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## **Susan E. Callaghan Named Assistant Director for Criminal Practice Division**

Susan E. Callaghan has been named the assistant director for the criminal practice division of the New Jersey Judiciary, Judge Glenn A. Grant, acting administrative director of the courts, announced today.

Callaghan succeeds Joseph Baracco, who recently retired after 39 years with the Judiciary. Her appointment is effective Aug. 13.

Callaghan will oversee a division that provides support to all local Criminal Division judges and managers and staff. It includes the Criminal Court Services Unit, the Pretrial Services Unit, the Sentencing/Legal Unit and the Drug Court Unit. A key priority for Callaghan will be helping to oversee the daily operation of the new criminal justice reform measures that go into effect on Jan. 1, 2017.

“Sue has been intimately involved in the preparation for criminal justice reform from the earliest stages and will play a central role in its day-to-day execution,” Judge Grant said. “She brings a practical experience and expertise from both the central office and our local vicinages that makes her well suited to excel in her new role.”

Since 2011, Callaghan has served as chief of the Criminal Practice Division’s Court Services Unit. She previously served as an assistant division manager in the criminal divisions of the Monmouth and Essex vicinages and as a team leader in the probation and criminal divisions of the Passaic Vicinage.

“I want to thank Judge Grant for this opportunity,” Callaghan said. “I’ve spent just about all of my working life in the Criminal Division and it’s an honor to be taking on this new leadership role at such an important time. The implementation of criminal justice reform is clearly a challenge, but it’s a challenge worth embracing because it’s the right thing to do for the state of New Jersey.”

Trial Court Services Director Jennifer Perez said Callaghan’s experience in multiple vicinages and her relationships with judges, managers and other individuals throughout the criminal justice system are invaluable.

“Sue knows how the criminal justice system works, from the ground level to the administrative level,” Perez said. “Her knowledge and her ability to work with others will aid the criminal division as it faces both challenges and opportunities in the coming years.”

Callaghan began her career in the Judiciary in 1989 as a court clerk in the Essex Vicinage Criminal Division. She is a 1989 graduate of the University of Delaware and earned a Master’s Degree from Rutgers University in 2001.

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