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PRESS RELEASE

NEW YORK CHIEF JUDGE JANET DIFIORE
ADDRESSES ROCKLAND COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
AT 125TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

Janet DiFiore, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and of the State of New York will be the Guest of Honor at the Rockland County Bar Association's 125TH Anniversary Gala, to be held on Thursday, October 25, 2018 at the Patriot Hills Country Club in Stony Point, New York.

Chief Judge DiFiore began her judicial career in 1998 when she was elected to the Westchester County Court. In 2002, she was elected a Justice of the New York State Supreme Court for the 9th Judicial District. Upon taking office in January 2003, she was appointed to serve as Supervising Judge of the Criminal Courts for the 9th Judicial District.

In 2005, Judge DiFiore was elected the District Attorney of Westchester County.

Nominated by Governor Andrew Cuomo on December 1, 2015 to become Chief Judge, Judge DiFiore's nomination was confirmed by the New York State Senate on January 21, 2016. Chief Judge DiFiore was born and raised in Mount Vernon, New York. She is a graduate of C.W. Post College, Long Island University (B.A. 1977), and St. John's University School of Law (J.D. 1981).

Also being honored at the Annual Dinner will be Richard A. Glickel, Esq., who will receive the Bar Association's *Lifetime Achievement Award*, and Lawrence A. Codispoti, Esq., past president of the Rockland County Bar Association, who will be the recipient of the Association's *Natalie Couch Award*. Natalie Couch was the first woman to practice law in Rockland County, and she was the first woman to cast a vote in Rockland County in 1918.

The Rockland County Bar Association was founded in December, 1893 and is still going strong at 125 years old.

The 125th Anniversary Gala is open to the public. For information call the Rockland County Bar Association at 845-634-2149.

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