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Hon. Lawrence K. Marks
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New Administrative Judge Named in Nassau County

NEW YORK CITY—Chief Administrative Judge Lawrence K. Marks today announced the appointment of Hon. Vito M. DeStefano as Administrative Judge of the Nassau County Courts. The appointment was made with the approval of Chief Judge Janet DiFiore and after consultation with Hon. Hector D. LaSalle, Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division, Second Department.

As Administrative Judge, Judge DeStefano will oversee the daily operations of the trial courts within Nassau County. He succeeds Hon. Norman St. George, who was appointed Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Courts Outside New York City this past September. Judge DeStefano has since been serving as Nassau County's Acting Administrative Judge in addition to maintaining a civil case inventory in State Supreme Court.

“Judge DeStefano is a highly regarded member of the New York State bench, admired for his scholarship, hard work and dedication to the fair and efficient administration of justice. He is an energetic leader and innovative thinker. I look forward to our working together as we continue to address logistical and other COVID-related challenges in these turbulent times, striving to attain operational excellence and expand access to justice throughout Nassau County,” said Chief Administrative Judge Marks.

Judge DeStefano first joined the Nassau County bench in 2004, upon his election to District Court. In 2007, he was elected to the county's State Supreme Court bench, where he presides in the Commercial Division and the Tax Certiorari Part. Over the course of his judicial career, he has handled thousands of civil and criminal matters, from commencement through verdict or decision. Prior to becoming a judge, he worked at the Manhattan law firm of Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker, LLP. He began his legal career as a Principal Appellate Court Attorney in the New York State Supreme Court's Appellate Division, Second Department. He earned his law degree from Brooklyn Law School.

Among his professional activities, Judge DeStefano serves on the faculty of the Advisory Committee on Judicial Ethics and on the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Standards of Attorney Conduct. He is an adjunct professor at St. John's University School of Law, where he teaches courses on Professional Responsibility and New York Civil Practice. He is also an adjunct professor at Molloy College, where he teaches business law, and is a frequent CLE lecturer and the author of numerous published judicial decisions.

Judge DeStefano's appointment is effective immediately.

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