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Hon. Norman St. George Named Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Courts Outside New York City

New York – Chief Administrative Judge Lawrence K. Marks today announced the appointment of Hon. Norman St. George as Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Courts Outside New York City. The appointment was made with the approval of Chief Judge Janet DiFiore and in consultation with the Presiding Justices of the Appellate Division of the Second, Third and Fourth Judicial Departments. He succeeds Hon. Vito C. Caruso, who is retiring from the bench following a distinguished judicial career that spans three decades.

In his new capacity, Judge St. George will manage the day-to-day operations of the trial-level courts in the 57 counties outside of New York City, which include over 640 State-paid judges and 6,000-plus non-judicial employees. He will work with local Administrative Judges in overseeing the implementation of Court System programs and protocols, and the allocation of personnel and other court resources, in meeting the justice needs of those served by the eight Judicial Districts outside New York City. Judge St. George will also be responsible for oversight of New York's local Town and Village Courts.

“Judge St. George is a skilled judge and forward-thinking administrator who has served the Nassau County Courts with distinction for over 17 years. In his latest capacity as Administrative Judge, he successfully led the Nassau County Courts in navigating the multiple challenges presented by the pandemic. Judge St. George is widely admired for his effective leadership, passionate pursuit of justice and high standards—qualities that will serve him well as Deputy Chief Administrative Judge, especially in these exacting times. I look forward to working with him in his new role,” said Judge Marks in making the announcement.

Judge St. George has served as Administrative Judge for the Nassau County Courts since January 2019. His judicial career began with his 2004 appointment and then election to the Nassau County District Court, where he established and presided over its misdemeanor Domestic Violence and DWI Parts. He was elected to Nassau County’s County Court in 2008 and designated an Acting Supreme Court Justice, presiding over the Integrated Domestic Violence Part and criminal and civil matters. In 2013, he was appointed Supervising Judge of Nassau County’s District Court, which handles approximately 100,000 civil and criminal matters annually. Thereafter, under the State’s Raise the Age Law to establish a fairer juvenile justice system, Judge St. George created and presided over Nassau County’s Youth Part for eligible teen offenders. In 2018, Judge St. George was elected to the Supreme Court in Nassau County. Many of his decisions have been published by the Official Court Reporter and the New York Law Journal.

Prior to taking the bench, Judge St. George headed his own law firm, handling a range of Federal and State criminal, commercial and civil matters. Before that, he was the managing partner at Jackson, Brown, Powell & St. George, LLP. He previously served as an Assistant District Attorney in Nassau County. He began his legal career as a tax attorney, later working for the Long Island law firm of Reisch, Simoni, Bythewood & Gleason, where he was a litigation associate, handling criminal, real estate and other cases.

He is a graduate of Hofstra University School of Law and served as a student member of the Nassau County Inns of Court and the Hofstra Statewide Trial Team. Judge St. George lectures on both criminal and civil trial practice at the New York State Judicial Institute and at various bar associations.

Chief Administrative Judge Marks also paid tribute to Judge Caruso for his longstanding judicial service, lauding his resilience and creativity as Deputy Chief Administrative Judge since the onset of the public health crisis.

“Judge Caruso has worked tirelessly during the pandemic to ensure the delivery of justice services in the courts outside New York City, carefully developing and monitoring health safety and other protocols. We are thankful for his compassionate and able stewardship as Deputy Chief Administrative Judge, his prior leadership as the Fourth Judicial District’s Administrative Judge and his enormous contributions to the Court System over the past three decades, including his success in advancing the goals of the Excellence Initiative. We wish him a healthy, happy retirement and the very best in all his future endeavors,” said Judge Marks

Judge St. George’s appointment is effective September 1, 2021.

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