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Seneca County Attorney Recovers \$570,000 for Taxpayers

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WATERLOO-- The office of Seneca County Attorney, **Steven Getman**, on its own and with other agencies, collected over half a million dollars for taxpayers in 2006, according to the office's annual report to the Seneca County Board of Supervisors.

According to the report, which Getman filed on Tuesday (February 13, 2007), the office was involved in the collection of \$330,576.27 in public assistance and welfare fraud lawsuits, \$5,900.00 in outstanding planning and development loans and \$234,500.00 through institution of foreclosure proceedings on back property taxes, for a total of \$570,976.27



According to the county's 2006 budget, the "total county cost" for the County Attorney's office was only \$175,572.00.

In addition, the report noted, Getman's office processed approximately 3581 matters for the county, including cases in Family Court, New York State Supreme Court and the Village Justice Courts.

As County Attorney, Getman is the legal advisor to the Board of Supervisors and every officer whose compensation is paid from County funds in all matters involving an official act of a civil nature. The County Attorney's Office is responsible for the prosecution and defense of all civil actions and proceedings brought by or against the County.

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