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Taironda Phoenix Named Assistant Director for Civil Practice Division

Taironda Phoenix has been named assistant director for the civil practice division of the New Jersey Judiciary, Judge Glenn A. Grant, acting administrative director of the courts, announced today.

Phoenix succeeds Kevin M Wolfe, who retired last year. Her appointment is effective April 28.

Phoenix will oversee a division that provides support to all local civil division judges and managers and staff. The division also staffs several Supreme Court committees, judge conferences, and civil division conferences. The division also is responsible for administration of statewide civil commitments and guardianships.

"Tori brings great talent and ability to her new position. We look forward to her expanding her leadership role in our organization," Judge Grant said.

Phoenix joined the Judiciary in 2010 and has served as chief of civil court programs since July 2013. Her duties include administering the civil arbitration, civil mediation and multicounty litigation programs and developing and implementing policies and procedures for the complex business litigation and expedited civil actions pilot programs.

Phoenix also served as an acting assistant to the administrative director of the courts, staff attorney in the civil practice division and was an attorney in private practice. She earned a bachelor's degree in commerce from the University of Virginia and a law degree from Widener University Delaware School of Law. She also served as a law clerk to New Jersey Supreme Court Associate Justice John E. Wallace Jr.