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## **Amy K. DePaul Named Trial Court Administrator for Essex Vicinage**

Assignment Judge Patricia K. Costello of the Essex Vicinage today announced the appointment of Amy K. DePaul as trial court administrator. The appointment is effective Sept. 3.

The trial court administrator is the highest ranking staff executive in the vicinage in charge of all court operations, including financial management, human resources, information systems, case coordination, case flow management, probation services, jury utilization, facilities, equipment, maintenance, records management and statistical analysis.

DePaul will work closely with Judge Costello and with vicinage leadership to manage a court operation that includes approximately 39 judges and 900 staff members.

Under New Jersey court rules, the administrative director of the courts appoints the trial court administrator in each vicinage. Judge Glenn A. Grant, acting administrative director of the courts, said he named DePaul on the strong recommendation of Judge Costello.

“Amy has been a valuable member of our vicinage for a number of years and I am confident that she has the wisdom and ability to lead us forward,” said Judge Costello. “Her leadership skills, her dedication to her work, and her extensive knowledge of our programs and procedures will ensure a smooth transition and the continued excellence of our performance in all areas of our courts.”

DePaul earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology at Villanova University and a law degree from Seton Hall University School of Law. She served as a law clerk to Judge Costello from 2002 to 2003 before becoming an associate at the law firm of Chasan Leyner & Lamparello.

In 2006, DePaul returned to the Judiciary as an assistant civil division manager in the Essex Vicinage. From 2007 to 2009, she served on special assignment in the Newark Municipal Court, the state’s largest municipal court. In 2009, she was appointed director of the Newark Municipal Court. She returned to the Essex Vicinage in 2011, serving as family division manager until her current appointment.

DePaul’s work includes service on a number of committees charged with helping improve court services for families, youth, and children, including the Children in Court and Children in Court Improvement Committees. She also sat on the Newark Model Court Committee and the Newark Municipal Court Improvement Committee.

"For the last seven years, I have had the great privilege of working with the incredible staff, managers and judges of the Essex Vicinage. I am grateful for the guidance and support I have received from Assignment Judge Costello and Trial Court Administrator Collins E. Ijoma. I am honored and humbled to have been selected as the next TCA, and I look forward to continuing the strong tradition of excellence here in Essex."

DePaul lives in West Orange with her husband Brian and children Emma and Andrew.

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