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Hon. Richard Sise Receives Gubernatorial Appointment to Lead NY's Court of Claims

NEW YORK—Chief Administrative Judge Joseph A. Zayas and First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge Norman St. George are pleased to announce that Governor Kathy Hochul has designated the Hon. Richard E. Sise as the Presiding Judge of the New York State Court of Claims, the court which has exclusive jurisdiction over civil claims brought against the State of New York, and certain other State-related authorities or entities, seeking monetary judgments. Previously, Judge Sise was designated as Presiding Judge of the Court from 2004 through 2013 and has been serving as the Court's Acting Presiding Judge since 2013.

“Judge Sise’s distinguished performance over the past two decades on the Court of Claims bench, including his tenure, since 2013, as Acting Presiding Judge, makes him the perfect selection for this important role, and I thank Governor Hochul for making this appointment,” said Chief Administrative Judge Zayas. “Judge Sise is an exemplary court administrator; indeed, he is one of the most effective court leaders I have ever had the pleasure of working with. He possesses all the skills and values that are important to UCS leadership: a willingness to collaborate, empathy, emotional intelligence, humility, and diplomacy. For these reasons, the people of New York, who deserve access to fair and efficient justice, will be well-served by his continued stewardship of the Court of Claims.”

“Judge Sise is a proven leader whose familiarity with the complex matters that come before the Court of Claims is unparalleled. He is widely acknowledged for his legal acumen, integrity, and high standards,” said First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge St. George. “I couldn’t be more pleased upon hearing the news of his appointment as Presiding Judge.”

“I am greatly honored to have been appointed by Governor Hochul to lead New York’s Court of Claims. I look forward to continuing to serve the Court and New Yorkers across the State in my capacity as Presiding Judge,” said Judge Sise.

Hon. Richard E. Sise was first appointed to the New York State Court of Claims in 2000 by then Governor George E. Pataki, who designated him Presiding Judge in 2004. In 2013, Judge Sise was reappointed to the Court by then Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and designated as Acting Presiding Judge by then Chief Administrative Judge A. Gail Prudenti. Immediately prior to becoming a judge, he was a partner at the law firm of Sise & Sise, located in Amsterdam, New York. He began his legal career in 1982 as an Assistant District Attorney in Bronx County. Judge Sise earned his law degree from Albany Law School and is a graduate of Siena College.

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