261J	23	289	Crawford Town Court	68	34	50.00 %
NY035071J	20	277	Deerpark Town Court	80	16	80.00 %
NY035061J	33	335	Florida Village Court	21	16	23.81 %
NY035241J	14	231	Goshen Town Court	131	83	36.64 %
NY035251J	17	238	Goshen Village Court	123	12	90.24 %
NY035311J	29	314	Greenville Town Court-	42	11	73.81 %
NY035481J	22	283	Greenwood Lake Village	74	23	68.92 %
NY035321J	28	312	Hamptonburgh Town Court	44	10	77.27 %
NY035511J	30	319	Harriman Village Court	37	9	75.68 %
NY035281J	13	224	Highlands Town Court-	143	12	91.61 %
NY035391J	31	327	Maybrook Village Court	29	19	34.48 %
NY035011J	3	35	Middletown City Court	1277	56	95.61 %
NY035191J	34	337	Minisink Town Court	19	13	31.58 %
NY035101J	9	179	Monroe Town Court	221	112	49.32 %
NY035841J	10	183	Monroe Village Court	201	31	84.58 %
NY035091J	11	194	Montgomery Town Court	186	92	50.54 %
NY035121J	32	333	Montgomery Village Court	23	5	78.26 %
NY035141J	25	307	Mount Hope Town Court	49	27	44.90 %
NY035771J	6	83	New Windsor Town Court	521	119	77.16 %
NY035031J	1	31	Newburgh City Court	1386	60	95.67 %
NY035441J	4	42	Newburgh Town Court	1023	246	75.95 %
NY035013J	5	55	Orange County Court	791	4	99.49 %
NY035G13J	36	355	Orange County Grand Jury	1	0	100.00 %
NY035021J	8	94	Port Jervis City Court	455	25	94.51 %
NY035521J	35	353	Tuxedo Park Village Court	3	2	33.33 %
NY035201J	26	308	Tuxedo Town Court	48	8	83.33 %
NY035461J	35	353	Unionville Village Court	3	2	33.33 %
NY035151J	12	204	Walden Village Court	169	24	85.80 %
NY035231J	2	32	Walkkill Town Court	1347	533	60.43 %
NY035051J	22	283	Warwick Town Court	74	49	33.78 %
NY035471J	27	309	Warwick Village Court	47	30	36.17 %
NY035171J	24	304	Washingtonville Village	52	13	75.00 %
NY035301J	16	234	Wawayanda Town Court	128	50	60.94 %
NY035161J	7	90	Woodbury Town Court	471	28	94.06 %
Totals for	Orange		County are:	9704	1991	79.48 %

ADDENDUM # 2

OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER JUSTICE COURT FUND 2015 CALENDAR YEAR TOWN AND VILLAGE COURT RANKING REPORT STATEWIDE - TOTAL REVENUE REPORTED

