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Presiding Justice Announces the Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department to hold session at New Courthouse Complex in Staten Island

NEW YORK Presiding Justice Randall T. Eng of the Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department, today announced that the Court will hold its first sitting at the new Richmond County Court Complex on June 3, 2016. Located at 26 Central Avenue, in the St. George section of Staten Island, New York, across the Narrows from where the Court generally sits in Brooklyn Heights, the state-of-the-art Richmond County Courthouse opened in September of last year. The first newly-constructed courthouse in Staten Island in 84 years, the Courthouse Complex boasts cutting edge technology, spacious jury deliberation rooms, and attorney-client conference rooms. The courthouse contains a large Central Jury Room, which will serve as the Second Department's courtroom for the day.

“Last year I was honored to have the opportunity to tour the Richmond County Court Complex prior to its official opening,” said Presiding Justice Eng. “That tour, along with the encouragement and enthusiastic cooperation of my Staten Island colleagues and Administrative Judges Judith N. McMahon and Stephen J. Rooney, helped to make the June 3 court session in the Thirteenth Judicial District a reality.” Presiding Justice Eng noted, “Holding a session in a location such as Staten Island will afford local attorneys the opportunity to present oral argument on their appeals closer to home, and spare them the seemingly ever-present traffic congestion on the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway!”

The court will endeavor to fill its June 3 calendar with appeals submitted by attorneys who practice in Richmond County, as well as Brooklyn and lower Manhattan, which is a convenient and scenic ferry ride away.

The June 3 court session will be presided over by Honorable William F. Mastro, the senior Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department, who makes his home in Staten Island and is a familiar figure in the Richmond County legal community. Joining Justice Mastro on the bench is Associate Justice Reinaldo E. Rivera, also a member of the Court’s Senior bench, from Kings County, Associate Justice Sandra L. Sgroi, from Suffolk County, and Associate Justice Joseph J. Maltese, who, like Justice Mastro, lives in Staten Island and is well known to local attorneys.

Please consult the Appellate Division’s website at www.nycourts.gov/courts/ad2 for additional details.

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