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Courtroom to Be Named for Syracuse's First Black Judge, Trailblazer Langston C. McKinney

SYRACUSE, NEW YORK—Deputy Chief Administrative Judge James P. Murphy and Fifth Judicial District Administrative Judge Deborah Karalunas will join Syracuse Mayor Ben Walsh, Onondaga County Executive Ryan McMahan, and other officials on **Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at 4:30 pm** for a courtroom dedication ceremony honoring the late Langston C. McKinney, a pioneering lawyer and jurist who became the first African-American to serve on the Syracuse City Court bench upon his 1986 appointment. Judge McKinney was elected to Syracuse City Court in 1987, then re-elected in 1997 and 2007, serving three consecutive 10-year terms.

“Judge McKinney was a pioneer and role model, known for his kindness, dedication to public service, and passionate pursuit of justice. He was a man of the highest standards and integrity, and I couldn’t be more pleased that a courtroom in the City of Syracuse will now bear his great name,” said Deputy Chief Administrative Judge Murphy, who invites you to share in this momentous occasion.

The Judge Langston C. McKinney Courtroom will be designated in **the Hon. James Tormey III Criminal Courthouse in at 505 S. State Street, Part 4, Syracuse, New York**, in memory of this trailblazing jurist’s public service, mentorship, and charitable works.

The ceremony will be held in person at the courthouse and livestreamed. Please see the attached flyer for information on attending the ceremony via livestream.

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