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Thomas A. Honey Appointed as Chief Court Officer For Suffolk County Courts

CENTRAL ISLIP, NY – Suffolk County's District Administrative Judge, H. Patrick Leis III, is pleased to announce the appointment of Thomas A. Honey as Chief Court Officer for the Suffolk County courts.

In this position, Chief Honey will have the responsibility for advising the Administrative Judge and the Executive Assistant on all security related issues, participating in all personnel matters related to court officers and, with the concurrence of the Administrative Judge, for developing and implementing rules and procedures for security operations throughout the Suffolk county courts.

According to Justice Leis, "Since becoming Administrative Judge, it has been my privilege to work very closely with Tom in his capacity as Deputy Chief Court Officer. It is my strong belief that the invaluable experience which Tom has gained over the years in the area of security operations together with the strong leadership qualities which he has always demonstrated will serve him well as he takes on the duties of this important position within our courts."

Tom brings a wealth of experience gained in over twenty - one (21) years of service in the court system to this position. Tom started his career in the court system as a Uniformed Court Officer in the Manhattan Family Court in 1982. He transferred to the Suffolk County District Court in 1984 and earned a promotion in 1988 to Court Officer Major in that court. Tom became Commanding Officer in the Family Court in June of 2001 and, since January of 2003, has been the Deputy Chief Court Officer responsible for all security operations in the courts.

The appointment is effective July 30, 2004.

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