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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **DAVID BENEMAN REAPPOINTED FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE DISTRICT OF MAINE**

BOSTON (July 14, 2017) — Chief Judge Jeffrey R. Howard of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit announced today that David Beneman has been reappointed as Federal Public Defender for the District of Maine for a new four-year term.

Mr. Beneman is the first Federal Public Defender for the District of Maine and has served in this role since the establishment of the District of Maine's Office of the Federal Public Defender in 2006. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Beneman practiced criminal law with the firm of Levenson, Vickerson, and Beneman in Portland from 1986 to 2006. Mr. Beneman also previously served as the District of Maine CJA Resource Counsel. Mr. Beneman, who received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Bates College, graduated from the University of Maine School of Law in 1985.

First Circuit Court of Appeals Judge William J. Kayatta, Jr., Chair of the Reappointment Committee, stated that "the fairness of criminal proceedings in our federal courts depends very much on the important work done by our federal public defenders. The District of Maine is

fortunate to continue to have the benefit of Mr. Beneman's skillful and dedicated service to his country." Chief Judge Howard expressed his appreciation to Judge Kayatta for serving as Committee Chair. The Chief Judge also sincerely thanked Sarah Churchill, Esq. of Portland, Maine; Walter McKee, Esq. of Augusta, Maine; Stacey Neumann, Esq. of Portland, Maine; and Susan Goldberg, Circuit Executive for their service as Committee members.