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Hon. Amy C. Martoche Named Administrative Judge of Western New York's Eighth Judicial District

NEW YORK—With the Buffalo area one of the nation's fastest growing and most dynamic hubs, Chief Administrative Judge Joseph A. Zayas and First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge Norman St. George today proudly announced Judge Zayas' appointment of Erie County Supreme Court Justice Amy C. Martoche as Administrative Judge of Western New York's Eighth Judicial District. The appointment was made with the approval of Chief Judge Rowan D. Wilson and Presiding Justice Gerald J. Whalen of the Appellate Division, Fourth Department.

In her new capacity, Justice Martoche will oversee the day-to-day management of the trial courts in the Eighth Judicial District which, encompassing Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans, and Wyoming counties, comprises more than 90 judges and 960 non-judicial personnel. She succeeds Judge Kevin M. Carter, who has returned to the bench full-time.

"Justice Martoche is an experienced, forward-thinking judge who has demonstrated hard work, fairness, and strong leadership throughout her judicial career. I am confident that she will excel in this new administrative role, making significant contributions to our efforts responding to the justice needs of individuals and families across the urban, suburban, and rural communities served by the Eighth Judicial District," said Chief Administrative Judge Zayas.

"Our Administrative Judges play a key leadership role, ensuring the wheels of justice keep moving forward—efficiently, effectively, and equitably. Justice Martoche's legal acumen, integrity, and commitment to equal justice is reflected both by her outstanding judicial record and active civic participation," said First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge St. George.

Hon. Amy C. Martoche was elected in November 2020 to State Supreme Court in the Eighth Judicial District, where she has been presiding over a broad array of civil and criminal actions in Erie County. She previously served as a Buffalo City Court judge,

founding and presiding over the Human Trafficking Intervention HUB Court, and over the Domestic Violence Part, where she adjudicated more than 8,000 cases. Before becoming a judge, she was a partner at the Buffalo law firm of Connors & Vilardo, LLP. Previously, she worked at a large law firm in Washington, D.C. and before that served as a confidential law clerk to U.S. District Court Judge Frederick J. Scullin Jr. of New York's Northern District, working extensively on prisoner litigation, including federal habeas corpus petitions and complaints alleging civil rights violations. Prior to embarking on a legal career, Justice Martoche spent three years in rural Louisiana with the Teach for American program, as a teacher, corps member, and program director.

Among Justice Martoche's many community and civic pursuits, she currently serves on the Erie County SPCA's Board of Directors, is President of the Eighth Judicial District's Supreme Court Justices Association and sits on the Eighth Judicial District's Gender Fairness Committee, the Betty Weinberg Ellerin Committee on Women in the Courts, and the Statewide Judicial Committee on Human Trafficking. She is a frequent presenter on human trafficking, domestic violence, and judicial ethics.

"Serving my community in meaningful ways has been a core principle throughout my career and one that will continue to guide me in my new role as Administrative Judge. I am humbled by the appointment and look forward to working with the UCS leadership, the hardworking judges and non-judicial personnel in the district, the attorneys, and all our partners as we strive to best address the wide-ranging justice needs of Western New Yorkers," said Justice Martoche.

Added Chief Administrative Judge Zayas, "We are grateful for Judge Carter's leadership over the past four years and pleased that the District will continue to benefit from his judicial scholarship."

Justice Martoche's appointment is effective immediately.



Hon. Amy C. Martoche

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