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Attorney Michelle Duprey Sworn in as New Haven Deputy Corporation Counsel

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Today, Attorney Michelle Duprey was sworn in as the City of New Haven’s Deputy Corporation Counsel in the Office of the Corporation Counsel. Attorney Duprey has an extensive history working in City Hall; she was first hired in 1998.

New Haven Mayor Justin Elicker administered the swearing-in this morning and released the following statement, “I am so excited for Attorney Duprey in her new role at City Hall. She will be an asset in whatever she works on. Her integrity, keen attention to detail, and experience make her a perfect fit for the role of Deputy Corporation Counsel.”

Attorney Duprey was serving as the Director of the Department of Services for Persons with Disabilities for the City of New Haven, a position she has held for more than 20 years. Her responsibilities included advising the City on Americans with Disabilities Act compliance. She was a frequent presenter on topics of ADA compliance, diversity, and the disability community. Attorney Duprey has been a longtime member of CBA’s Labor & Employment section and a past chair of the Human Rights & Responsibilities section.

“I am thrilled to be selected for this role at the City of New Haven,” said new Deputy Corporation Counsel, Michelle Duprey. “Even though I will no longer be the public voice for the disability community, I feel being given this exciting opportunity demonstrates that those with disabilities can serve in all kinds of jobs in our community, not just those you would normally expect. This appointment speaks volumes to the broader community on diversity and inclusion without me having to say a word. And for that, I am grateful.”

Attorney Duprey has also served on many statewide committees, including the boards of Connecticut Women’s Education and Legal Fund, the Connecticut ACLU, and the Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation. She has written for *The CT Lawyer Magazine*, *Connecticut Law Tribune*, *Compensation Quarterly*, *The Hartford Courant* and written various letters to the editor on disability issues, participated in panel discussions on the ADA, employment issues, community inclusion, emergency preparedness, barriers for women with disabilities.

City of New Haven Corporation Counsel Patricia King added, “We are so excited to add Michelle to our team. Her expertise in the area of disability rights, the respect she has earned among City employees and also recently working with Labor Relations on COVID-19 related issues will be invaluable as we bring a broader focus on labor and employment matters in Corporation Counsel.

Attorney Duprey has been a leader in the area of ADA compliance in the State of Connecticut for more than 25 years, both in her official capacity and personally. Her ultimate goal is a better community for everyone, especially those living with disabilities. She will now embark on the next chapter of her career serving the City of New Haven as Deputy Corporation Counsel.

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