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Press Release: Selection of Eric K. Schillinger to Serve as Federal Public Defender for the Northern District of New York

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

New York, October 27, 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 Eric K. Schillinger as the Federal Public Defender for the Northern District of New York. Chief Judge Livingston stated, “We are so pleased to appoint Mr. Schillinger as the Federal Public Defender for the Northern District of New York Federal Public Defender’s Office. Mr. Schillinger is an accomplished defense attorney with extensive management experience and a proven commitment to indigent criminal defense. We are confident that Mr. Schillinger will lead this terrific Office with distinction.”

Mr. Schillinger has served as an Assistant Federal Defender in the Office of the Federal Defender for the Northern District of New York since June 2024. Prior to joining the Federal Public Defender’s Office, Mr. Schillinger spent fourteen years in private practice, managing his boutique defense firm, Schillinger & Associates, PLLC (formerly The Law Office of Eric K. Schillinger). The firm represented individuals in federal and state courts, as well as individuals and organizations in civil litigation. Throughout his time in private practice, Mr. Schillinger was an active member of the CJA Panel and accepted assigned counsel cases from the state courts. Before founding Schillinger & Associates in 2012, Mr. Schillinger was in private practice with Flink Maswick, PLLC, a medium-sized insurance defense and real estate firm, and Jacobs Portin, PLLC, a general litigation firm.

Mr. Schillinger received a J.D. from Albany Law School and a B.A. from the State University of New York College at Geneseo.

Mr. Schillinger will assume his duties on December 1, 2025.