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Press Release: Selection of Alejandro B. Fernandez to Serve as Federal Public Defender for the District of Vermont

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

New York, August 12, 2025—Chief Judge Debra Ann Livingston of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit announced today that the Court of Appeals will appoint Alejandro B. Fernandez as the Federal Public Defender for the District of Vermont. Chief Judge Livingston stated, “We are thrilled to welcome Mr. Fernandez to the District of Vermont Federal Public Defender’s Office. Mr. Fernandez’s extensive criminal defense experience, demonstrated commitment to indigent criminal defense, and highly regarded leadership skills make him an ideal defender to lead this excellent Office.”

Mr. Fernandez has served as an Assistant Federal Defender at The Federal Defender Program, Inc., the community defender organization for the Northern District of Georgia since 2023. Before joining The Federal Defender Program, Inc., Mr. Fernandez served as an Assistant Federal Defender for the Federal Public Defender of New Mexico from 2016 to 2024. While in New Mexico, Mr. Fernandez also served as the First Supervisory Assistant. Mr. Fernandez previously served as a staff attorney at the Office of the Appellate Defender in New York City from 2014 to 2016, was briefly in private practice from March to July of 2014, and was a staff attorney at The Bronx Defenders from 2010 to 2014. He began his legal career as an E. Barrett Prettyman Fellow at Georgetown University Law Center from 2008 to 2010.

Mr. Fernandez received an L.L.M. degree from Georgetown University Law Center, a J.D. from New York University School of Law, and a B.A., cum laude, from Harvard University.

Mr. Fernandez will assume his duties on November 3, 2025.