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Dear Panelist,

Here we go:

- Time spent in answering Newsday's inquiries about a case do **not** constitute billable out-of-court time.
- Buying lunch for an 18B defendant, however charitable or wise, is not billable as a disbursement. Gideon provided for counsel, not food.
- The 2003 version of Crime Time is ready for download from [www.co.tompkins.ny.us/distatto/](http://www.co.tompkins.ny.us/distatto/). The program is also available on CD Rom for a small handling fee (approximately \$10). Contact "gdenes @ tompkins-co.org" for more information.
- There will be a **FREE** 18B CLE program on plea bargaining on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Fax enclosed brochure back to us at 873.8032 to register.
- If you waive the reading of the accusatory instrument at arraignment, you should reserve your right to challenge its sufficiency.
- Be sure to include your social security number or Tax I.D. number on your claim vouchers.
- If you want us to send you vouchers, send us a large self addressed stamped envelope. Postage is \$1.75 for 6; \$2.67 for 10.
- Additions to Experts Panel and Co-Counsel Panel are enclosed.
- New York State Defenders Association's "Defender Institute in Basic Trial Skills" will be held in Troy, N.Y. from June 1<sup>st</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup>. Call 1.518.465.3524 for more information.
- The Ethics Committee rendered its opinion on my question concerning an 18B attorney's responsibility in the event that an 18B defendant intentionally misrepresented his/her financial status to the court in order to obtain free counsel. That opinion is enclosed. Please familiarize yourself with it.
- My thanks to all of you who sent letters to your legislators seeking increased 18B rates.

Sincerely,

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