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ERIE COUNTY ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER WINS STATEWIDE AWARD

ERIE, PA –One of Erie County’s Assistant Public Defenders was selected as the recipient of a statewide award.

The Public Defender’s Association of Pennsylvania awarded Erie County Assistant Public Defender Abigail Groner the 2022 Rico Award. Abigail was one of nine finalists for the Rico from five different counties.

The committee accepted nominations for current Pennsylvania Public Defenders with three years of experience or less as a public defender who is doing an extraordinary job. The Rico award is otherwise known as the Fred Goodman New Attorney award is named after a long time public defender who helped revolutionize new attorney training in Pennsylvania. Abby was hired by the Erie County Public Defender’s office in April of 2022.

“Abby is the first Erie County Public Defender to focus on representing individuals facing revocation from probation and parole and she has made a big difference in many individuals’ lives. Abby has full access to inmates in the county prison pods and reviews revocation allegations with defendants prior to facing the Court or Board of Probation and Parole, preparing defenses as appropriate. Abby also represents individuals charged with criminal offenses in Erie’s State prison, Gagnon I defendants and those entering ARD,” said Nicole Sloane Kondrlik.

Erie County would like to Congratulate Abigail for a job well done and representing Erie County all across the state!

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