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From: Michelle <Justice4Kirstin@cox.net>

To: "Prison/Parole Advocate (Jones, Flo)" <flojones39@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 7:30:02 AM

Subject: FW: I will be testifying on Tuesday under Public Comment

I am late, running out the door. I have sent this to mshull. Please forward wherever you think it needs to go. I will try to attend.

Thx for the heads up on this,

Michelle

From: Michelle [mailto:Justice4Kirstin@cox.net]
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2008 07:28 AM

To: 'Mshull@nycourts.ny..gov'

Subject: I will be testifying on Tuesday under Public Comment

I plan on attending but in case I cannot arrange my schedule to do so, please add my comments to the record of the meeting on 3/18/08

Justice Cherry \(\sigma\) s report regarding Indigent Defense brings some much needed light to the criminal justice situation plaguing our state.

- Public Defenders caseloads are so high they cannot possibly adequately defend their clients
- The client has no choice regarding who their attorney will be and almost no recourse if they feel they are not being adequately defended
- With their current caseloads it is unthinkable that they aren □t making mistakes
- It is the client that suffers for any mistakes made by the Public Defender
- These cases then bounce back and forth between courts for the errors to be corrected
- The harmless error/harmful error definition is much different for the client than for the courts and/or the attorneys involved
- Why can □t there be a panel formed to review cases to determine if the client was properly defended



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- Why is there such a fight against a case of wrongful conviction
- What happened to the search for truth? Trials are not about truth. There are more like games that the attorneys play with the lives of the defendants hanging in the balance.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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