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PRESS RELEASE

Mayor Gary McCarthy Announces Appointment of Eugene Devine as Public Safety Commissioner

SCHENECTADY – Mayor Gary McCarthy announced the appointment of Eugene P. Devine as Public Safety Commissioner. Devine will succeed Michael Eidens, who retired at the end of October after serving since 2017.

In 2006, Devine, a Capital Region native, was elected Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, and in 2014 he was appointed to the Appellate Division of the New York State Supreme Court, Third Department, by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo.

Devine was a member of the New York State Judicial Advisory Council, a member of the New York State Continuing Legal Education Board, and Chair of the Appellate Division, Third Department CLE Committee. He is currently a member of the American College of Business Court Judges and a member of the Albany County Bar Association Foundation Board.

In 1971, he graduated from Villanova University and in 1975, from Albany Law School of Union University. Before taking the bench, he was the Public Defender for Albany County, overseeing a staff of 35 attorneys, and also served as the Chief Attorney for the Albany County Department of Social Services.

For more than 30 years, Devine engaged in private general practice specializing in the fields of health insurance, pensions, labor, commercial, banking, real estate, and criminal law. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Albany Inter-Racial Council, Hospitality House, Albany Ronald McDonald House, Board of Associates for St. Peter's Hospital, and Vice Chair of the Albany Medical Center Foundation Board. Devine's most extensive board experience came as legal counsel to the International Laborers' Union, Local 190 Pension and Health Care Funds.

In 2013, he received the Harold E. Koreman Award from the New York State Trial Lawyers' Association in recognition of his commitment to the administration of justice with fairness and compassion. Justice Devine has also been an Adjunct Professor of Business Law at Siena College and the College of St. Rose.