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SUFFOLK COURTS HONOR FIRST LADIES NEW YORK STATE COURT SYSTEM Art Exhibit and Reception

CENTRAL ISLIP, N.Y. - Suffolk County District Administrative Judge H. Patrick Leis III, is pleased to announce that the Suffolk County Judicial Women in the Courts Committee will be celebrating women from throughout New York State who have left an indelible mark upon the court system at a program to be held on Friday, June 12, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in the Central Jury Room, John P. Cohalan, Jr. Courthouse, 400 Carleton Avenue, Central Islip, New York.

The honorees include:

Hon. Judith Kaye - First Woman Appointed to the NYS Court of Appeals,
First Woman Chief Judge of the NYS Court of Appeals

Hon. A. Gail Prudenti - First Woman Presiding Justice, Appellate Division, 2nd Department

Hon. Ruth Bader Ginsburg - First NYS Woman Appointed to the US Supreme Court

Hon. Jane M. Bolin - First African-American Woman Judge in both NYS and the US

Hon. Birdie Amsterdam - First Woman Elected to the NYS State Supreme Court

Hon. Syrena Stackpole - First Woman Elected to Public Office in NYS

Charlotte Smallwood, Esq. - First Woman District Attorney Elected in NYS

Kate Stoneman, Esq. - First Woman to Pass the NYS Bar

Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division, Second Department A. Gail Prudenti and former Wyoming County District Attorney Charlotte Smallwood-Cook, Esq. will be in attendance.

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