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Before conveying the agenda for this meeting, we want to thank you for the substantive discussion and advice you provided at our initial meeting on June 28. As a result of that meeting, we have rethought and made changes to our Regional Support Center proposal; we have embraced and cooperated with the planning for the New York State Public Defenders Job Fair on October 19, and we are trying to be as clear and explicit as we can be in our coming communications about data collection under statewide reform. In short, the first meeting of this Advisory Group demonstrated the tremendous value of having one.

At next week's meeting, we'd like to share our thoughts and hear yours about two issues that we describe briefly below. In each discussion, we would ask you to include in your thinking and speaking an identical question: "How can ILS help?"

AGENDA

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| 11:00 – 11:15 | Welcome, Introductory Remarks, Progress since last meeting |
| 11:15 – 12:45 | <i>Hopes for Reform, and Barriers against it:</i> an open discussion about what we hope reform will achieve, the barriers to reform, and what each of us can do to fulfill the promise of public defense reform in New York. |
| 12:45 – 1:30 | Lunch and conversation |
| 1:30 – 2:50 | <i>Creating or Strengthening Assigned Counsel Programs:</i> no client left behind. |
| 2:50 – 3:00 | Wrap up and consideration of next meeting date |