

# ***Free Advisement and Legal Support Services are Available***

## ***1) How can a “Student Advocate” assist me in the judicial process?***

### **What is a Student Advocate?**

Student Advocates are undergraduate student interns working under the supervision of the Director of Student Conduct in consultation with the campus attorney. Student Advocates are available during the regular academic semester to consult with student respondents and student complainants regarding their rights and responsibilities when involved in the campus judicial process.

### **How are they trained?**

Student Advocates complete a comprehensive training that educates them about the judicial process, the procedural guidelines put forth in the Student Handbook, and the Student Code of Conduct.

### **How can they help me?**

The Student Advocate can meet with you confidentially by phone (or virtually) to review and explain your paperwork, assist you in preparing for the next step in your judicial process, and accompany you if you choose to have them serve as a support person for a remote Initial Conference or Judicial Hearing.

### **How can I request the services of a Student Advocate?**

If you wish to consult with a Student Advocate write the Office of Student Conduct at [conduct@newpaltz.edu](mailto:conduct@newpaltz.edu) or call the office at (845.257.3260.) We will take your contact information and have an advocate call you to set up a time to speak.

## ***2) If I have been arrested for an incident, have received an Appearance Ticket for court, or have general questions, whom can I speak to for advice on the legal process or the college conduct process?***

Victoria Kossover (the Student Association attorney) offers a free, basic legal consultation by phone or virtually throughout the year. Victoria Kossover can be contacted at [vk@kossoverlaw.com](mailto:vk@kossoverlaw.com) or by leaving a message at 845.255.4655

## ***3) If I was the victim of a crime, who can advise me?***

Contact the Ulster County Crime Victims Assistance Counselor, Amy Westberg for information, advocacy and support  
cell: (845) 332-5221  
email: [amwe@co.ulster.ny.us](mailto:amwe@co.ulster.ny.us)