

September 9, 2004

Dear 18B Counselor,

This letter addresses the following topics:

Probation and Jail Fees  
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Experts Panel  
Criminal Law and Procedure Update – 2004

### **PROBATION AND JAIL FEES**

Indigent defendants who are placed on probation or sent to the Nassau County Jail do not have to pay administrative costs. I have had to write to both the Probation Department and the jail on behalf of certain indigent defendants because this matter was not addressed by the 18B attorney.

In order to prevent such problems from arising in the future, please advise the jail and/or the Probation Department, as the case may be, that the defendant in your particular case has been found by the Court to be indigent and that any administration fees should therefore be waived. I have included a sample letter as an enclosure.

### **NEW I D V COURT**

Nassau County has been chosen as a site for an Integrated Domestic Violence Court. This Court is scheduled to commence action before the end of 2004. The Court is designed to take cases involving both criminal matters and Family Court matters (and matrimonial matters, but that does not concern 18B attorneys) and put the individual cases before a single judge. I am enclosing a 2 page statement outlining particulars about the Court.

In order to be eligible to appear in the Court, panelists will have to be familiar with both Family Court practice and criminal practice. For those who are unfamiliar with one or the other area, there will be 2 days of training, tentatively scheduled for November of this year. One day will be devoted to the Family Court component and one to the Criminal Court component. I will advise you of particulars as I become aware of them.

### **EXPERTS PANEL**

The following investigator has been added to our Expert's Panel.

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**CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE UPDATE 2004**

The annual Criminal law and Procedure Update for 2004 will be held on Friday October 1<sup>st</sup>, at 1:30 P.M. in Central Jury of Supreme Court. Enclosed is a flyer for registration. All Panelists in good standing are invited to attend this program at no charge. I hope to see you there.

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As always, I thank you for your continued service to the Panel.

Very truly yours,

Patrick L. McCloskey