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New Administrative Judge Named in Bronx County

BRONX, NEW YORK—Chief Administrative Judge Lawrence K. Marks today announced the appointment of Hon. Julio Rodriguez III as Administrative Judge for Criminal Matters in the Twelfth Judicial District. The appointment was made with the approval of Chief Judge Janet DiFiore after consultation with Presiding Justice Rolando T. Acosta of the Appellate Division, First Department. In his new capacity, Judge Rodriguez will oversee the day-to-day operations of Bronx County’s Supreme Court-Criminal Term.

In announcing the appointment, Judge Marks said, “Judge Rodriguez is an outstanding judge whose leadership abilities, sound judgment, work ethic and other strong qualities will be an asset to this important court. I look forward to working with him as we continue to advance the delivery and quality of justice in Bronx County.”

Judge Rodriguez was appointed in 2013 to the New York City Criminal Court and in 2017 was designated an acting Supreme Court Justice. He served as Deputy Supervising Judge, New York City Criminal Court, Bronx County, from 2017 to 2018. Prior to his appointment as Administrative Judge, he was assigned to Supreme Court-Civil Term in New York County. He was elected in 2018 to Supreme Court, Bronx County, and since the beginning of this year has been sitting in that court.

Before joining the bench, Judge Rodriguez held the position of Deputy Commissioner and Executive Director, Environmental Control Board, for the New York City Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings Environmental. Previously, he was a New York City Administrative Law Judge and before that served as Inspector General for the New York City Department of Investigation. He began his legal career as an Assistant District Attorney in New York County. Judge Rodriguez earned his J.D. from Temple Law School.

Judge Rodriguez succeeds Hon. Robert E. Torres, who was appointed to the Appellate Term, First Department, which hears appeals from cases originating in the Civil and Criminal Courts in Manhattan and the Bronx.

Judge Marks added, "I am grateful to Judge Torres for his exceptional service as Administrative Judge over the past six years, where under his leadership the Bronx County Criminal Term made enormous strides in tackling backlogs and delays in carrying out the Chief Judge's Excellence Initiative. I am pleased that New Yorkers will continue to benefit from his service on the Appellate Term."

Judge Rodriguez's appointment is effective immediately.

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