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Statements upon the death of IU McKinney Professor of Law and Dean Emeritus Norman Lefstein:

(Indianapolis) – The Chair and Vice Chair of the Indiana Public Defender Commission released the following statements in tribute to the accomplishments of Norman Lefstein, Indiana University McKinney Professor of Law and Dean Emeritus. Lefstein served for 17-years as the Chair of the Commission, having been appointed by two Governors. He recently served as a Special Advisor to the Indiana Task Force on Public Defense.

“Norm Lefstein was truly a giant among men in the legal community. Countless Hoosiers have benefitted from his visionary leadership in the creation of quality standards for public defense in Indiana. Our state and the nation owe him a great debt for devoting his considerable legal mind and generous spirit to the cause of public service.”

- Mark Rutherford
Chair, Indiana Public Defender Commission

“Norm’s legal legacy is vast, with over 45-years as a distinguished author and scholar, a key leader in the American Bar Association, a respected educator, and an expert witness on criminal defense and legal ethics. He was also a friend, mentor, and inspiration to me and many others in the criminal defense and public policy community.”

- Larry Landis
Vice Chair, Indiana Public Defender Commission
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