

PETER-DANIEL APOSTOL

Admitted in New York State

EDUCATION

Albany Law School - Albany, NY
Juris Doctor, May 2011

Providence College - Providence, RI
Bachelors of Arts in History, 2003

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Albany County Attorney's Office – County of Albany, NY

Assistant County Attorney, May 2018 – Present

- Civil litigation experience includes: conducting settlement negotiations, attending preliminary conferences and hearings in court, motion practice, conducting 50-H hearings before trial.
- Assessed various legal issues on behalf of County Departments and introduced successful methods to resolve problematic issues.
- Oversaw the legal counsel to the Albany County Ethics Commission by serving as counsel for the Commission.
- Represents Albany County in Family Court proceedings involving Juvenile Delinquent and Raise the Age Legislation cases.
- Conducts research and drafts memorandums on various legal topics on behalf of the County.

Albany County Public Defender's Office – City of Albany, NY

Assistant Public Defender, Criminal Part, October 2014 – May 2018

- Represented clients in local courts throughout Albany County in criminal matters including charges of violations, misdemeanors and felonies.
- Managed criminal cases through all phases of the judicial process from arraignment to initial interviews with the clients and witnesses, preliminary hearings, pre-trial proceedings, plea negotiations, trials and sentencing.
- Lead successful defenses as First chair defense attorney in several jury trials in a one-year period resulting in six acquittals and one split verdict.

Assistant Public Defender, Family Court, October 2014 – March 2017

- Represented clients in Albany County Family Court on matters including: child support violations, custody, family offense petitions, removal of children petitions, removal of children hearings, termination of parental rights proceedings and neglect & abuse proceedings.
- First Chair as defense attorney on a neglect and abuse trial involving charges against a parent for abuse by shaken baby that resulted in an acquittal for client.
- Negotiated settlements and agreements on behalf of clients under Article's 6, 8 and 10 of the New York State Family Court Act.
- Researched various legal topics involving family court matters, filed memoranda and motions accordingly with Court.

Corporation Counsel's Office – City of Albany, NY

Assistant Corporation Counsel, August 2011- October 2014

Litigation and Advocacy:

- Successfully negotiated labor contracts with union representatives, which led to a fair rate of pay for union employees and that also ensured protection of city equities.
- Civil litigation experience includes: conducting preliminary conferences in court, motion practice, conducting examinations before trial, and representing the Department of General Services during hearings.
- Provided comprehensive legal advice as counsel for boards, departments, and committees within the City of Albany, including Water Board, Department of Water and Water Supply, Department of General Services, Historic Resource Commission, Human Rights Commission and Water Bill Review Complaint Committee that resulted in responsible and informed decision-making.

Liaison Activities:

- Worked on inter-municipal groups in planning and responding to FEMA issues and disaster preparedness planning ensured a consistent and informed approach that augmented the City's ability to effectively maintain the safety of its residents.
- Efforts to collect debts on behalf of the City Treasurer resulted in a prompt return of funds owed to the City that could be restored to the operating budget.

Research and Writing:

- Drafted various legal documents including Contracts, Motions to Dismiss, License Agreements, proposed legislation, commissioner proclamations, legal opinions to boards, requests for proposals (RFP's) and memorandum of law on various legal topics.