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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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

BOSTON (October 25, 2021) — 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 Criminal Justice Act 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 First Circuit Court of Appeals is pleased that Mr. Beneman will continue his service as Federal Public Defender for the District of Maine. Mr. Beneman's

leadership of his office and his dedicated service to his clients helps to provide the balance that enhances the pursuit of justice in our Maine federal courts." Chief Judge Howard expressed his appreciation to Judge Kayatta for serving as Committee Chair. The Chief Judge also sincerely thanked Kristine Hanley, Esq., of Portland, Maine; Terence Harrigan, Esq., of Bangor, Maine; Timothy Zerillo, Esq., of Portland, Maine; and Susan Goldberg, Circuit Executive, for their service as Committee members.