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## **Chief Justice Names Judge Lisa Miralles Walsh to Lead Union Vicinage**

Chief Justice Stuart Rabner today announced that Superior Court Judge Lisa Miralles Walsh will lead the Union Vicinage, effective Sept. 1.

Judge Walsh will succeed Judge Karen M. Cassidy, who is retiring after 21 years on the bench and more than 12 years as assignment judge.

“During her two decades on the bench, more than half of them as the assignment judge of the Union Vicinage, Judge Cassidy made a significant impact on the judiciary through her skilled leadership and insightful voice on important matters,” Chief Justice Stuart Rabner said. “Judge Walsh is a gifted and talented jurist with a range of experience in different areas of the justice system. She is poised to continue the fine tradition of court leadership in the Union Vicinage.”

Judge Walsh serves in the criminal division in the Union Vicinage. She worked as an assistant prosecutor in the Middlesex County Prosecutor’s Office from 1999 to 2009 and from 2014 to 2017, where she served as a trial team leader and a member of the sex crimes and child abuse unit. In between, she worked as a solo practitioner, specializing in criminal defense and real estate tax appeals. She was appointed to the bench in January 2017 by Gov. Chris Christie.

“I am thankful to Chief Justice Rabner for his trust in my abilities and honored to be chosen to lead the Union Vicinage. I am humbled to follow the trail blazed by Assignment Judge Karen Cassidy and to continue her tireless work to ensure fairness and justice to all litigants and attorneys who appear in our courts,” Judge Walsh said. “I look forward to working collaboratively with the exceptional judges and staff of the Union County Courthouse as well as all members of the Bar as we carry on with the work of the Judiciary in these unprecedented times.”

Judge Walsh was raised and educated in Elizabeth and graduated from Rutgers University – New Brunswick.

While attending Seton Hall University School of Law, she interned at the Office of the Public Defender in Elizabeth and at the Union County Prosecutor's Office. After earning her law degree, she clerked in the Criminal and Chancery divisions for Superior Court Judges Miriam N. Span and Edwin R. Alley in the Union Vicinage.

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