

## **TO: CRIMINAL DEFENSE ATTORNEYS**

***The Delaware County Court of Common Pleas has been utilizing videoconferencing between the Delaware County Courthouse and the George W. Hill Correctional Facility for many years. The Court allows private criminal defense attorneys to use the videoconferencing system to interview incarcerated clients.***

***The Court realizes that videoconferencing saves the defense attorney a considerable amount of time in traveling to and from the prison, a considerable amount of time in getting into the prison, and a considerable amount of waiting time for the defendant to be brought to the interview room by prison guards.***

***Effective January 3, 2006, the fee for this service will be \$20 per half-hour. If an attorney wishes to interview more than one inmate during that half-hour, the fee will be: 1<sup>st</sup> client, \$20; additional clients seen during that half-hour, \$10 each.***

***The scheduled time of your interview is the start of the billing charge. It is to your advantage, and that of your client, to be on time. There is a 15-minute waiting period for the attorney, after which time the Prison will return the inmate to their cellblock; and you still will be charged for the interview.***