

## **NEWS FROM THE OFFICE OF ULSTER COUNTY EXECUTIVE MIKE HEIN**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **ULSTER COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER ELECTED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NEW YORK STATE DEFENDERS ASSOCIATION**

Kingston, NY (August 10, 2009) – Ulster County Executive Mike Hein is pleased to announce that Ulster County Public Defender, Andrew Kossover, was elected to the Board of Directors of The New York State Defenders Association (NYSDA).

“Andy Kossover’s election to the Board (of NYSDA) exemplifies the caliber of individuals Ulster County is lucky to have serving as Department Heads in County government. I’m pleased with the recognition duly afforded him and the resources his appointment will, in turn, bring to the people of Ulster County,” said the County Executive.

The New York State Defenders Association is a non-profit, membership organization that has been providing support to New York’s criminal defense community since 1967. Its mission is to improve the quality and scope of publicly supported legal representation to low income people.

Serving on NYSDA’s Board of Directors are prominent criminal defense lawyers and leaders in the New York criminal justice community. Mr. Kossover is only one of twelve “chief defenders” of the State’s 58 counties to be selected to serve on its Board.

###