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## **Shabaka-Burns Named Director of Office of Probation Services**

Rashad Shabaka-Burns has been named director of the newly created Office of Probation Services in the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), Judge Glenn A. Grant, acting administrative director of the courts, announced today.

Shabaka-Burns, of Paterson, will serve as the initial director of an office that provides guidance and oversight to probation officers across the state and includes critical programs such as the Intensive Supervision Program and child support collections. Probation Services currently operates under the Office of Trial Court Services.

“We are always exploring ways to improve the overall efficiency of our organization,” Judge Grant said. “Probation Services, because of its size and the important role it plays in helping rehabilitate criminal offenders, deserves to stand as its own office within the AOC.”

Since 2011, Shabaka-Burns has served as the trial court administrator of the Morris/Sussex Vicinage, where he directs and manages the vicinage’s operations and administrative functions. He has worked for the Judiciary since 1990 in the Morris/Sussex and Passaic vicinages in various management positions in the civil, probation and operations divisions.

“Rashad has had a remarkable career in the Judiciary, demonstrating his talents and abilities at each of the leadership positions he has taken,” Judge Grant said. “He is a welcome addition to the Administrative Office of the Courts. I look forward to working with him in this new role and hearing his ideas on how to continue the Judiciary’s successful work in the area of probation services.”

Grant commended Trial Court Services Director Jennifer Perez and Assistant Director for Probation Services Liz Domingo for their work in leading the division. Shabaka-Burns will begin his new position on July 1 and will report directly to the administrative director of the courts.

“I’m thankful to Judge Grant for this opportunity and I am both honored and humbled,” Shabaka-Burns said. “I look forward to returning to probation services and working with probation staff throughout the state.”

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