MUNI CODE	COUNTY	JURISDICTION	RANK	STATE	COUNTY	LOCAL	TOTAL
3338650	ORANGE	TOWN OF WALLKILL	1	\$1,858,487.13	\$76,133.21	\$1,692,295.74	\$3,626,916.08
4737870	SUFFOLK	TOWN OF SOUTHAMPTON	2	\$1,240,216.43	\$183,575.79	\$1,771,609.78	\$3,195,402.00
4732500	SUFFOLK	TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON	3	\$738,133.12	\$152,038.64	\$2,219,405.09	\$3,109,576.85
1430190	ERIE	TOWN OF AMHERST	4	\$1,106,720.35	\$129,655.53	\$1,813,143.81	\$3,049,519.69
5533770	WESTCHESTER	TOWN OF HARRISON	5	\$1,288,000.00	\$36,841.31	\$1,495,276.19	\$2,820,117.50
5544020	WESTCHESTER	VILLAGE OF PORT CHESTER	6	\$431,926.80	\$62,554.48	\$2,313,641.69	\$2,808,122.97
2842210	NASSAU	VILLAGE OF HEMPSTEAD	7	\$418,998.00	\$1,530.50	\$2,234,419.50	\$2,654,948.00
5533420	WESTCHESTER	TOWN OF GREENBURGH	8	\$619,861.18	\$55,357.80	\$1,896,360.67	\$2,571,579.65
0131870	ALBANY	TOWN OF COLONIE	9	\$1,342,994.19	\$119,532.03	\$1,018,752.60	\$2,481,278.82
2841850	NASSAU	VILLAGE OF FREEPORT	10	\$508,389.00	\$1,530.00	\$1,916,381.00	\$2,426,300.00
2842800	NASSAU	VILLAGE OF LYNBROOK	11	\$368,119.00	\$785.00	\$1,870,254.00	\$2,239,158.00
1438300	ERIE	TOWN OF TONAWANDA	12	\$562,645.50	\$80,543.04	\$1,496,977.76	\$2,140,166.30
1431520	ERIE	TOWN OF CHEEKTOWAGA	13	\$772,449.56	\$107,301.20	\$1,184,084.90	\$2,063,835.66
2845030	NASSAU	VILLAGE OF VALLEY STREAM	14	\$27,895.00	\$3,450.00	\$1,981,162.00	\$2,012,507.00
3931670	ROCKLAND	TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN	15	\$660,934.95	\$68,473.75	\$1,120,442.85	\$1,849,851.55
2843150	NASSAU	VILLAGE OF MINEOLA	16	\$17,414.00	\$1,107.50	\$1,758,657.50	\$1,777,179.00
3335690	ORANGE	TOWN OF NEWBURGH	17	\$714,821.50	\$74,008.93	\$961,878.26	\$1,750,708.69
1336860	DUTCHESS	TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE	18	\$923,596.11	\$67,405.21	\$758,103.42	\$1,749,104.74
5138430	ULSTER	TOWN OF ULSTER	19	\$938,885.75	\$36,266.50	\$692,320.00	\$1,667,472.25
2841910	NASSAU	VILLAGE OF GARDEN CITY	20	\$153,101.00	\$3,440.00	\$1,500,053.00	\$1,656,594.00
0133550	ALBANY	TOWN OF GUILDERLAND	21	\$662,543.00	\$112,468.00	\$834,543.00	\$1,609,554.00
4737160	SUFFOLK	TOWN OF RIVERHEAD	22	\$973,877.50	\$88,986.53	\$536,257.86	\$1,599,121.89
2844250	NASSAU	VILLAGE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE	23	\$212,113.00	\$975.00	\$1,348,591.00	\$1,561,679.00
5530570	WESTCHESTER	TOWN OF BEDFORD	24	\$820,926.00	\$19,223.51	\$685,466.49	\$1,525,616.00
5532470	WESTCHESTER	TOWN OF EASTCHESTER	25	\$396,154.00	\$9,920.25	\$1,096,880.50	\$1,502,954.75
1438970	ERIE	TOWN OF WEST SENECA	26	\$545,026.36	\$50,570.70	\$905,420.40	\$1,501,017.46
3936980	ROCKLAND	TOWN OF RAMAPO	27	\$365,931.15	\$32,916.02	\$873,966.10	\$1,272,813.27
1332480	DUTCHESS	TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL	28	\$633,662.00	\$46,600.00	\$550,963.75	\$1,231,225.75
5236970	WARREN	TOWN OF QUEENSBURY	29	\$594,446.03	\$50,841.10	\$583,797.70	\$1,229,084.83
3737890	PUTNAM	TOWN OF SOUTHEAST	30	\$577,195.00	\$83,101.65	\$565,701.85	\$1,225,998.50
2633410	MONROE	TOWN OF GREECE	31	\$786,481.06	\$97,766.80	\$341,581.10	\$1,225,828.96
5542890	WESTCHESTER	VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK	32	\$412,644.61	\$20,147.06	\$790,359.60	\$1,223,151.27
5539320	WESTCHESTER	TOWN OF YORKTOWN	33	\$585,953.00	\$31,690.19	\$514,622.38	\$1,132,265.57
3137390	ONONDAGA	TOWN OF SALINA	34	\$735,992.41	\$68,518.50	\$305,760.75	\$1,110,271.66
1132040	CORTLAND	TOWN OF CORTLANDVILLE	35	\$830,329.00	\$17,030.00	\$227,979.00	\$1,075,338.00
5540580	WESTCHESTER	VILLAGE OF BRONXVILLE	36	\$139,001.00	\$4,830.00	\$911,117.00	\$1,054,948.00

