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## **New Administrative Judge Named for NYC Family Court**

**NEW YORK**—Chief Administrative Judge Lawrence K. Marks today announced the appointment of Hon. Anne-Marie Jolly as Administrative Judge of the New York City Family Court. The appointment was made with the approval of Chief Judge Janet DiFiore and after consultation with Hon. Rolando T. Acosta and Hon. Hector LaSalle, Presiding Justices of the Appellate Division, First Department and Second Department, respectively. In her new role, Judge Jolly will oversee the daily operations of courts in each of the five boroughs serving at-risk families and handling some of the most difficult matters that come before the Court System, including child abuse and neglect, child custody, family violence and juvenile delinquency. She succeeds Hon. Jeanette Ruiz, who is retiring from the bench.

“Judge Jolly brings vast knowledge and experience to this critical assignment, having devoted her entire legal and judicial career to family law, most recently as the New York City Family Court’s Deputy Administrative Judge. She is a proven leader whose expertise, creativity and resourceful nature, along with her deep commitment to child welfare issues, have been great assets to the New York State Court System and the children and families served by our family courts, especially in these extraordinarily challenging times. I look forward to working with her in her new capacity,” said Chief Administrative Judge Marks.

Judge Jolly has been serving as Deputy Administrative Judge for the New York City Family Court since 2015, assisting the Administrative Judge in managing the family courts in the City's five boroughs in addition to presiding over a trial part in Queens County. She was appointed to the New York City Family Court in 2010 and reappointed in 2011, serving in Bronx County before being assigned to Queens County in 2012. Judge Jolly, who was reappointed to the New York City Family Court earlier this year, chairs the statewide Advisory Committee on Attorneys for Children.

Prior to her ascension to the bench, Judge Jolly held several non-judicial positions within the Court System, including as Chief of Staff to the New York City Family Court Administrative Judge, as Deputy Chief Family Court Magistrate and as Counsel to the New York State Judicial Institute, where she developed and implemented training programs for Family Court support magistrates and court attorney-referees, among other duties. She first joined the Court System in January 2000 as a court attorney-referee in New York City Family Court. Judge Jolly began her legal career as a staff attorney for the Legal Aid Society's Juvenile Rights Division, Bronx County, later serving the Division as an assistant attorney-in-charge in the Bronx and subsequently as deputy attorney-in-charge, first in Queens and then in Brooklyn.

In tribute to outgoing Judge Ruiz, Judge Marks added, "We are immensely grateful to Judge Ruiz for her noteworthy tenure as Administrative Judge since 2015 and her many contributions to the New York City Family Court over the past 13 years. She has been a driving force for innovation, spearheading the implementation of numerous technology-based and other initiatives designed to better serve the justice needs of New York City's at-risk children and families."

Judge Jolly's appointment is effective November 1, 2021.

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