

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 185 OF 2023

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISORS GERACI, MAGOWAN, SMITH, CONOVER, MCDEVITT, DRISCOLL, AND LEGGETT

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE RURAL LAW CENTER OF NEW YORK, INC. FOR ASSIGNED COUNSEL APPELLATE CASES

WHEREAS, Warren County is charged with providing free legal services for indigents in Warren County seeking appellate review, and

WHEREAS, the Rural Law Center of New York, Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation established to represent the indigent in appellate review cases assigned through County Assigned Counsel Offices, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 205 of 2016, Warren County entered into an agreement with the Rural Law Center of New York, Inc., 22 US Oval, Suite 203, Plattsburgh, New York 12903 to provide free legal services to the indigent in Warren County Assigned Counsel Appellate Cases for two (2) years commencing May 1, 2016 and terminating April 30, 2018, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 106 of 2018, Warren County renewed the agreement with the Rural Law Center of New York, Inc. for an additional two (2) year period, through April 30, 2020, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 95 of 2020, Warren County renewed the agreement with the Rural Law Center of New York, Inc. for an additional two (2) year period, through April 30, 2022, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 278 of 2022, Warren County renewed the agreement with the Rural Law Center of New York, Inc. for an additional one (1) year period, through April 30, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee has approved the request to continue the agreement with the Rural Law Center of New York, Inc., for an amount to be determined, for an additional two (2) year period commencing on May 1, 2023 and terminating on April 30, 2025, with the first twenty-three appeals services being provided for an amount not to exceed Fifty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$57,500) per year with additional appeals to be handled at a cost of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) per appeal unless extraordinary circumstances justify additional expenses, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board of Supervisors, be and hereby is, authorized to execute said agreement as outlined above, in a form approved by the County Attorney, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the funds for this agreement shall be expended from various departmental budget codes.