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New Administrative Judge Named in Bronx County

NEW YORK CITY—Chief Administrative Judge Lawrence K. Marks today announced the appointment of Hon. Alvin Yearwood as Administrative Judge for Criminal Matters in the Twelfth Judicial District. The appointment was made with the approval of Chief Judge Janet DiFiore and after consultation with Hon. Rolando T. Acosta, Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division, First Department.

In his new role, Judge Yearwood will oversee the daily operations of Bronx County's Supreme Court-Criminal Term. He succeeds Hon. Tamiko Amaker who, in addition to her duties as Administrative Judge of the New York City Criminal Court, has been serving for the past six months as the Court's interim Administrative Judge.

"Judge Yearwood is an experienced judge whose leadership abilities, combined with his extensive knowledge of the law, sound judgment and deep commitment to the fair administration of justice, make him ideally suited to take on the multiple demands of this critically important post. I look forward to our working together to move and resolve cases efficiently and effectively, achieving and maintaining operational excellence in today's highly challenging environment," said Chief Administrative Judge Marks.

Judge Yearwood was appointed to New York City Criminal Court in 2003, three times reappointed to the City's Criminal Court bench and in January 2010 designated an Acting Supreme Court Justice in Bronx County where, among other duties, he has presided over busy court parts and conducted hundreds of felony trials. Prior to his judicial career, he served in the District Attorney's Offices in Nassau County and later the Bronx, worked with several law firms and briefly maintained a solo law practice. He is a graduate of Boston University School of Law.

Among his professional activities, Judge Yearwood sits on the board of trustees of his alma matter, Lafayette College, and on the board of the Caribbean American Lawyers Association. He is a past chair of the board of the Metropolitan Black Bar Association and a past president of the Black Bar Association of Bronx County.

Added Judge Marks, "I want to express my gratitude to Judge Amaker for serving as the Bronx Court's interim Administrative Judge—particularly in these difficult times—in addition to her myriad responsibilities as the New York City Criminal Court's Administrative Judge."

Judge Yearwood's appointment is effective immediately.

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