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## **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER - YEAR-END REASSIGNMENTS**

The following summarizes my administrative directives regarding year-end reassignments.

The following changes in assignment have taken place with the commencement of the new year. Justice Marilyn Shafer has taken the place of Justice Doris Ling-Cohan in a City Part. The inventories of the Justices and the Part numbers associated therewith have been switched; Justice Shafer now presides over City Part 62 and Justice Ling-Cohan General Assignment Part 36.

Justice Harold Beeler has become a Matrimonial Part Justice. The inventory of Justice Beeler's Part 9 has been reassigned at random to General Assignment Justices. Justice Beeler now presides over Matrimonial Part 9, to which have been transferred all active matrimonial matters previously assigned to Justice Martin Shulman, Part 1.

Most active Matrimonial cases currently pending before Justice Laura Visitacion-Lewis, Part 26, have been reassigned at random among the remaining Matrimonial Parts. Any post-judgment applications in Matrimonial cases currently pending before Justice Visitacion-Lewis shall remain in Part 26. Any post-judgment applications that shall be made in Matrimonial cases that were disposed of while assigned to a Justice who is not currently assigned to a Matrimonial Part shall be referred to Justice Visitacion-Lewis. If a motion is made in a disposed uncontested matrimonial case, the case shall be converted to contested status and assigned to Justice Visitacion-Lewis. Post-judgment applications that shall be made in cases that were previously pending before a Justice who remains assigned to a Matrimonial Part may be assigned by that Justice to Justice Visitacion-Lewis in accordance with the following criteria: if the case was not actually tried by that Justice, or if it was disposed of more than three years prior to the application being made.

In accordance with the Comprehensive Civil Justice Program - 2005, this court is creating a Center for Complex Litigation. Complex cases (other than those assigned to the

Commercial Division) shall be assigned to the Center. Specifically, various assignments of mass tort cases shall be made in the near future, by directive supplemental hereto or Administrative Order, to Justices assigned to the Center. The following Justices have been designated to serve in the Center: Justice Helen E. Freedman, Justice Shirley W. Kornreich, Justice Marcy S. Friedman, and Justice Martin Shulman. These Justices shall also maintain their current assignments, as follows: Justice Freedman (Commercial Division, Part 39), Justice Kornreich (General Assignment Part 54), Justice Friedman (General Assignment Part 57), and Justice Shulman (Part 1; Forfeitures and Administrative Assignment, New York County Civil Court).

All cases seeking forfeiture of criminal proceeds or other remedy pursuant to Article 13-A of the Civil Practice Law and Rules shall be assigned to Justice Martin Shulman (Part 1).

The Clerks have been and are directed to assign and reassign cases in accordance with this Order and such supplemental directives or Administrative Orders as may follow. A comment referring to this Order and any applicable supplemental directive or Administrative Order should be made in the Civil Case Information System whenever such an assignment or reassignment is made in a non-random manner.

Dated: 2/21/06

  
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Administrative Judge