

# Press Release

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## **Monroe County Assistant District Attorney Honored for Commitment to Justice**

### ***Sandra Doorley Receives Prestigious Award***

Monroe County First Assistant District Attorney Sandra Doorley is a winner of this year's Robert M. Morgenthau Award for excellence as a prosecutor. Doorley is one of four assistant district attorneys from across New York State recognized for her/his professional accomplishments, honesty, integrity and commitment to justice.

A prosecutor for 19 years, Doorley is the first female First Assistant District Attorney in the history of Monroe County. Her responsibilities include the supervision of all homicide prosecutions and three of the seven bureaus in the DA's office. She has prosecuted more than 60 felony trials during her tenure, more than 20 of them homicides.

In the last two years, Doorley tried and convicted Jaquan Clark of four Murders, tried and convicted Timothy Farrare of a murder as the result of a cold case that was reopened based on DNA testing, and convicted Terrance Mack of a Gang Assault 1st in connection with his role in a fatal gang assault. She also convicted Timothy Wells, a local college professor, of murdering his wife.

Prosecutor Doorley also played a key role in cleaning up the Greece Police Department. As a result of her efforts, the town's police chief, Merritt Rahn, and three of its officers, Nick Joseph, Gary Pignato, and Robert Trowbridge were either convicted on charges of corruption, criminal behavior or official misconduct. Three of them are now serving time in state prison.

Doorley serves as a trainer and mentor to the young assistant district attorney's. She is also a well-respected lecturer on legal matters in the Rochester community.

The District Attorneys Association of the State of New York established the Morgenthau Award in 2009. One winner is chosen from New York's four judicial regions. Doorley was picked from Region 4 which includes Rochester, Buffalo and Syracuse. The award is named for Robert Morgenthau and the high standards he put in place as New York City's former district attorney.

Doorley and the other award winners were honored at a ceremony Friday, January 28, 2011 in New York City.