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New York State Judicial Institute Dean, Hon. Juanita Bing Newton, to Retire Following Distinguished Judicial Tenure

NEW YORK—Hon. Juanita Bing Newton will be retiring as Dean of the New York State Judicial Institute following a distinguished judicial career that spans over three decades. Judge Newton, who was appointed as Dean in 2009, will be stepping down at the end of the month to devote more time to personal pursuits.

Under Judge Newton's leadership, the Judicial Institute has been recognized as a premier forum for judicial scholarship on the vast array of issues facing members of the Judiciary, serving to expand the pool of knowledge and strengthen judicial decision-making. During her tenure as Dean, Judge Newton oversaw the development and delivery of training to hundreds of newly elected and appointed judges, as well as a range of continuing education seminars for court system judges and attorneys and cooperative education programs with other state and federal judicial systems.

Prior to her appointment as Dean, Judge Newton served as the Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Justice Initiatives. In that role, she was responsible for devising and implementing programs to ensure meaningful access to justice for all New Yorkers. Previously, she served as Administrative Judge of the Criminal Court of the City of New

York and before that was the Administrative Judge of the New York County Supreme Court-Criminal Term and a felony trial judge of that court.

During her career, she served on numerous judicial, governmental and bar committees, including the Commission on Judicial Conduct, Advisory Committee on Judicial Ethics, Commission on Sentencing Reform, Judicial Committee on Minorities in the Courts and Judicial Committee on Women in the Courts.

“As Dean of the Judicial Institute, Judge Newton prioritized collaboration, dialogue and information-sharing, promoting ongoing judicial education programs to ensure that New York’s judges kept pace with changes in the law and society, including developments in science, technology, psychology and medicine, among other areas. I am grateful to Judge Newton for her many contributions to the court system throughout the years and wish her the very best as she embarks on this next chapter in her life,” said Chief Judge Janet DiFiore.

“A lifelong public servant, Judge Newton has dedicated her career to the pursuit of justice, whether working to enhance access to our courts or overseeing programs to foster judicial excellence. Along the way, she has been an invaluable mentor to many, from law students to new judges. We will miss Judge Newton’s knowledge and experience and extend to her our best wishes for a well-deserved retirement,” said Chief Administrative Judge Lawrence K. Marks.

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