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### PRESS RELEASE

## *Mayor Gary McCarthy Announces New Public Safety Commissioner and Director of Development*

**SCHENECTADY** ~ Mayor Gary R. McCarthy today announced the appointment of Michael C. Eidens as Public Safety Commissioner effective November 13, 2017, and Kristin Diotte as Director of Development effective November 1, 2017.

Eidens has previously served as Acting New York State Supreme Court Justice, Schenectady County Court Judge, Chief Assistant District Attorney of Schenectady County, Glenville Town Judge, and Scotia Village Justice. Most recently, Eidens served as a New York State Judicial Hearing Officer, and as a Hearing Officer for the Office of the State Comptroller. Furthermore, he has served as a Schenectady County Legislator, Chair of the Schenectady County Mental Health Community Advisory Board, Chair of the Schenectady County Juvenile Justice Task Force, and on the Schenectady County Human Rights Commission.

Diotte arrives to the City of Schenectady with a host of experience as a Project Manager and Lead Designer on numerous projects throughout the Capital Region, including several in Schenectady. Some of the projects Diotte has been involved with include the Foster Building on State Street, 151 Lafayette Street, the Electric City Innovation Center (ECIC), MopCo Improv Theater, the Mill Lane Artisan District, and the Mohawk Harbor riverfront development. Diotte has also served on the Schenectady Planning Commission.

Eidens received his Bachelor of Arts from Wesleyan University and his Juris Doctor from Albany Law School. Diotte received her Bachelor of Architecture from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Eidens' salary will be \$94,000 and Diotte's salary will be \$70,000.

**MICHAEL C. EIDENS**  
Glenville, NY

**PERSONAL**

Married with two children and one grandchild

**HEARING OFFICER**

Hearing Officer for the Office of the State Comptroller (2009 -2017)  
NYS Judicial Hearing Officer (2008 - 2017); presided over Supreme Court Mortgage Foreclosure Conferencing in Schenectady County; presided in Fulton County, Montgomery County, Warren County and Schenectady County Family Courts. Most recently assigned to hear and report pre-trial felony criminal hearings in Schenectady County Court

**JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE**

Schenectady County Court Judge (1995 through 2004); handled over 5000 felony cases  
Appointed Acting NYS Supreme Court Justice in 2000; handled matrimonial and civil matters  
Former instructor for NYS Judicial Institute on Mortgage Foreclosure Conferencing  
Developed Drug Courts in Schenectady County, which provide substance abuse and treatment for eligible persons charged with a felony; wrote grant application resulting in award of Federal Training and largest Federal Implementation Grant in New York State in June 2002  
Developed Young Adult Court for eligible young people charged with a felony  
Developed Schenectady County Alternative Treatment Court for eligible people with mental illness charged with a felony  
Glenville Town Judge (5 years) and Scotia Village Justice (6 years)

**PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC EXPERIENCE**

Chair of the Schenectady County Mental Health Community Advisory Board  
Chair of the Schenectady County Juvenile Justice Task Force  
Schenectady County Human Rights Commission  
Schenectady County Legislator  
Schenectady County Law, Order, and Justice, Inc.  
Schenectady County Human Services Planning Council  
Capitol District Epilepsy Association  
Town of Glenville Master Plan Steering Committee  
Recipient of Community Service Award by Schenectady County Stop-DWI (1994 and 2004)  
Bethesda House Board Member  
Recipient of 2005 Schenectady County Human Rights Commission Criminal Justice Award

**LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

Former School attorney for Highland Falls-Fort Montgomery Central School District  
Former Assistant and Chief Assistant District Attorney of Schenectady County  
Former Adjunct Instructor of Law at Schenectady County Community College  
Civil, Criminal and Family Law experience of 30 years, with trial and appellate experience in Supreme Court, County Court, Family Court, Surrogate Court and Appellate Division, Third Department, Federal Courts, and United States Court of Federal Claims.

**EDUCATION**

Bachelor of Arts Degree: Wesleyan University (1972)  
Juris Doctor: Albany Law School (1975)

# Kristin Diotte

## OBJECTIVE

For consideration to engage with a collaborative team in urban development.

## EDUCATION

**Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute B.Arch, Architecture** 2006-2011  
**Italian Studies Program Politecnico di Torino + UWashington, Rome** Fall 2008  
Turin- parametric design workshop in collaboration with Italian architects and students to design the Lingotto Bridgestation.  
Rome- courses involving the history and culture of Rome and the Italian language in conjunction with designing a sub-level hub for Piazza Venezia.

