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**Presiding Justice Announces the Appointment of the
Administrator for the Assigned Counsel Plan for the First
Department**

Today, Presiding Justice Dianne T. Renwick announced the appointment of Vanessa Burdick, Esq., as the Administrator for the Assigned Counsel Plan (ACP) for the First Department, effective August 28, 2023. In her new capacity, Ms. Burdick will be responsible for the operational oversight of the attorneys assigned to represent indigent parties in criminal matters, and will serve several functions, including evaluating attorneys seeking appointment to the plan; supervising staff at the ACP office; assigning attorneys to ensure coverage; investigating complaints against plan attorneys; coordinating CLE training, supervising staff; and acting as liaison between plan attorneys and court personnel, city officials and bar groups.

Vanessa Burdick brings a wealth of experience to the position, having practiced as a criminal defense attorney in the First Judicial Department for over 30 years. She has extensive experience conducting felony and homicide trials, having served as senior staff attorney with the Legal Aid's Society's Criminal Defense Program and anchor attorney, in the Homicide Defense Task Force, a citywide position.