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TOWN OF DEWITT JUSTICE DAVID S. GIDEON INSTALLED AS PRESIDENT OF THE NEW YORK STATE MAGISTRATES ASSOCIATION

Town of DeWitt Justice, Hon. David S. Gideon was recently installed as the President of the New York State Magistrates Association at its 108th annual conference held at the Turning Stone Conference Center and Resort in Verona, New York from October 15, 2017 to October 18, 2017. Over 265 local Town and Village Judges from all areas of New York State took part in the four day event, which combines the State Magistrates Association Annual Meeting and Conference with the Advanced Training Courses which are required by New York State for all of the Town and Village Justices in the Unified Court System. In addition to the mandated programs, the Association coordinated twenty-four (24) elective courses taught by recognized experts in their respective fields.

Judge Gideon has served as Town of DeWitt Justice since 2000 and is the Town and Village Court Special Counsel for the 5th Judicial District; providing guidance and assistance to the Town and Village Justices throughout Onondaga, Oneida, Herkimer, Oswego, Jefferson and Lewis counties.

The New York State Magistrates Association represents and supports the approximately 2100 Town and Village Justices throughout New York State, offering educational programs to the judges and interacting with New York State agencies regarding laws and other matters affecting our local justice courts; “The Courts Closest to the People”.

The 108th conference began on Sunday evening with a welcoming address delivered by Onondaga County District Attorney William J. Fitzpatrick, Immediate Past President of the National District
Attorneys Association. The keynote speaker at the installation banquet on Tuesday evening was New York State Senate Deputy Majority Leader, Hon. John A. DeFrancisco.

The honor guard presenting the colors consisted of members of the 174th Attack Wing, the New York State Police, the Oneida Indian Nation Police, the Oneida County Sheriff, the Cayuga County Sheriff and the Town of DeWitt Police Department.

Invocations were delivered by Rabbi Evan S. Shore of Shaarei Torah Orthodox Congregation of Syracuse and Reverend Monsignor J. Robert Yeazel of Holy Family Church of Syracuse. The benediction was delivered by Pastor Randy Phillips, Assistant Director of Education for the Oneida Nation.

With the assistance of his wife, Kathy, and his sons, Joshua and Alex, Judge Gideon was sworn in as President of the Association by the Hon. James C. Tormey, 5th Judicial District Administrative Judge using his late father’s bible.

In his acceptance address, Judge Gideon acknowledged the many challenges that will be presented this year, including the implementation and providing of the constitutional right to counsel at arraignment and the consolidation of services to provide the most effective and cost-efficient administration of justice in our local Town and Village Courts.

In accepting this new position as President of the Association, Judge Gideon looks forward to facing these many challenges and changes in improving the Town and Village Justice Court system to
provide for the fair and impartial administration of justice to the many citizens who appear for the first time in our justice courts; often times their first encounter with the judicial system.

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