

## **COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE PARTNERS WITH COURTS FOR SCANNING PROJECT**

The Broome County Clerk's Office has teamed up with the NYS Office of Court Administration, and on January 1, 2007 rolled out a document scanning project after months of cooperative planning that will make Civil and Criminal court records available on the internet.

This innovative project, begun under former County Clerk, now County Executive Barbara Fiala, will provide instant access for judges, attorneys and legal personnel to necessary documents filed in the County Clerk's Office.

In a nutshell, court documents that are filed in the Clerk's Office will be separated from other incoming documents and immediately scanned for inclusion on the PARIS system.

In order for sensitive documents to be protected, a tiered security system has been designed to determine levels of access to documents. Each document will be screened separately for confidentiality and determined to be sealed, confidential, secured or normal. By using those codes, an individual's right to privacy and personal information is protected while still allowing needed access by Court personnel and the general public.

This cooperative effort between Broome County and the NYS Office of Court Administration will benefit everyone involved.