

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 199 OF 2015

Resolution introduced by Supervisors Dickinson, Kenny, Monroe, Vanselow, Brock, Seeber and Simpson

**AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH THE RURAL LAW CENTER OF NEW YORK, INC.
FOR ASSIGNED COUNSEL APPELLATE CASES**

WHEREAS, Warren County is charged with providing free legal services for indigents in Warren County seeking appellate review, and

WHEREAS, the Rural Law Center of New York, Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation established to represent the indigent in appellate review cases assigned through county Assigned Counsel Offices, and

WHEREAS, the Rural Law Center of New York, Inc. presently contracts with several other counties in New York State, representing indigents at the appellate level, and maintains an up to date data base of all the most relevant and current case law and its attorneys have considerable knowledge and skill in appellate legal representation, and

WHEREAS, due to the volume of work presently done throughout New York State by the Rural Law Center as well as those rationales previously noted, Warren County's use of the Rural Law Center to represent indigents on the appellate level would be cost-effective while providing a level of expertise that is generally unavailable in this community, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Warren County enter into an agreement with the Rural Law Center of New York, Inc., 22 US Oval, Suite 203, Plattsburgh, New York 12903 to provide free legal services to the indigent in Warren County Assigned Counsel Appellate Cases for one year commencing May 1, 2015 and terminating April 30, 2016, with the first fifteen appeals services provided for an amount not to exceed Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) annually, with any additional appeals to be handled at a cost of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) unless extraordinary circumstances justify additional expense, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, be and hereby is, authorized to execute said agreement in a form approved by the County Attorney, and that the funds shall be expended from Budget Code A.1170 470 Legal Defense- Indigents, Contract.