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## **New Administrative Judge Named to the Supreme Court-Civil Term in New York County**

**NEW YORK**—Chief Administrative Judge Lawrence K. Marks today announced the appointment of Hon. Adam Silvera as Administrative Judge for the State Supreme Court-Civil Term in New York County. 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 position, Judge Silvera will oversee the management and day-to-day operations of one the State's busiest courts of civil jurisdiction. He succeeds Hon. Deborah A. Kaplan, who was named Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for the New York City Courts in October 2021 and has since been serving in both capacities.

“Judge Silvera is a talented judge with a reputation for fairness and hard work. Widely admired for his adaptability and willingness to take on new challenges, he has enthusiastically stepped up to the plate throughout the various phases of the pandemic. I look forward to working with him as we forge ahead, navigating the myriad difficulties before us, moving cases forward and adopting measures to advance the quality of civil justice in New York,” said Chief Administrative Judge Marks.

Judge Silvera's judicial career began with his 2014 election to the New York City Civil Court. He initially served as a New York City Family Court judge in Brooklyn, where he handled cases involving custody, visitation, paternity, guardianship, special immigrant juvenile status, adoption and family offenses. He was subsequently assigned to the New York City Civil Court bench in Brooklyn, presiding over a dedicated consumer credit and self-represented part. He later served in Civil Court in Manhattan, where he also presided over a dedicated consumer credit and self-represented part in addition to other assignments.

Judge Silvera was designated an Acting Supreme Court Justice in July 2017 and assigned to the Integrated Domestic Relations Part in New York City Family Court in Manhattan, handling Family Court matters as well as divorce actions filed in State Supreme Court in Manhattan. In 2018, he was elected to the State's Supreme Court-Civil Term in New York County, first presiding over a motor vehicle part and later serving as the New York City Asbestos Litigation Coordinating Judge, along with other duties. Since October 2021, he has been serving as an Associate Justice in the Appellate Term, First Department, hearing appeals from the New York City Civil Court and the New York City Criminal Court.

Prior to his ascension to the bench, Judge Silvera was a senior associate at Paul B. Weitz & Associates, a firm specializing in personal injury, negligence, medical malpractice, labor law and civil rights matters. He is a graduate of Brooklyn Law School.

"I also want to express my gratitude to Judge Kaplan for carrying out her duties over the last several months as Administrative Judge in addition to her countless responsibilities in her new role as Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for the New York City Courts. Her steadfast guidance and support have been invaluable, especially in these difficult times," added Chief Administrative Judge Marks.

Judge Silvera's appointment is effective January 18, 2022.

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