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### **Hon. C. Randall Hinrichs Appointed as Supervising Judge of the Criminal Term, Suffolk County, Tenth Judicial District**

**Central Islip, New York** Suffolk County's District Administrative Judge, H. Patrick Leis III, is pleased to announce the appointment of Hon. C. Randall Hinrichs as the Supervising Judge of the Criminal Term, Suffolk County, Tenth Judicial District. The appointment, effective immediately, was made by Chief Administrative Judge Ann Pfau with the approval of Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye and after consultation with Deputy Chief Administrative Judge Jan Plumadore and Presiding Justice A. Gail Prudenti of the Appellate Division, Second Department. Judge Hinrichs will replace the Hon. Ralph Gazzillo, who announced that he will step down as Supervising Judge and will remain on the County Court trial bench.

According to Judge Leis, "It has been my distinct privilege to work with Judge Hinrichs, who is highly respected and has a reputation as a hard working and evenhanded jurist. His extensive trial experience as a Judge and a former Assistant District Attorney make him uniquely qualified to assume the leadership duties of this important position. I look forward to working with him in his capacity as Supervising Judge and am confident that his contribution will be a positive one for the citizens of Suffolk County. In addition, I wish to thank Judge Gazzillo for his contribution as

Supervising Judge of the County Court since 2000 and for his continued service on the County Court trial bench.”

Serving on the County Court bench since January of 2003 and currently assigned to a protracted trial part. Judge Hinrichs has tried numerous high profile cases. Previously designated as an Acting Family Court Judge in 2002, Judge Hinrichs has also served as an Acting Supreme Court Justice since 2004. He was named Judge of the Year in 2007 by the Suffolk County Criminal Bar Association. Prior to becoming a Judge, Judge Hinrichs served for approximately 20 years in the Suffolk County District Attorney’s Office where he was a Bureau Chief and was among the first attorneys assigned to the Homicide Bureau upon its formation in 1987. A graduate of the State University of New York at Buffalo Law School, Judge Hinrichs was the recipient of the District Attorney’s Distinguished Service and Trial Advocacy Awards, and he is an Adjunct Professor in Criminal Justice at Suffolk County Community College.

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