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NEWS RELEASE

Presiding Justice LaSalle and the Justices of the Appellate Division, Second Dept., Announce New Task Force to Study the Interplay of AI and the Courts of the Appellate Division, Second Dept.

NEW YORK—Presiding Justice Hector D. LaSalle and the Justices of the Appellate Division, Second Department today announced the creation of a Task Force to study the interplay of artificial intelligence and the courts of the Appellate Division, Second Department. The Task Force will meet with experts in the field of artificial intelligence and propose recommendations on how the Appellate Division, Second Department and the trial courts within its jurisdiction may best utilize reliable artificial intelligence technologies to better serve their courts and communities, while identifying and avoiding the risks and dangers that these same technologies may present.

The Task Force will be co-chaired by Appellate Division, Second Department Associate Justices Hon. Angela G. Iannacci and Hon. Deborah A. Dowling. It will comprise the following individuals:

Hon. Tamiko Amaker
Administrative Judge, Criminal Court of the City of New York

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“The legal profession is not immune to the rapid evolution that is taking place in the field of artificial intelligence. As artificial intelligence technology rapidly advances, it is imperative for the courts to be prepared. I am delighted that these well-respected and esteemed professionals have agreed to take part in this important Task Force. I am certain that their analysis and report will be instrumental in assisting the courts of the Second Department to prepare for the changes and challenges that artificial intelligence will bring to the legal profession,” said Presiding Justice LaSalle.

The Task Force was developed after a symposium titled “Contemplating the Future of Artificial Intelligence and the Appellate Division, Second Department” was held at the Court’s historic courtroom on Tuesday, November 14, 2023. The speakers at the Symposium were Dorothy R. Auth, Esq., Partner and Head of Intellectual Property Practice at Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP; Professor Benjamin L. Liebman, the Robert L. Lieff Professor of Law and Director of the Hong Yen Chang Center for Chinese Legal Studies at Columbia Law School; Luca Melchionna, Esq., Principal of Melchionna PLLC, Chair of the Technology and Venture Law Committee of the Business Law Section of the New York State Bar Association, and Counsel for Legal Affairs, European Public Law Organization; and Matthew Stepka, Esq., Managing Partner of Machina Ventures, and Lecturer, UC Berkeley, Haas School of Business

Presiding Justice LaSalle added, “I look forward to reviewing the recommendations of this impressive roster of legal professionals. I believe it is essential to prepare for the future of artificial intelligence in our court system. I am confident this Task Force will be successful in its mission.”

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