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It is a delight to be with all of you.

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To talk about the 20th anniversary.

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Of the New York State

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Judicial Institute or the JI, as we like to call it.

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The Institute for me was not only a magnificent building, a place of exceptional learning

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But also a concept.

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A place to have greater intense education for the judges and the non judicial personnel of the court system.

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I remember coming over to the Pace campus on the cold day on October 2nd, 2001.

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Many people were already gathered, awaiting the arrival of Governor Pataki Chief Judge Kaye, then Chief Administrative Judge Lippman, and many other local officials. With shovels in hand, they broke the ground for the start of construction for what is now the Judicial Institute.

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The level of education received at the JI has elevated every year and evolved with the changing society. It was such an honor to serve as the Judicial Institute's Vice Dean and to play a part in the development of what it is today.

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The Judicial Institute has seen vast changes in how we deliver programming. We have moved from in person to mostly fully online learning.

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Well, I'm proud to have been part of the JI over the years and I am confident that they will continue to provide the type of training and instruction and opportunity for judges to learn and enhance their professional status.

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Hi, I'm Horace Anderson, Dean of the Elizabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University and I'd just like to say happy 20th anniversary to the New York State Judicial Institute. You've been a great neighbor and a great partner over the years in everything from the Journal of Court Innovation to the New York LEO program. We've worked together to bring Pace faculty and students together with judges and Court

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Administrators to really push forward the case for legal education, judicial education, ethics and justice. It's been a great partnership and I'm looking forward to working even more with the new Dean Judge Kathie Davidson in the future.

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We even had a program before our opening day of May 5th, and IDV was our first program and from that program we learned what we needed to have a successful event.

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In October 2001 was the groundbreaking ceremony for the JI and it opened its doors in May 2003. Over the next year, we will celebrate 20 years of premier education and training as we look forward to continuing the legacy for the next 20 years. Welcome to the Judicial Institute. Thank you.