



ABOUT THE OFFICE OF THE APPELLATE DEFENDER

The Office of the Appellate Defender (OAD) is one of New York City's oldest providers of appellate representation to poor people convicted of felonies.

Since its founding in 1988, OAD has not only offered superb defense representation, it has also served as a training office committed to educating attorneys who are likely to make a substantial contribution to the representation of poor people charged with and/or convicted of crimes.

By remaining flexible and responsive to emerging criminal justice needs, OAD has set itself apart from traditional appellate defender offices and established itself as a national model for innovative, holistic and client-centered indigent appellate defense representation.



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HOW TO CONNECT WITH OAD'S CLIENT SERVICES PROGRAM

If you or your loved one is currently represented by OAD or has previously been represented by OAD and ...

- Have a case on appeal and are in need of non-legal assistance, please email clientservices@oadnyc.org.
- Have questions regarding re-entry, please email clientservices@oadnyc.org.
- If you are an organization that provides direct assistance to formerly incarcerated individuals and would like to partner with OAD please email clientservices@oadnyc.org

If you would like to support OAD's efforts to assist people returning home from prison please visit us at www.oadnyc.org



THE OFFICE OF THE APPELLATE DEFENDER'S (OAD) CLIENT SERVICES PROGRAM is a unique and innovative program dedicated to serving OAD clients who face challenges arising from incarceration, parole, and re-entry. Founded in 2001, OAD's Client Services Program is one of the first social work and re-entry programs of its kind in the nation.

OAD's Client Services Program supports OAD clients, attorneys and staff by providing on-site expertise, assistance, and referrals to community-based organizations throughout the five boroughs.

OAD's Client Services Program also collaborates and liaises with other defender organizations to identify and advocate for reform of chronic and systemic issues related to the criminal justice system.

In all respects, OAD's Client Services Program strives to recognize, honor and address the unique strengths and traumas of people who have been incarcerated in the New York City and State criminal justice system.

OAD's Client Services Program provides assistance in various areas, including:

CONDITIONS OF CONFINEMENT
OAD assists and advocates for incarcerated people who experience mistreatment by prison staff, denial of necessary medical or mental health treatment, and other challenges arising from incarceration.

PAROLE HEARING PREPARATION AND ADVOCACY
OAD partners with their clients to prepare for parole hearings by helping to gather documentation that supports their release and, where appropriate, writing letters of support and reasonable assurance.

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION ACT (SORA) AND RESENTENCING ADVOCACY
OAD helps support clients in their SORA hearings and resentencing hearings by collecting relevant documentation and/or preparing mitigation reports to advocate for downward departures in SORA hearings or reduced sentences in resentencing hearings.

RE-ENTRY SUPPORT
OAD connects its clients to appropriate community-based resources such as mental health, substance abuse, medical care, employment or education in order to facilitate successfully re-entry. OAD also provides case management and supportive counseling for individuals returning home from prison.

