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N.Y. State Courts safety chief retires after 37 years of service

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Supreme Court Chief Jewel McCollin (right) is escorted out of Manhattan Supreme Court in a ceremonial walk-out to the cheers of hundreds of court officers, judges and court staff as she retires after over 37 years on the job on Thursday. (JEFFERSON

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She's had her day in court, and then some.

Jewel McCollin, 63, shed tears and hugged colleagues Thursday as she walked out of the State Supreme Court Building at 60 Centre St. in Manhattan, after 37 years on the job, to applause from more than 250 officers.

"It's a mixed blessing," McCollin, chief of the Department of Public Safety for New York State Courts for more than eight years, said of retiring.

"I put a lot of time in, met a lot of good people, made a lot of good innovations for the uniformed force. Now it's time to spend some time with my grandson and my family."



"I put a lot of time in, met a lot of good people, made a lot of good innovations for the uniformed force," said the 63-year-old of her career. (JEFFERSON SIEGEL/NEW YORK DAILY NEWS)

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