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Richelle A. Coleman Named Trial Court Administrator for Mercer Vicinage

Assignment Judge Robert Lougy of the Mercer Vicinage announced today the appointment of Richelle A. Coleman as trial court administrator, effective Oct. 8.

Coleman succeeds Edward D. Wingren III, who moved to the Essex Vicinage in July.

"Ms. Coleman brings great experience and knowledge of the operational and managerial components of our court system. She has climbed up the ranks of leadership to become a well-respected family division manager and I am confident that she will bring that same level of dedication and commitment to her new role as the trial court administrator for the Mercer Vicinage," said Glenn A. Grant, administrative director of the courts.

Under New Jersey court rules, the administrative director of the courts appoints the trial court administrator in each vicinage. Director Grant said he named Coleman on the recommendation of Judge Lougy.

Coleman has served as the Burlington Vicinage's family division manager since 2018. She joined the Judiciary in 2000, working in the Monmouth Vicinage's probation division for the Child Support Enforcement and the Juvenile and Community Service Collections units. She eventually served as assistant chief probation officer in both units.

Coleman moved from the probation division in 2010 to become the Monmouth Vicinage's assistant family division manager, a position she held for five years before becoming the Burlington Vicinage's assistant chief probation officer for child support enforcement. She was promoted to family division manager three years later.

"I am honored to accept the position of trial court administrator for the Mercer Vicinage and am truly excited for this opportunity. I look forward to working with Assignment Judge Lougy and the vicinage staff and am committed to continuing their good work and to providing the superior customer service that the residents of Mercer County deserve," Coleman said.

Coleman earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from West Virginia University and her law degree from West Virginia University College of Law.

The trial court administrator is the highest ranking staff executive in the vicinage in charge of all court operations, including financial management, human resources, and case flow management.