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New Administrative Judge Named in Queens County

NEW YORK—Chief Administrative Judge Lawrence K. Marks today announced the appointment of Hon. Donna-Marie E. Golia as Administrative Judge for Criminal Matters, State Supreme Court, Queens County. The appointment was made with the approval of Chief Judge Janet DiFiore and in consultation with Presiding Justice Hector D. LaSalle, Appellate Division, Second Dept. In her new capacity, Judge Golia will oversee the management and daily operation of one of New York’s criminal busiest courts. She succeeds Hon. George Grasso, who retired from the bench last month.

“Judge Golia is an experienced judge and adept manager with a reputation for fairness and hard work. She brings extensive knowledge of the law and court operations to her new role. I am pleased that she has agreed to take on this latest challenge and fully confident in her ability to lead the Court, building on Judge Grasso’s efforts to optimize efficiency and enhance the quality of justice,” said Chief Administrative Judge Marks.

Judge Golia joined the New York State bench in 2013, upon her election to the New York City Civil Court, Queens County. Initially assigned to the New York City Criminal Court, Queens County, she later sat on the bench in Civil Court, Queens County. She was designated an Acting Supreme Court Justice in 2016, handling matrimonial and

other matters in addition to managing a Civil Court calendar. From 2018 to 2019, she served as Supervising Judge, New York City Civil Court, Queens County, working with the Administrative Judge in overseeing the Court's day-to-day management. Judge Golia was elected to the State Supreme Court, Queens County, in 2020, serving in both the Court's Civil and Criminal Terms. In January 2021, she was appointed an Associate Justice of the Appellate Term, Second Department for the Second, Eleventh and Thirteenth Judicial Districts, hearing appeals from the lower civil and criminal courts in Kings, Queens and Richmond counties, in addition to presiding over matters in State Supreme Court, Queens County.

Prior to becoming a judge, Judge Golia served as a court attorney referee and before that as a principal law clerk in Surrogate's Court, Queens County. Previously, she worked as an assistant district attorney in the Queens County District Attorney's Office where, over the course of her 11-year tenure, she served in various bureaus, including the Office's Homicide Investigations, Narcotics Trial, Appeals and Special Victims bureaus.

Judge Golia is a graduate of City University of New York Law School at Queens College. Among her professional associations, she is a member of the Queens County Women's Bar Association and the Columbian Lawyers Association, and an advisory board member and co-chair of the membership committee of the Judges and Lawyers Breast Cancer Alert (JALBCA). She has developed and presented judicial and other training programs on ADR and other topics.

In tribute to Judge Grasso, Judge Marks said, "We are thankful to Judge Grasso for his dedication and tireless efforts over the course of his distinguished judicial career, including his able stewardship of the Queens County Supreme Court-Criminal Term, where he implemented innovative programs while navigating the many challenges posed by the pandemic. We wish him the very best in all his future endeavors."

Judge Golia's appointment is effective immediately.

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