## PRACTICE

**Founder + Director**, Post-Design | Operation Railbridge, Schenectady, NY 2015-Present

Post-Design is a creative studio focused on re-imagining underutilized (public) space and engaging artisans in long-term urban design interventions. Post-Design works with project-based consultants and partners as needed and will vanguard design + program for Operation Railbridge, an initiative to revive the railroad underpasses in Schenectady, NY as dynamic, historic public assets.

**Project Manager/Architectural Designer**, Re4orm Architecture, Schenectady, NY 2011-Present

Design projects include restaurant, office, and higher education fit-ups at the mixed-use Center City building, apartment lofts, automotive dealerships, riverfront development, historic restoration and urban housing renewal. Work involves schematic design + visualization, design development, drafting construction documents, construction administration and materials research + specification.

**Researcher/Designer**, REDE Studio for Research + Design, New York, NY 2011-2013

REDE is a provocative landscape studio that explores design through its intersection with ecology, culture + conservation. My work here involved research and cataloguing of indigenous landscape systems, graphic design/marketing, conceptual design, and Landscape Systems Assessment writing.

**Design Coordinator** Vanguard Showhouse, Loudonville, NY Spring 2013

Each spring, a historic house is selected to be reimagined by the Capital Region's finest Interior Designers + Decorators as the Vanguard Showhouse, benefiting the Albany Symphony Orchestra. Serving on the Design Committee for Vanguard-ASO involves assigning design spaces, reviewing plans + design, coordinating between the 20+ designers involved, and assisting visitors of the Showhouse via tours + information.

**Assistanceship**, Office of Diversity, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute June 2009 - May 2010

This position involved demographic research, graphic design of newsletters and data entry for programs and events that work toward greater cultural diversity in the professional fields at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

**Intern Architect**, HCP Architects, Albany, NY Summer 2007-2008

Physical modeling, drafting construction documents, code analyses, construction site visits, design team meetings, material studies. HCP Architects primarily deals with design in healthcare and has been in practice for over 30 years working with this material.

## OUTREACH

**Planning Commissioner**, City of Schenectady, NY 2017  
**Recreation Advisory Commissioner**, City of Schenectady, NY 2015-2017  
**Contemporary Artists Center (CAC) Woodside**, Board of Directors, Troy, NY 2014-2016  
**Women at Rensselaer Mentor Program**, Mentor + Organizer, RPI 2009-2011

## HONORS + AWARDS

AIA, Henry Adams Fund for Excellence in the Study of Architecture, 2011  
Bedford Initiative recipient: travel/study workshop in Shanghai and Hong Kong, 2010  
Founders Award of Excellence, 15th Annual Honors Convocation 2008  
Faculty Award for Academic Proficiency and Promise of Excellence in Architecture, 2008  
Dean's List 2006-2011  
Excellence in Arts Scholarship 2006

## Completed Projects with Re4orm Architecture

Project Manager + Lead Designer

Kristin Diotte, 2011 - 2017

### Mixed-Use Redevelopment:

#### The Foster

Square Footage: 50,000

20 Apartment Units

Cappoccia Wine Lounge

Restaurant, Slidin' Dirty

Co-working office space

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#### 151 Lafayette Street

Square Footage: 14,000

Firestone 151, Restaurant

Studio4 Hot Yoga + Pilates

Great Flats Brewing

Schenectady, NY

### Historic Restoration:

#### 24 Amity Street – 13 Apartment Units

Square Footage: 16,960

Cohoes, NY

#### 409 State Street – 7 Apartment Loft Units

Square Footage: 9,000

Schenectady, NY

### Restaurants:

#### Johnny's | Center City 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

Square Footage: 10,000

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#### Clinton's Ditch Expansion

Square Footage: 1,100

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#### Slidin' Dirty | 512 State Street

Square Footage: 3,600

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### Theater:

#### MopCo Improv Theater

Square Footage: 3,690

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### Café / Shops:

#### Coco Bar – Candy Shoppe

Square Footage: 600

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#### Starbucks Coffee

Square Footage: 1,760

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### Automotive Dealerships:

#### Goldstein GMC Buick Expansion

Square Footage: 16,000

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#### Goldstein Subaru

Square Footage: 20,000

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### Fit-Ups:

#### AAA Corporate Offices | Center City 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

Square Footage: 10,000

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#### Wink + Electric City Innovation Center (ECIC) |

Center City 4<sup>th</sup> + 5<sup>th</sup> Floors

Square Footage: 22,000

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#### SCCC Student Center | Center City 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Square Footage: 10,000

Schenectady, NY

### Master Planning:

#### Mill Lane Artisan District

Schenectady, NY

#### Live-In Schenectady

Urban Infill Housing

#### Mohawk Harbor | Schenectady, NY

Riverfront Development

#### Brighton Boulevard Corridor

River North (RiNo) District

Denver, Colorado