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## **Central NY's Fifth Judicial District Joins Justice Partners to Unveil Five Modernized Courtrooms**

**SYRACUSE, NEW YORK—Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Courts Outside New York City James P. Murphy and Administrative Judge Deborah Karalunas will join Onondaga County District Attorney William J. Fitzpatrick, Onondaga County Executive Ryan McMahon, and other justice system partners to unveil five newly modernized courtrooms in the District's Hon. James C. Tormey III Criminal Courthouse, located at 505 South State Street in Syracuse.**

Marking the District's first District Attorney-partnership courtroom modernization project, four jury trial courtrooms in Onondaga County Court and the main arraignment courtroom in Syracuse City Court have been transformed to enhance the delivery of justice in Central New York. This initiative, also made possible by the dedicated efforts of professionals from the local courts and the court system's Division of Court Modernization, reflects a shared commitment to efficiency, transparency, and accessibility in the justice system.

Key features of the modernized courtrooms include digital evidence presentation, enabling attorneys to present digital or physical evidences seamlessly using laptops, mobile devices, or document cameras; interactive annotation, using touch-screen monitors to allow real-time annotation of evidence; high-quality viewing monitors; infrared-based assistive listening devices; wireless and extended microphones for improved mobility; advanced camera coverage to support hybrid hearings; and upgraded AV systems to improve the remote court experience for court reporters and interpreters.

**WHEN: Tuesday, November 18, 2025  
12:00 Noon**

**\*\*This event will include a demonstration of the newly installed courtroom technology\*\***

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