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Governor Walker Appoints Paul Dedinsky to Serve as Milwaukee County Judge

MADISON – Governor Scott Walker today appointed Attorney Paul C. Dedinsky to serve as a judge on the Milwaukee County Circuit Court, replacing retiring Judge Mary M. Kuhnmuensch.

"I am confident that Paul will step into the role of circuit court judge seamlessly and I am delighted to appoint him," said Governor Walker. "His reputation and his credentials demonstrate service, integrity, and impeccable character."

Paul Dedinsky has over 25 years of legal practice including over 20 years serving as a prosecutor in Milwaukee County from 1997-2017. His legal experience ranges from criminal law, civil law, and appellate advocacy to administrative law, employment law, contracts, and corporate board governance. During his time as an assistant district attorney in Milwaukee County, he prosecuted misdemeanor, domestic violence, delinquency, and sensitive crimes and served as Milwaukee family drug treatment court team captain. Dedinsky has also advised and taught Legal Ethics to state employees.

E. Michael McCann, retired Milwaukee District Attorney, predicted that Paul Dedinsky will be "a judge of great competence and impeccable integrity." Milwaukee County Deputy District Attorney Elizabeth Mueller highly recommends Dedinsky stating, "His temperament and knowledge of the law are exceptional. His willingness to assist others and provide sound legal counsel are unparalleled."

Liz Marquardt of the Sojourner Family Peace Center touted Paul Dedinsky's "strong morals" and "stellar service" as a past sexual assault and child abuse prosecutor, and in his service as the former Director of the Milwaukee District Attorney's Domestic Violence Unit: "Paul has touched many lives as a prosecutor and believes deeply in serving his community. As a result, support for Paul is widespread, diverse, and includes many, many professionals as well as community members." Marquardt added, "When he and I worked to end domestic and sexual abuse, he was extremely active in the Milwaukee Commission on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault and was a part of many community efforts."

Dr. Kristi Cole, of Milwaukee College Prep and formerly of MPS, spoke of Paul Dedinsky's pioneering work in the area of Restorative Justice and his work as the Milwaukee, "I had the privilege of learning about restorative justice from retired Supreme Court Justice Janine Geske and Paul Dedinsky, both of whom

worked so well together. Paul trained literally thousands of MPS teachers, principals, social workers, school counselors, and school psychologists in restorative practices from 2008 to 2014, as well as thousands of students in the greater Milwaukee area."

In addition to his vast legal experience and serving as the Milwaukee family drug treatment court team captain, Dedinsky is a board member on the anti-opiate addiction group SOFA, Inc., a service director for Schoenstatt International Province & Retreat Center, a faculty presenter at St. Clare Center for Catholic Life, and serves on his parish pastoral council. Dedinsky also has teaching experience as an adjunct professor at Cardinal Stritch University and Marquette University Law School. After serving most recently as the Chief Legal Counsel as the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection, Dedinsky will return home to live on Milwaukee's east side. Paul is married to Lisa, and the couple has three children.

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