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Judge Mala Sundar Named Presiding Tax Court Judge

Chief Justice Stuart Rabner today named Judge Mala Sundar to become the presiding judge of the Tax Court upon the retirement of Judge Joseph M. Andresini.

“Judge Andresini has led the Tax Court with distinction. I am confident that Judge Sundar will continue the Court’s excellent work, which has served the citizens of New Jersey well for decades,” Chief Justice Rabner said.

Judge Sundar was appointed to the Tax Court by Gov. Chris Christie and took her oath on July 27, 2009. She was reappointed in June 2016 by Christie.

Prior to her judicial appointment, she joined the New Jersey Division of Law as a deputy attorney general, representing state/governmental agencies on all taxation-related issues. She completed her career there as section chief for transportation.

She earned her law degree from Rutgers Law School in Camden.

“I am honored to have been appointed as Judge Andresini’s successor upon his retirement. Like the preceding presiding judges, I will continue to maintain the Tax Court’s local and national reputation as one of the best in the country, and one which generates the highest quality opinions,” she said.

The appointment will be effective Jan. 16, 2021 when Judge Andresini retires. He served nearly three years as presiding Tax Court judge.

The Tax Court handles disputes between taxpayers and local and state taxing agencies. Created in 1979, the Tax Court resolves appeals of local and county tax officials regarding the assessment of real property for municipal, county and school board taxes.

The court also hears appeals of decisions made by the director of the state Division of Taxation on state income, sales, estate, and business taxes, as well as other taxes, and on homestead rebates.

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