



# PARTNER OFFICE PROFILE

## LUZERNE COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

WILKES-BARRE, PA



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# OF GIDEON'S  
PROMISE LAWYERS IN  
YOUR OFFICE?

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IS THERE ANYTHING  
THAT DISTINGUISHES THE  
CLIENTS IN YOUR  
JURISDICTION?

Large spanish speaking  
clientele in the area.

### WHAT MAKES PRACTICING IN YOUR JURISDICTION UNIQUELY CHALLENGING?

Very political minded DA, large opioid, judges only interested in moving cases, extremely antiquated jail, and lack of diverse population.

### POPULAR ATTRACTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS TO VISIT WHILE IN YOUR CITY

We have AAA New York Yankees baseball, AAA Pittsburgh Penguins Ice Hockey, as a rural area lots of state parks, streams, rivers for hiking, outdoor activities. Also, several large music venues attracting popular acts such as, Elton John, Simon and Garfunkel, Sting Crosby Stills, Jackson Brown, etc. we are also within two hours of Philadelphia, New York City, and three hours for the Jersey Shore and Washington, D.C.

DIFFERENT UNITS  
WITHIN THE PUBLIC  
DEFENDER OFFICE?

- Juvenile
- Mental Health
- Social Workers
- Investigators
- State Parole

DO YOU HAVE ANY  
SPECIFIC SKILLS THAT  
ARE REQUIRED OR  
NEEDED IN YOUR OFFICE?

Spanish speaking is a  
need we would like to fill  
would be great.

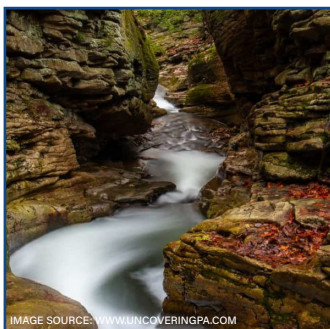
### DOES YOUR PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE HAVE ANY FORMAL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS OR SPECIAL PROJECTS?

We have a contractual/funding relationship with a bicounty MHDS service provider whereby we provide services to MH persons in need, both legal and social work. We also have a relationship with northeast counseling, which provides outpatient therapy and to a degree some reentry services. We also have a relationship with two local universities to provide field placement supervision for BS and MS students seeking degrees in social work. We also have a present relationship with Vera Institute of Justice to do data collection and analysis to attempt to reduce the prison population.

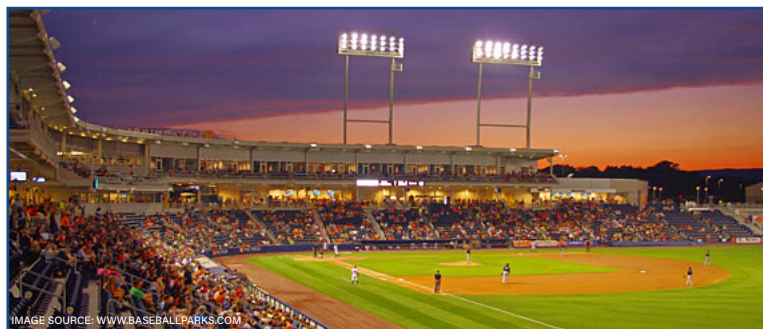
ARE RESOURCES, SUCH AS AVAILABILITY OF  
OF EXPERTS AND INVESTIGATIVE SUPPORT,  
ACCESSIBLE TO THE STAFF ATTORNEYS?

We have five staff investigators and a fairly decent budget for experts.

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