

New Bedford Mayor reflects on passing of former Bristol County D.A. Paul Walsh

“Mayor Jon Mitchell offered this reflection on the passing of former Bristol County District Attorney Paul Walsh:

“I was saddened to learn tonight of the passing of Paul Walsh, the longest serving Bristol County District Attorney. A native of New Bedford and a former basketball star at Holy Family High School, Paul was a natural politician, a student of history, and an enthusiast of all things Irish. As District Attorney, he assembled a talented team of prosecutors and unfailingly supported them in bringing difficult cases. The office secured countless convictions of individuals who victimized the innocent and threatened the safety of their communities. But his greatest legacy is that many of his hires went to become distinguished judges and elected officials themselves.

I am grateful for his support and encouragement of me, and his wise advice that public officials should remember to have fun along the way. Paul’s untimely passing will be sorely felt in New Bedford, but his service has made the city and the rest of the county more safe and just, and maybe a bit more fun. I offer my condolences to the extended Walsh family.”-City of New Bedford.