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Chuck Klein
Commissioner of Personnel
Oneida County Personnel Department
800 Park Avenue
Utica, New York 13501

Dear Mr. Klein:

The Oneida County District Attorney's Office is respectfully requesting approval to reclassify the title Court Reporter from Grade 37W to Grade 41W with a starting salary of \$84,903.


Discovery reform has placed new burdens and time restrictions upon the District Attorney's Office that have made it necessary to hire a second full-time Court Reporter. Under Criminal Procedure Law Section 245.20 (1) (b), Grand Jury transcripts are to be turned over to defense counsel within twenty days if the defendant is in custody and within thirty-five days if the defendant is not in custody. Based upon the volume of cases being presented to the Oneida County Grand Jury, one court reporter cannot adequately meet the time restrictions as laid out by Criminal Procedure Law Section 245.20 (1) (b). Failure to comply with Criminal Procedure Law Article 245 could ultimately lead to dismissal of indictments. Therefore, the second Court Reporter position is crucial to the District Attorney and the administration of justice.

To attract a Court Reporter, the starting salary must be competitive with the State Court system. The 2024 starting salary for a Court Reporter in the State system is \$86,737 and \$102,060 for a Senior Court Reporter. I have had two prospective court reporters choose the State system over the District Attorney's Office in the past year due to this pay disparity. Therefore, reclassification is necessary to recruit and retain a Court Reporter to be competitive with State Court Reporter wages.

Please advise if anything further is needed.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd C. Carville". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "T" and "C".

Todd C. Carville
District Attorney