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Silvia I. Gonzalez Named Trial Court Administrator for Hudson Vicinage

Silvia I. Gonzalez has been appointed trial court administrator for the Hudson Vicinage, today announced Judge Glenn A. Grant, acting administrative director of the courts. The appointment is effective Feb. 24.

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.

Gonzalez will work closely with Assignment Judge Peter F. Bariso Jr. and with vicinage leadership to manage a court operation that includes about 30 judges and 547 staff members.

Under New Jersey court rules, the administrative director of the courts appoints the trial court administrator in each vicinage.

“Silvia is an experienced court manager with a broad range of experience across several divisions. Under her guidance, the Hudson Vicinage will continue its tradition of excellence,” said Judge Bariso.

Gonzalez began her Judiciary career as a clerk typist in the jury management unit of the Essex Vicinage in 1980. She progressed to the position of administrative specialist while attending Rutgers University, earning a bachelor’s degree in English and philosophy in 1991. In 1998, she was named jury manager for the Hudson Vicinage. She became assistant family division manager in Hudson in 2000, and in 2007 was named assistant chief probation officer. In 2011, she returned to the Essex Vicinage as vicinage chief probation officer, a position she held until being named trial court administrator.

Gonzalez’ work includes service on a number of committees charged with helping improve court services for probationers, families receiving child support, and the public, including serving as chair of the statewide Chiefs of Probation Conference, the child support enforcement managers committee and the vicinage committee on minority concerns.

In addition to her bachelor’s degree, Gonzalez is a certified public manager and is a graduate of the National Center for State Courts’ Institute for Court Management. She also earned a paralegal certification at Upsala College.

"I have worked for the New Jersey Judiciary my whole career," said Gonzalez. "I can say without reservation that our judges and staff are dedicated, talented, compassionate people and I am proud to work with all of them. I am particularly saddened to be leaving my coworkers in the Essex Vicinage. I am grateful for this new opportunity, and I look forward to working with Judge Bariso and the entire Hudson family."

Gonzalez lives in Kenilworth with her husband Michael, who works in special operations for the New Jersey Division of Parole. Their daughter Arielle is a senior at New York University, and their son Michael is a freshman at Montclair State University.

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