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COMMISSIONERS APPOINT NEW CHIEF PUBLIC DEFENDER

Cumberland County, PA - The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners announced the appointment of Michael Halkias, Esquire to the position of Chief Public Defender, effective July 24, 2015. Halkias will lead the Public Defender's Office with integrity and insure quality representation is provided to offenders irrespective of their financial status.

Halkias graduated from Rutgers College (B.A. & B.S.) in 2001 and after working for an energy and telecommunication consulting firm for a year, moved to Carlisle to attend law school. While attending the Dickinson School of Law, he was a certified legal intern for the Cumberland County Public Defender's Office and a certified Miller Center Public Advocate. After graduating from the Dickinson School of Law (J.D.) in 2005, Halkias clerked for the Honorable John C. Uhler in York County. After his clerkship, he began working at the Cumberland County Public Defender's office as an Assistant in 2006, was promoted to Senior Assistant in 2008, and to Deputy in 2011. Halkias has worked for the Public Defender's Office for over nine years and has been active in the local community through various activities such as volunteering for high school mock trials, Dickinson School of Law trial teams, and speaking on various panels hosted by the YWCA Carlisle, Carlisle Victory Circle, and other community organizations.

For more information about the Cumberland County Public Defender's Office and its mission visit www.ccpa.net/publicdefender.

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