ADDENDUM # 3

COURT	T/Walkill	T/Southampton	T/East Hampton	T/Amherst	T/Harrison	V/Port Chester	V/Hempstead	T/Greenburgh	T/Colonie	V/Freeport
COUNTY	Orange	Suffolk	Suffolk	Erie	Westchester	Westchester	Nassau	Westchester	Albany	Nassau
JUDGE(S)	3	4	2	2	2	1V/ 2 Acting	1V/1Acting	3	3 PT	1V/1Acting
OSC Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Revenue	\$3,626,916.08	\$3,195,402.00	\$3,109,576.85	\$3,049,519.69	\$2,820,117.50	\$2,808,122.97	\$2,654,948.00	\$2,571,579.65	\$2,481,278.82	\$2,426,300.00
State	\$1,858,487.13	\$1,240,216.43	\$738,133.12	\$1,106,720.35	\$1,288,000.00	\$431,926.80	\$418,998.00	\$619,861.18	\$1,342,994.19	\$508,289.00
Local	\$1,692,295.74	\$1,771,609.78	\$2,219,405.09	\$1,813,143.81	\$1,495,276.19	\$2,313,641.69	\$2,234,419.50	\$1,896,360.67	\$1,018,752.60	\$1,916,381.00
T/Budget	\$576,903.00	\$1,867,121.00	\$1,073,555.00	\$1,705,407.15	\$669,476.00	\$993,360.00	\$750,261.00	\$1,443,896.00	\$723,492.00	\$658,762.00
Expenses	\$64,160.00	\$241,300.00	\$227,619.00	\$141,105.00	\$82,495.00	\$269,750.00	\$122,900.00	\$441,128.00	\$68,800.00	\$122,150.00
Staff	3FT 7 PT	14FT 2PT 4 Intern	10 FT & PSSH	17FT 6PT	6FT (plus PT)	8FT (plus 2 PT)	8 (plus PT & SH)	10 (plus 5 PT)	8FT 2PT	7 FT (1 vacant)
Salaries	\$512,743.00	\$1,625,821.00	845,936	\$1,564,302.15	\$586,981.00	\$723,610.00	\$627,361.00	\$1,002,768.00	\$654,692.00	536,612
DCIS Rank	32	51	111	22	121	54	Nassau	72	25	Nassau
Activity	1347	876	406	1783	371	797	n/a	613	1695	n/a



ADDENDUM # 4
TOWN OF COLONIE

Justice Court
Public Safety Center
312 Wolf Rd.
Latham, New York 12110
—◆—
Phone (518) 783-2738

Town Justice:
Peter G. Crummey
Senior Town Justice &
Chief Administrator

Memorandum

To: Supervisor Paula A. Mahan

Cc: Councilman Carey
Councilman Green
Councilwoman Murphy
Councilman Rosano
Councilman Rowley
Councilwoman Whalen

From: Honorable Peter G. Crummey
Senior Town Justice & Court Administrator

Date: March 11, 2016

Re: Salary increase

I recently had the opportunity to attend the Town Board Meeting in support of the promotion of Mary Falace as Senior Clerk to Town Justice. During this meeting, a resolution was passed adjusting the annual salary of the Building Department Manager, for 2016. As you recall, I have long advocated for the increased salary of the Justice Department staff, Town Justices and Julie Gansle, Clerk of the Court. Below is a section from my most recent budget request regarding our Clerk of the Court:

1. The Colonie Court is recognized as one of the largest Town Courts in the State of New York and our recognition is due to the continued efforts and contributions of the Clerk of the Court in managing the daily operations of the Court. Our Court is looked to as an

example and footprint for other Courts to mirror. The Clerk of the Court is continually called upon for her knowledge and experience in managing this Court. The Clerk of the Court serves on multiple New York State Unified Court committees and continues to ascend on the Executive Board of the New York State Magistrate's Court Clerks Association. There are very few, if any, Court Clerks that have obtained their Juris Doctorate while continuing to maintain the level of excellence this Court is known for. To give a point of comparison, a Deputy Chief Clerk IV with the Unified Court System in 2010 had a base salary of \$85,000 with only a Bachelor's degree requirement and a Chief Clerk VI had a base salary of over \$105,000.

