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New Chief of Staff Named to Appellate Division, Second Department

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK - Presiding Justice Hector D. LaSalle of the Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department, announced the appointment of Rossiya B. Fajardo to the position of Chief of Staff for the Appellate Division, Second Department. Ms. Fajardo succeeds Rosanna D'Amelio, who is assuming her former position as the Director of Finance and Operations.

As Chief of Staff, Ms. Fajardo will be responsible for the administration of the Appellate Division, Second Department, and its ancillary agencies. Working with the Presiding Justice, Clerk of the Court, departmental and agency leaders, she will promote the Court's strategic models to facilitate and improve the Court's ongoing productivity, from facility planning to advancing the integration of information technology and ensuring the necessary resources to effectively further the Court's mission to serve the public.

Ms. Fajardo has been with the Appellate Division for nearly 18 years. A graduate of Yale University and Rutgers School of Law, she came to the Court in 2004 as a Senior Appellate Court Attorney, eventually taking the position of Law Clerk to two former Associate Justices, William E. McCarthy and later Ariel E. Belen, and ultimately becoming an Assistant Deputy Chief Appellate Court Attorney, supervising the Court's Law Department.

In making the appointment, Presiding Justice LaSalle said, "We are indeed fortunate to have someone with Rossiya's impressive leadership abilities, credentials and experience. I am confident she will be a strong advocate and collaborative partner in advancing the mission of the Appellate Division and its commitment to excellence."

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