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Dawn Brevard-Waters Named Trial Court Administrator for Middlesex Vicinage

Assignment Judge Travis L. Francis of the Middlesex Vicinage today announced the appointment of Dawn Brevard-Waters as trial court administrator, effective Oct. 19. She succeeds Gregory Edwards, who is retiring after 45 years with the Judiciary, 29 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.

Brevard-Waters will work closely with Judge Francis and vicinage leadership to manage a court operation that includes 28 judges and 527 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 Brevard-Waters after conferring with, and with the recommendation of, Judge Francis.

“Greg Edwards’ record of service to the Judiciary is unparalleled,” said Judge Francis. “We are grateful to him for his extensive knowledge of the judicial system, his incredible work ethic, and his dedication to maintaining the highest standards of professionalism and service. We wish him well in his retirement.

“Dawn has spent her entire career with the Judiciary, building her credentials and her leadership skills in a number of roles across many divisions. She brings to our vicinage not only her knowledge and expertise, but a commitment to public service and the respect of the staff and judges with whom she has worked. I look forward to working with her,” Judge Francis said.

Brevard-Waters graduated from the University of North Carolina with a bachelor’s degree in communications and joined the Passaic Vicinage as a criminal investigator in 1989. The following year, she became a probation officer in the criminal division, a position she held until she was named a court services supervisor in the civil division in 1997. In 1999 she moved to the civil division in the Camden Vicinage, working in the same title until being named the assistant civil division manager in 2005. She was named family division manager in the Camden Vicinage in 2008.

In addition to her bachelor's degree, Brevard-Waters holds a master's degree in human resources from Seton Hall University. She became a certified public manager through a joint program between the state and Fairleigh Dickinson University, and she is a graduate of the Institute for Court Management program run by the National Center for State Courts in Williamsburg, Virginia.

"I am honored and excited to join the Middlesex Vicinage as the trial court administrator," said Brevard-Waters. "The New Jersey Judiciary is without a doubt the best court system in the country, and it is a privilege to serve the public in this role."

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