Julie's responsibilities, like the Court's, continue to grow and at the very least a reclassification of Julie's current classification as a "Deputy Department Head-grade 1" should be made to recognize, and properly compensate for, her job duties and responsibilities.

In light of modifications made to other pay scales, please consider this request to immediately adjust the pay scale associated with the Clerk of the Court position and increase the annual salary accordingly. On average, a minimum of 40 hours are being worked and not recognized. Routinely, Julie is working nine (9) hour days, often without leaving for even a lunch hour, as well as attending evening court sessions. She is working with a reduced staff level, as compared to prior years, all while the responsibilities have continued to increase. My previous efforts to compare her to others in her field have gone without legislative action.

To bring further attention to the existing inequity, we need to look no further than to positions within our own municipality and readily discover that even those within the Public Safety Center, to whom Julie routinely provides guidance, enjoy greater compensation. To illustrate my point, I note salaries in our Town, including but not limited to, the following:

Police Patrol	\$80,285
Recreation maintenance Super.	\$82,033
Police Detectives	\$88,607
Public Operations Supervisor	\$90,932
Building Department Manager	\$93,174
Police Sergeants	\$94,420
Police Detective Sergeants	\$98,202
Police Lieutenant	\$115,056

I am again requesting that you consider this Department's request for increased compensation for our Town's Clerk of the Court. Such action is long overdue. As always, thank you for your consideration.

ADDENDUM # 5

TOWN OF COLONIE
2012 BUDGET ESTIMATE- WORK PAPERS
PERSONELL

Department: Justice Department

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By: Hon. Peter G. Crummey & Julie Gansle

Date: 6/3/2011

1. Account Number: 01-1E-E12-1110-110 - Establish one position of Law Clerk to Judge(s) - Attorney to research and analyze legal questions and issues and prepare memoranda with recommendations, draft opinions, decisions, orders, jury charges, and other written material. Job description attached, with an annual salary of between \$50,000 and 80,000 depending on experience. As the case volume continues to expand and motion papers become an increasing part of the Court routine it is imperative that at least one position be established to assist the Court with legal research and opinions. This request was made in the 2010 and 2011 budget requests, as well.
2. Account Number: 01-1E-E12-1110-110 - As part of current footprint of the Justice Department, request \$2500 increase in salary for each of the Job Titles within the Department to include 6 current Typists, 2 Clerks to Town Justices, 1 Senior Clerk to Town Justice, and 1 Clerk of the Court. As outlined in our State of the Court Report, presented to the Town Board in January 2010 and updated in February 2011, the Colonie Court is recognized as one of the largest Town Courts in the State and continues to manage the caseload presented to it while the resources available continue to diminish. The courts volume and required knowledge demand of its staff an ever increasing workload. It has always been our goal that the title and salaries reflect that of the higher level courts, as the volume and workloads are reflective. As we continue to work with The Town on potential title changes, and providing the department the tools to meet the demands on our Court System it is our hope that this increase assists in reaching that goal.
3. Account Number: 01-1E-E12-1110-110 – As to the current state of the Judiciary, a cost of living adjustment (COLA) of 3% for each of the three Town Justices. For four of the past five years the Judges have not received any COLA. As the Judges continue to manage millions of dollars in funds as well as weekly caseloads in the hundreds, the

commitment to the Court must meet the commitment of the Judiciary. Further, discussions continue between the Supervisor's Office and the Justice Department in response to the aforesaid State of the Court Reports with an eye to addressing the needs and requirements of the Court in connection with establishing the judicial structure required to meet the ever growing demands on the Colonie Justice Court. Addressing this critical area could also alter the Judicial and staff line items but, as we know, court revenues not only support the entire department budget but also contribute to the Town's General Fund.

