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New Family Court Opens in New Rochelle

New Rochelle, New York—Ninth Judicial District Administrative Judge Hon. Kathie E. Davidson and Westchester County Executive George Latimer today unveiled a state-of-the-art Family Court facility at 26 Garden Street in New Rochelle, adjacent to the city's transportation hub.

The New Rochelle Family Court occupies the third and fourth floors of a six-story structure and has two courtrooms, three hearing rooms, judge's chambers, offices for non-judicial staff as well as for staff from the Office for Women and other county agencies. The 35,000 square foot space features the latest technology and equipment, from assisted-listening capabilities to HVAC systems that provide for a good fresh-air ratio.

The building stands on what used to be an empty lot. New York State court facilities are operated and provided by the counties they serve. Westchester County's Board of Legislators unanimously approved the lease for the new Family Court site, with the

court system's Office of Facilities Planning offering architectural and other guidance relating to its design and construction.

Formerly located at 420 North Avenue, New Rochelle Family Court is one of three family courts in Westchester County, along with family courts in White Plains and Yonkers. These courts hear cases involving children and families, including child neglect, child custody and support, domestic violence, juvenile delinquency, adoption and guardianship, among other matters.

"I am thrilled to join with County Executive Latimer in cutting the ribbon on this beautiful, new Family Court. This state-of-the-art facility will better serve the modern-day justice needs of our local families, with its proximity to public transportation and major roadways making for easier access to the courthouse," said Judge Davidson. "I want to thank George Latimer and the court system's other partners in county and local government for their hard work and support in bringing this project to fruition."

"This was a public-private partnership that—most of all—made sense for the litigants who deserve the right to have their cases heard in a setting that exudes dignity and respect. Family Court deals with some of the judicial system's most sensitive cases, and this new, state-of-the-art Family Court, for the people of this county, will stand for decades to come as a symbol of what can be accomplished if we work together," said County Executive Latimer.

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