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**ILS Selects Patricia Warth, Esq. as Chief Implementation Attorney**

The Office of Indigent Legal Services (ILS) today announced the selection of Patricia Warth as the leader of its Hurrell-Harring settlement Implementation Unit. Patricia, who currently serves as Director for Justice Strategies at the Center for Community Alternatives (CCA) in Syracuse, is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and Cornell Law School, having earned academic honors at each institution.

Following a clerkship with US District Judge Raymond Pettine in the District of Rhode Island, Patricia worked in the Rochester office of the New York State Capital Defender Office from 1997 until its closure in 2005. Following a stint at the Syracuse Law School Office of Clinical Legal Education, and then managing the Buffalo office of Prisoners' Legal Services of New York, she signed on with CCA in January, 2008. During her CCA tenure, Patricia has won rave reviews in her role as Director of Justice Strategies for her leadership, her scholarship, and her ability to forge partnerships that seek to improve our criminal justice system.

Through her extensive experience in these important positions, Patricia has developed a comprehensive understanding of the longstanding deficiencies and the potential strengths of upstate New York's county-operated and largely county-funded systems for providing legally mandated representation to persons who cannot afford to hire an attorney.

Patricia is keenly aware that a person's contact with the criminal justice system, even for a minor offense, can have life-long and life-altering consequences; and that therefore the quality of lawyering each client receives is of paramount significance. ILS is thrilled to add a person of such accomplishment and dedication to its staff.

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