



CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF LAW

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via e-mail to: elena@judgewatch.org
Elena Sassower, Director
Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)
10 Stewart Place, Apt. 2D-E
White Plains, New York 10603

Re: Freedom of Information Law Request received July 16, 2020 regarding
Salary Figures and Membership Fees and Dues

Dear Ms. Sassower:

This letter responds the referenced FOIL request. You are requesting:

- (1) the 2020 salary figures for Chautauqua County's five highest appointed officers/employees whose salary is paid from the Chautauqua County budget;
- (2) the salary of the County Attorney for the years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020; and
- (3) the membership dues/fees that Chautauqua County paid each year, from 2016-2020, for its membership in (a) New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC); (b) County Attorneys Association of the State of New York (CAASNY); (c) District Attorneys Association of the State of New York (DAASNY); (d) local and state bar associations.

In responding to this request, I worked with the County's Budget Director. The requested information is enclosed.

Yours very truly,
Kristen Wright
Assistant County Attorney

NO DOCUMENTS WERE DENIED IN RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST.

The Freedom of Information Law stipulates that certain information may be denied, however, the County is required to advise you of your rights to appeal such denials. If you are denied information and you choose to appeal such denial, you must do so in writing within 30 days of receipt of such denial. The appealing authority is Paul M. Wendel, Jr., County Executive, 3 N. Erie Street, Mayville, New York 14757. Your appeal must state the date of the denial, the information requested, the information denied, and the reason for the denial.

Association Dues	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
NYS Association of Counties (NYSAC)	\$14,291	\$14,270	\$14,991	\$15,291	\$15,597
NYSAC Assoc of County Executives	\$ 2,811	\$2,811	\$2,811	\$2,811	\$2,811
County Attnys Assoc (CAASNY)	\$726	\$726	\$726	\$726	\$726
District Attnys Assoc (DAASNY)	\$1,875	\$1,875	\$1,875	\$1,875	\$1,875
NYS Bar Association*	\$725	\$650	\$2,180	\$1,785	
Bar Association of Northern CC			\$250		
Jamestown Bar Association			\$575	\$725	
Erie Co Bar Association				\$75	
Total	\$20,428	\$20,332	\$ 23,408	\$23,288	\$21,009

*May include some conference fees. Not all descriptions specify dues vs. training.

Top 5 Annual Salaries for Non-Elected County Employees, and County Attorney Salary (as of January of each year)					
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Child Psychiatrist Alicia Galecki-Kuropas	\$169,701				
Dept. of Public Facilities Director George Spanos	\$104,468	\$107,602	\$110,405		
Director of Health & Human Services Christine Schuyler	\$102,467	\$105,541	\$108,291	\$110,998	\$112,786
First Assistant District Attorney Derek Gregory	\$98,000	\$102,000		\$107,586	\$109,160
First Assistant District Attorney John Zuroski	\$100,000	\$104,000	\$105,594	\$108,582	\$112,634
Physician Scott Cunningham			\$179,310	\$179,310	\$182,198
Public Defender Nathaniel Barone		\$117,788	\$119,709	\$141,952	\$142,933
County Attorney Stephen Abdella	\$86,918	\$90,575	\$92,935	\$92,935	\$106,236