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## MaryAnn Spoto Named Communications Manager

MaryAnn Spoto has been named communications manager in the Judiciary's Office of Communications and Community Relations, Judge Glenn A. Grant, acting administrative director of the courts, announced today.

Spoto worked for 27 years at The Star-Ledger in various roles, including stints in Union, Monmouth and Ocean counties, and the statehouse bureau, with an emphasis on court coverage. She is a John Jay College of Criminal Justice fellow on pre-trial detention and was part of a team that was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize.

In her new role, Spoto will handle media inquiries and serve as a Judiciary spokesperson, providing information about court news and activities. She can be contacted at [maryann.spoto@njcourts.gov](mailto:maryann.spoto@njcourts.gov).

The Office of Communications and Community Relations leads all of the Judiciary's public information efforts, including media relations, publications, video production and maintenance of the court website. The office also oversees other important areas such as minority concerns, women in the courts, and litigant services, which encompass issues of access and fairness.

Spoto succeeds Peter McAleer, who was promoted to director of the Office of Communications and Community Relations on Aug. 1, 2017, when Winnie Comfort retired after 17 years in that post.

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