

The Task Force on the Future of Probation

The Task Force on the Future of Probation will be conducting a series of public hearings in October. Chief Judge Kaye created the Task Force to address the issue of strengthening probation in New York State.

THE HEARINGS WILL TAKE PLACE AS FOLLOWS:

NEW YORK CITY

October 11, 2006 10 A.M. — 4 P.M.
New York County Lawyers' Association
14 Vesey Street, New York, New York

SYRACUSE

October 18, 2006 10 A.M. — 4 P.M.
Onondaga County Courthouse, Courtroom 400
401 Montgomery Street, Syracuse, New York

BUFFALO

October 19, 2006 10 A.M. — 4 P.M.
Erie County Hall, Ceremonial Courtroom (Part I)
92 Franklin Street, Buffalo, New York

ALL THOSE INTERESTED IN TESTIFYING SHOULD REGISTER AT LEAST 10 DAYS BEFORE THE HEARING DATE by e-mailing the Probation Task Force at nysptf@courts.state.ny.us or by phone at (518) 474-7469. Prior to the hearing, you will receive a time frame for your testimony. Comments should be limited to 10 minutes, after which Task Force members may pose questions.

The following are among the topics to which you may wish to address your testimony:

1. What is the fundamental purpose of probation in the criminal justice system?
2. If the purpose of probation is to reduce the risk of recidivism, which probation practices or policies have been shown to actually reduce recidivism?
3. What role should victims play in the probation process? Should probation departments take a more active role in integrating victims and victim concerns into that process?
4. Identify what services are available to probation from the community — health care, housing, day care, drug rehab, mental health services, etc. — so that the probation period can be one of stabilization and integration.
5. What legislative changes or other proposals could be implemented immediately to improve the delivery of probation services in the State?

THE TASK FORCE WILL TRY TO ACCOMMODATE EVERYONE WHO REGISTERS. Preference will be given to individuals representing interested organizations. The Task Force welcomes written submissions. All submissions should be sent or e-mailed to JOHN AMODEO, ESQ., at the address below:

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