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## ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

It has come to my attention that a significant number of actions brought by multiple plaintiffs against multiple defendants are presently pending and/ or may be commenced in the future in the Supreme Court, Civil Branch, New York County, all arise out of an incident in which an individual is alleged to have intentionally driven a motor vehicle into pedestrians and bicyclers, which occurred on October 31, 2017 along the Hudson River Park's bike path along West Street in lower Manhattan. Such actions as are presently pending in our court are before several justices, including Justices Julio Rodriguez, Adam Silvera, Lyle Frank and Verna Saunders.

Pursuant to the authority vested in me as Administrative Judge, I hereby direct that all such actions as are pending presently or may hereafter be commenced, whether involving tort claims or not and whether the City of New York is named a party or not, shall be assigned henceforth and for all purposes to the Hon. Julio Rodriguez, and such actions as are not already assigned to Justice Rodriguez shall forthwith be transferred to Justice Rodriguez. A copy of this Administrative Order is being delivered to the Trial Support Office of this court and that Office is hereby directed to notify the respective Justices who have been assigned these actions and all parties to these actions of the provisions of this Administrative Order.

Dated: New York, New York  
May 31, 2019

  
Hon. Deborah A. Kaplan  
Administrative Judge