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## Adriana M. Calderon Named Trial Court Administrator for Somerset/Hunterdon/Warren Vicinage

Assignment Judge Yolanda Ciccone of the Somerset/Hunterdon/Warren Vicinage today announced the appointment of Adriana M. Calderon as trial court administrator, effective Oct. 3. She succeeds Eugene Farkas, who is retiring after 42 years with the Judiciary, 32 as trial court administrator.

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.

Calderon will work closely with Judge Ciccone and vicinage leadership to manage a court operation that includes 16 judges and more than 340 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 Calderon on the strong recommendation of Judge Ciccone.

"I would like to thank Gene for his many years of dedicated service to the people of New Jersey," said Judge Ciccone. "We offer him our best wishes for his retirement, knowing that our vicinage is stronger, more efficient and more effective because of his work.

"Adriana has served the Judiciary in a number of critical roles. Her leadership skills, legal experience, and commitment to excellence set her apart as someone uniquely qualified to fill the role that Gene has left."

A graduate of Rutgers University and Seton Hall University School of Law, Calderon also received certification through the Institute for Court Management Program, which is run by the National Center for State Courts. She began her career as a victim-witness specialist in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey in 1990. In 1995, she became a paralegal in the criminal division of the U.S. Attorney's Office. She became a deputy attorney general in the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General in 1997, working first in the corrections and state police section and, later, in the consumer affairs section.

In 2001, Calderon joined the New Jersey Judiciary as the Equal Employment/Affirmative Action officer in the Somerset/Hunterdon/Warren Vicinage. She was named the ombudsman for the vicinage in 2003, assistant civil division manager in 2006, municipal division manager in 2009, and family division manager in 2013, a position she currently holds.

Calderon serves on a number of Judiciary committees, including the Municipal Court Administrators Certification Board, the Language Access Plan Working Group, the Administrative Council Human Resources Conference, and the Child Support Hearing Officer Labor and Management Conference. She has in the past lead the Municipal Division Managers Conference, and she also has served on the Interbranch Advisory Committee on Mental Health Initiatives and the Municipal Court Consolidation/Dissolution Working Group.

"The Judiciary has provided me with a number of wonderful opportunities and I am so grateful to Judge Ciccone for putting her confidence in me," said Calderon. "I also would like to express my gratitude to the judges and staff in the vicinage, whose professionalism and dedication are second to none. As a resident of Hunterdon County, I am glad to be able to work and live in this unique and beautiful community."

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