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Chief Justice Names Deborah Silverman Katz Assignment Judge of Camden Vicinage

Chief Justice Stuart Rabner has announced that Superior Court Judge Deborah Silverman Katz will lead the Camden Vicinage, effective immediately. She succeeds Assignment Judge Lee A. Solomon, who was appointed to the New Jersey Supreme Court. The newly appointed justice took his oath of office on June 19.

“I am delighted to name Judge Silverman Katz as the assignment judge for the Camden Vicinage,” said Chief Justice Rabner. “Her work experience and demeanor are impressive, as is the respect she has earned from her colleagues. She has the wisdom, expertise and management skills to lead the judges and staff of the Camden Vicinage and contribute to our ongoing efforts to ensure the delivery of justice to New Jersey’s residents.”

Judge Silverman Katz earned a bachelor’s degree at Adelphi University and a law degree at Hofstra University School of Law. She began her legal career as a law clerk for Judge Alfred Samanga of the Nassau County Criminal Court and also interned for the Community Legal Assistance Corporation in Hempstead, New York.

After graduating law school, she became an associate attorney at the firm of Tomar, Seliger, Simonoff, Adourian & O’Brien in Haddonfield, where she concentrated in residential and commercial real estate, libel and defamation law, and asbestos litigation. In 1988 she opened the law firm of Begelman and Katz, continuing in private practice until 1991.

From 1991 to 1996, Judge Silverman Katz served as assistant disciplinary counsel to the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, where she investigated and prosecuted ethics claims filed against Pennsylvania attorneys. In 1997, she became assistant county counsel for Camden County, advancing to hold the title of first assistant county counsel and then county counsel. She remained with the office until her appointment to the bench by Gov. Jon S. Corzine in January 2008.

Judge Silverman Katz served in the civil division, special civil part, until September 2008 and then moved to the family bench. She was reassigned to the civil division in February 2011 and has remained there until being named assignment judge.

“It is an honor to be named assignment judge and I thank Chief Justice Rabner for his confidence in me. The Camden Vicinage is a wonderful place to work and I am grateful for the support of my colleagues, both judges and staff, who have made working here such a pleasure. I am certain that, together, we will continue to provide excellent service to the residents of Camden County.”

Judge Silverman Katz lives in Cherry Hill with her family.