TOWN OF COLONIE
2013 BUDGET ESTIMATE- WORK PAPERS
PERSONNEL

Department: Justice Department

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By: Hon. Peter G. Crummey

Date: 6/4/2012

2. Account Number: 01-1E-E12-1110-110 - Establish one position of Law Clerk to Judge(s) - Attorney to research and analyze legal questions and issues and prepare memoranda with recommendations, draft opinions, decisions, orders, jury charges, and other written material. Job description attached, with an annual salary of between \$50,000 and 80,000 depending on experience. As the case volume continues to expand and motion papers become an increasing part of the Court routine it is imperative that at least one position be established to assist the Court with legal research and opinions. This request was made in the 2010, 2011 and 2012 budget requests, as well.

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5. Account Number: 01-1E-E12-1110-110- As to the current salary of the Clerk of the Court, Julie Gansle, an increase in current base salary of \$10,000. She has remained at the same salary without any adjustment yet continues to expand her knowledge and experience. The Colonie Court is recognized as one of the largest Town Courts in the State of New York and our recognition is due to the continued efforts and contributions of the Clerk of the Court in managing the daily operations of the Court. Our Court is looked to as an example and footprint for other Courts to mirror. The Clerk of the Court is continually called upon for her knowledge and experience in managing this Court. The Clerk of the Court serves on multiple New York State Unified Court committees and continues to ascend on the Executive Board of the New York State Magistrate's Court Clerks Association. There are very few, if any, Court Clerks that have obtained their Juris Doctorate while continuing to maintain the level of excellence this Court is known for. To give a point of comparison, a Deputy Chief Clerk IV with the Unified Court System in 2010 had a base salary of \$85,000 with only a Bachelor's degree requirement and a Chief Clerk VI had a base salary of over \$105,000. The responsibilities continue to grow and at the very least a request for reclassification of the Deputy Department Head-grade 1 should be addressed.

TOWN OF COLONIE
2014 BUDGET ESTIMATE- WORK PAPERS
PERSONNEL

Department: Justice Department
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By: Hon. Peter G. Crummey
6/4/2013

Date:

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and it remains unconscionable that not even COLAS are provided to Colonies' Judiciary. As the Judges continue to manage millions of dollars in funds as well as weekly caseloads in the hundreds, the commitment to the Court must meet the commitment of the Judiciary. Further, a positive response to the aforesaid State of the Court Reports with an eye to addressing the needs and requirements of the Court in connection with establishing the judicial structure required to meet the ever growing demands on the Colonie Justice Court remains imperative. Addressing this critical area could also alter the Judicial and staff line items but, as we know, court revenues not only support the entire department budget but also contribute to the Town's General Fund.

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TOWN OF COLONIE
2015 BUDGET ESTIMATE- WORK PAPERS
PERSONNEL

Department: Justice Department

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By: Hon. Peter G. Crummev

Date: 6/9/2014

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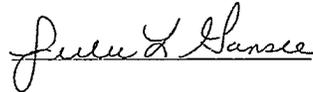
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Respectfully Submitted:



Hon. Peter G. Crummey, Senior Town Justice



Julie Gansle, Clerk of the Court

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TOWN OF COLONIE			
2015 BUDGET ESTIMATED WORKSHEET			
(Supplies, Repairs, Utilities, Outside Services etc.)			CONTRACTUAL EXPENSES 400SERIES
Department: <u>Justice Department</u>	Acc't Number:		
Date: <u>June 11, 2014</u>	Page:		7 of 7
Description of Item	\$2,014.00 Budgeted	\$2,015.00 Estimate	Remarks
461-Books & Periodicals	\$3,500.00	\$4,000.00	based on 3 yr average
Legal subscriptions -Thomson Reauter-West McGills			
462-Postage	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00	
2% increase 3 yr average 12,200			
464-Printing	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	
Envelopes		\$1,000.00	
Receipt books		\$2,400.00	
Forms		\$100.00	
465-Education	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
Conference/Training		\$700.00	
Education travel		\$200.00	
Misc. education expense		\$100.00	
477- Dues	\$900.00	\$640.00	
New York State Magistrates Association (3)		\$600.00	
New York State Association of Magistrates Court Clerks (1)		\$40.00	
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