

**REAPPOINTMENT OF  
FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER MICHAEL L. DESAUTELS**

The current term of office of Federal Public Defender Michael L. Desautels, Federal Public Defender for the District of Vermont is due to expire on March 24, 2019. The United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit is considering the reappointment of Mr. Desautels to a new four-year term of office and has determined that he appears to merit reappointment subject to public notice and opportunity for public comment.

The Federal Public Defender provides federal criminal defense services to individuals unable to afford counsel pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §3006A(g)(2)(A) and, upon reappointment, the incumbent would continue to exercise his authority.

Beginning on Wednesday, October 31, 2018, members of the bar and the public are invited to submit comments for consideration by the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit regarding the reappointment of Federal Public Defender Michael L. Desautels to a new term of office. All comments will be kept confidential and should be directed to:

**Karen Greve Milton  
Circuit Executive  
U.S. Courts for the Second Circuit  
40 Foley Square  
New York, NY 10007**

Comments must be received no later than **November 28, 2018**.