

Dear Members of the ILS Board, Mandated Representation Leaders, County and City officials,

Attached please find a one-page summary of the Executive Budget Proposal as it relates to ILS appropriations for the coming fiscal year. I thank our Counsel Patricia Warth for preparing this summary and for leading our effort.

We are very pleased that the Governor has proposed the additional \$50 million necessary to keep us all on track toward full statewide implementation of the *Hurrell-Harring* settlement reforms (counsel at arraignment, caseload limits, and defined quality improvement initiatives). With this fourth year of funding, we are approaching fulfillment of New York's commitment of \$250 million annually for this historic constitutional purpose.

The Executive Budget Proposal does not include the \$5 million we have requested for quality improvement of parental representation, which is equally legally mandated and whose deficiencies have been highlighted in the definitive 2019 Interim Report issued by Chief Judge DiFiore's Commission on Parental Legal Representation. With your essential support, we will begin immediately to advocate for legislative approval of this request.

Best wishes to all,

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