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Chief Administrative Judge Zayas Appoints Three Senior Security Leaders to Strengthen Safety Across New York City Courts

NEW YORK CITY—Chief Administrative Judge Joseph A. Zayas today announced the appointment of three senior security officials responsible for all safety operations within their respective judicial districts in New York City: Assistant Chief for New York City Borough Security Operations Donna L. Ehret will be assigned to the 11th Judicial District (Queens) — making her the Unified Court System's highest ranking female uniformed supervisor; Assistant Chief for New York City Borough Security Operations Clemont Mack will oversee courts in the 1st and 12th Judicial Districts (Manhattan and the Bronx); and Assistant Chief for New York City Borough Security Operations David E. Serrano will lead safety operations in the courts in the 2nd and 13th Judicial Districts (Brooklyn and Staten Island).

Under the guidance of the judicial leadership, the court system's Department of Public Safety — led by Chief Michael Magliano — and senior court administrators, each appointee will oversee security operations within court facilities throughout their designated county or counties: implementing statewide security policies and ensuring compliance with established procedures; directing security operations during emergencies; assigning and redeploying security personnel; analyzing local security needs; overseeing employee training and performance; and acting as a liaison to outside law enforcement agencies in addition to other duties.

"I am delighted to appoint Assistant Chiefs Ehret, Mack, and Serrano to these new security leadership posts within our New York City courts. These new positions are vital to coordinating our security planning, personnel, and resources within each New York City judicial district. Each of these outstanding professionals brings decades of dedicated service, deep operational knowledge, and an unwavering commitment to public safety. I have every confidence that they will excel in guiding district-wide security operations — safeguarding our judges, non-judicial personnel and court users, all who work in and appear before our New York City courts — in support of our mission of delivering fair and accessible justice," said Chief Administrative Judge Joseph A. Zayas.

“These appointments reflect the exceptional talent and steadfast professionalism found within the courts’ corps of uniformed personnel. Assistant Chiefs Ehret, Mack, and Serrano have long distinguished themselves through their integrity, hands-on leadership, and ability to navigate complex security challenges with clarity and skill. Their broad experience will be invaluable in ensuring that our security operations remain strong, responsive, and aligned with statewide best practices,” said First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge Norman St. George.

“These three appointees are widely admired for their remarkable dedication, collaborative spirit, and sound judgment. Their leadership, crisis-management skills, and intimate knowledge of our court system’s evolving needs will be instrumental as we continue to protect our judges, staff, and the millions of New Yorkers who rely on our New York City courts,” said First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for New York City Courts Adam Silvera.

“Assistant Chiefs Ehret, Mack, and Serrano exemplify the professionalism, discipline, and dedication that define our Department of Public Safety. Their wide-ranging expertise and commitment to fostering safe and respectful workplaces make them exceptionally well-suited for their new roles. I am confident that their collaborative efforts will further enhance the safety of every New Yorker who enters our courthouses throughout the City’s five boroughs,” said Chief of Public Safety Michael Magliano.

The three appointees will report directly to New York City Chief Michael Senese, who adds, “Assistant Chiefs Ehret, Mack, and Serrano bring an extraordinary depth of experience to these key posts. Their decades of service are marked by technical proficiency, operational insight, and a steady commitment to safeguarding our courts. I look forward to working closely with them as they guide our security teams in courts across New York City and continue to build strong partnerships with law enforcement and our surrounding communities.”

Donna L. Ehret joined the Unified Court System as a New York State Court Officer in 1991 and rose through the ranks, serving with distinction in numerous supervisory roles. Most recently, she was Major and Commanding Officer in the Queens County Supreme Court’s Criminal Term. She is also a certified New York State Emergency Medical Technician with advanced training in judicial protection, crowd control, and emergency management.

Clemont Mack began his court career in 1997 as a New York State Court Officer in Bronx Criminal Court, where he later served as Sergeant and Lieutenant. He was promoted to Major and appointed Commanding Officer in 2017, earning recognition for his emergency management skills and community outreach. He is a graduate of Hunter College and a 2026 recipient of the prestigious Bernard Botein Award for exemplary public service.

David E. Serrano became a New York State Court Officer in 2000 and advanced through several assignments, including New York City Civil Court in Manhattan, the Harlem Community Justice Center, and New York City Civil Court in Brooklyn. He has served as Major and Commanding Officer in Brooklyn since 2019. In addition, he is a member of the New York State Court Officer Candidate Background Evaluation Board, which assesses applicants’ suitability for court officer duties, and is the founder of the New York State Court Officers Baseball Team, launched in 2006.

The appointments are effective September 24, 2026.



Major Donna Ehret



Major Clemont Mack



Major David Serrano

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