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HON. WILLIAM J. FITZPATRICK JR. '74, L'76

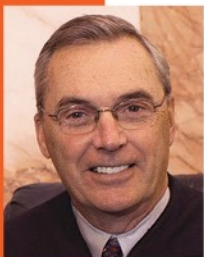
is the District Attorney for Onondaga County. First elected in 1991, he is the longest-serving District Attorney in the county's history.

Fitzpatrick graduated from Syracuse University in 1974 and from the College of Law in 1976. He began working at the District Attorney's Office as a law clerk during law school and he continued to serve in the office after graduation. By 1983, he became a Chief Assistant District Attorney, the youngest person ever appointed to the position. During the next three years, he prosecuted 20 defendants for murder and achieved a 100 percent conviction rate.

Between 1987 and 1991, Fitzpatrick worked in private practice, handling a variety of criminal, civil, personal injury, and medical malpractice cases. He also taught Trial Practice at the College of Law as an adjunct professor from 1987 to 1988.

Now in his seventh term as District Attorney, Fitzpatrick has remained active in the prosecution of several high-profile cases. His investigative work led to the conviction of Waneta Hoyt, a Tioga County woman responsible for the deaths of her five children, and he obtained the convictions of Stacey Castor, the so-called "Black Widow" killer, and Robert Neulander, a prominent doctor from DeWitt. Fitzpatrick has appeared on *20/20*, *48 Hours*, *60 Minutes*, *Dateline NBC*, and several other news programs and publications in connection with his work.

In 2003, Fitzpatrick was named Prosecutor of the Year by the District Attorneys Association of the State of New York, and the New York State Bar Association named him an Outstanding Prosecutor in 2005. He currently serves as Chairman of the Board of the National District Attorneys Association, and he serves on the New York State Permanent Commission on Sentencing. Outside the courtroom, Fitzpatrick is active with several community organizations, including the McMahan/Ryan Child Advocacy Center, the Ronald McDonald House, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and Vera House, a domestic and sexual violence service agency.



HON. FREDERICK J. SCULLIN JR. L'64 is a Senior District Judge in the Northern District of New York.

A native of Syracuse, Judge Scullin graduated from Niagara University in 1961 and the College of Law in 1964. Upon graduation, he served in the United States Army as an infantry commander with the 173rd Airborne Brigade in Vietnam. Following release from active duty, he continued to serve in the United States Army Reserve and retired in 1991 with the rank of Colonel.

Judge Scullin began his law career in 1967 at the Syracuse firm of Germain and Germain, then he became an Assistant District Attorney for Onondaga County. In 1971, longtime New York State Attorney General Louis Lefkowitz appointed him as one of the first prosecutors for the newly formed statewide Organized Crime Task Force, specifically as the Assistant in Charge of the Albany Regional Office. In 1978, Florida Governor Reubin Askew appointed him Chief Prosecutor of the Governor's Council for the Prosecution of Organized Crime. He returned to private practice in 1980.

President Ronald Reagan appointed Judge Scullin as the United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York in 1982. There, he supervised numerous investigations and prosecutions in drug trafficking, organized crime, and public corruption. He served in that position until his appointment to the federal bench by President George H.W. Bush in 1992. Judge Scullin served as Chief Judge of the Northern District of New York from 2000 until 2006, when he assumed senior status. In 2004, Chief Justice William Rehnquist of the United States Supreme Court appointed Judge Scullin to a seven-year term on the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court.

Judge Scullin has served on the Second Circuit Judicial Council and was a circuit representative to the United States Judicial Conference. He currently serves as an honorary member of the College of Law Board of Advisors, a member of the Board of Advisors for the Elmcrest Children's Center, and a member of Christ the King Retreat House and the Franciscan Collaborative Ministries Advisory Council.



SUSAN C. YU L'96 is a prominent Los Angeles trial attorney, specializing in complex criminal and civil litigation in both state and federal courts.

Yu received her B.A. from the University of California at Berkeley in 1987 in political science, concentrating in Soviet politics. She graduated cum laude from the College of Law in 1996 as a Dana Hinman scholar and a member of the Justinian Honor Society. While at the College of Law, she was Editor of the *Syracuse Journal of International Law and Commerce*.

During her many years in private practice, Yu has represented many notable clients in high-profile cases, including: the late Michael Jackson; Patience Dabany, the former First Lady of Gabon; actor Robert Blake; a family member of the late Peter Falk; the founder and former CEO of women's knitwear company, St. John Knits International, Inc.; Coldwell Banker Realty; and the Home Depot. Her success in the courtroom earned her the distinction as one of the "Top 75 Women Litigators in California" by the *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, California's leading legal newspaper.

Additionally, Yu has been a powerful force outside the courtroom. She previously funded and opened a free legal clinic in Los Angeles for low-income individuals from all walks of life. She also has donated her time pro bono to the underprivileged in numerous criminal and civil cases. Yu has served as legal counsel to the Association for Asian American Studies at Cornell University and, for the past several years, she has volunteered as a judge in national civil and criminal trial advocacy competitions.

Yu currently serves on the California State Bar's Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation, helping to investigate and evaluate judicial applicants to California's trial and appellate courts. She also is on the Advisory Board and the Nomination Committee of the Litigation Counsel of America and is a frequent speaker to various groups and organizations on trial strategies, the legal profession, and civil rights issues, including the need for a community dialogue on race, integration, equality, and justice.