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Kevin W. Spitler Assumes Leadership as President of the Erie County Bar Foundation

June 12, 2023 – The Erie County Bar Foundation is pleased to announce its 2023-2024 Officers and Board of Directors. Kevin W. Spitler has succeeded Jeffrey Priore as President. Helen Ferraro-Zaffram is now serving as Vice President. Jesslyn A. Holbrook and Penny B. Selmonsky are the Foundation’s Treasurer and Secretary respectively. New Director serving a three-year term is John G. Horn.

Kevin Spitler is a sole practitioner and a renowned trial lawyer. He previously served as the President of the Bar Association of Erie County.

Upon becoming President of the Foundation, Spitler reflected, “I am honored, excited, and challenged as I take on the role as President of the Erie County Bar Foundation. I owe a great debt to those that came before me and extend gratitude today to our immediate Past President, Jeff Priore, and many others, for their hard work, vision, and commitment. We are lawyers helping other lawyers in need. Like other professionals and businesspeople, lawyers encounter trauma and other disruption in our lives. When that happens, the Foundation is there for financial support, counseling, and other needs.”

During his tenure, Mr. Spitler will work to ensure the Foundation’s long-term ability to financially support every lawyer seeking assistance. The Foundation also intends to continue a partnership with Child and Family Services EAP to provide members of the Bar Association of Erie County with a menu of crisis and prevention services to ensure the wellbeing of lawyers practicing in Erie County.

About the Erie County Bar Foundation

The Erie County Bar Foundation was formed in 1957 by a small group of concerned lawyers who wanted to help a friend in need. Over the decades, hundreds of attorneys in Erie County have benefited from the timely assistance of the Foundation, the only bar foundation in the United States dedicated solely to helping members of the profession in times of crisis. Today, funded almost exclusively by lawyers in Erie County, the Foundation remains committed to helping lawyers and their families who are in crisis or having trouble in their career, often due to change or unexpected life circumstances. The Foundation also partners with community organizations to holistically support lawyer wellbeing.

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