

Court disbars Washington County Public Defender Patrick Barber for fabricating family court orders

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In a decision released yesterday, The Third Department of the Appellate Division of the New York State Supreme Court, disbarred **Patrick E. Barber**, a Washington County attorney and public defender, for fabricating family court orders and a letter from a family court clerk.

In disbaring **Barber** the court also took into consideration **Barber's** disciplinary history which included two admonitions and a letter of caution issued by the Committee on Professional Standards. The court also considered mitigating circumstances and letters of support offered in behalf of **Barber**.

In the end, however, the court stated that **Barber's** conduct "strikes at the heart of the administration of justice," and that disbarment was the appropriate sanction.