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New York State Commission on the Future of Indigent Defense Services To Begin Statewide Public Hearings

The Commission on the Future of Indigent Defense Services, established by Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye to perform a top-to-bottom examination of New York's criminal indigent defense system and develop a blueprint for reform, will be conducting a series of public hearings throughout the state during the next several months. The Commission is chaired by Hon. Burton B. Roberts, former Administrative Judge and District Attorney in the Bronx, and Professor William E. Hellerstein of Brooklyn Law School, former head of the New York City Legal Aid Society's Criminal Appeals Bureau. Those wishing to testify must contact the Commission at least 10 days in advance of the hearing date via email (nyscid@courts.state.ny.us) or by calling (800) 551-7613.

The schedule of upcoming hearings is as follows:

New York City - February 11, 2005
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Association of the Bar of the City of New York
42 West 44th Street, New York, NY

Albany - February 17, 2005:
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

New York State Bar Association
One Elk Street, Albany, NY

Rochester - March 11, 2005:
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Monroe County Supreme Court
Hall of Justice, room 202, Rochester, NY

Ithaca - March 23, 2005
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Old Tompkins County Courthouse
121 East Court St, 2nd floor, Ithaca, NY

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