

# News Release

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## Alba R. Rivera Named Trial Court Administrator for Burlington Vicinage

Incoming Assignment Judge Jeanne Covert of the Burlington Vicinage today announced the appointment of Alba R. Rivera as trial court administrator, effective next month.

Rivera succeeds Jude Del Preore, who will retire after nearly 45 years with the Judiciary, the last 15 with the vicinage.

“Jude Del Preore has earned national recognition that reflects prominently on the New Jersey Judiciary as well,” said Judge Glenn A. Grant, acting administrative director of the courts. “The Burlington Vicinage has benefited greatly from his many years of service and I am confident Alba Rivera will continue that tradition of excellence.”

Rivera has served as the criminal division manager in the Camden Vicinage since 2015. She previously served as jury manager in the vicinage from 2013 to 2015. She started with the Judiciary in October 2011 as a court services supervisor in the Children in Court Unit of the vicinage’s family division.

Before joining the Judiciary, Rivera served as legal counsel for the New Jersey Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Penn State University and a law degree from Ohio State University.

Rivera served as a law clerk for Superior Court Judges Michael J. Hogan, Craig L. Wellerson and Susan L. Claypoole in the Burlington Vicinage.

“It is with great enthusiasm that we welcome Alba Rivera to the Burlington Vicinage as our new trial court administrator,” Judge Covert said. “Ms. Rivera brings a broad array of experience, energy, and commitment to this important position, and I have every confidence that she will be a tremendous asset to the vicinage and to the citizens of Burlington County.”

Del Preore held positions in the family and probation divisions before becoming trial court administrator in the Mercer Vicinage in 1997. He was appointed trial court administrator in Burlington in 2004. He is a fellow for the Institute for Court Management of the National Center for State Courts and a recipient of the ICM’s Star Award.

“Jude is a nationally recognized expert on court management,” said Assignment Judge Ronald E. Bookbinder. “The citizens of Burlington County and the state of New Jersey have been fortunate to receive his outstanding service for many years.”

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.

“I am honored and humbled for the opportunity to serve the residents of Burlington County as the trial court administrator,” Rivera said. “I look forward to working alongside Judge Covert, Judge Bookbinder and the dedicated judges, managers and staff of the Burlington Vicinage in continuing the tradition of excellence that the vicinage is known for.”

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