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**Hon. Rowan D. Wilson
Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals
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**Hon. Joseph A. Zayas
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New Counsel Named to New York State Court System

NEW YORK—Chief Judge Rowan D. Wilson and Chief Administrative Judge Joseph A. Zayas today announced the appointment of David Nocenti as Counsel to the New York State Office of Court Administration. Mr. Nocenti’s appointment will take effect Wednesday, June 28, 2023. Anthony Perri, Deputy Counsel for Criminal Matters, had been serving as Acting Counsel for the past several months.

In his new role, Mr. Nocenti will be responsible for providing advice, guidance and support to the court system’s executive leadership team in formulating and implementing uniform court policy. As Counsel, he will direct the activities of the court system’s legal office, which has a broad range of responsibilities, among them, providing legal assistance on all administrative matters affecting the court system; participating in the preparation of the court system’s legislative program—a comprehensive program of statutory and constitutional reforms designed to further the administration of justice and streamline court operations; advising judges and nonjudicial employees on their ethical obligations under the Rules Governing Judicial Conduct and the Rules Governing Conduct of Nonjudicial Court Employees; drafting the administrative and procedural rules affecting the operation of the courts and providing guidance relating to those rules; and representing and coordinating the representation of the court system, its judges and nonjudicial employees when they are sued in state and federal court proceedings.

“We are lucky to have such a highly qualified choice as David Nocenti to assume this vital post. David is an impressive leader with a distinguished record of public service who brings broad legal experience to the position of Counsel. He embodies hard work, integrity and the spirit of collaboration and inclusiveness,” said Chief Judge Wilson. “I am confident that he will do a superb job and look forward to working with him as we seek to enhance the delivery and quality of justice in courts throughout the State.”

“Mr. Nocenti is an engaged leader with tremendous energy and legal insight. Along with his substantial legal expertise, management skills, important connections to other branches of government and highly relevant experience as Counsel in other branches of government, David has that special ability to inspire and motivate others to achieve a shared vision. I welcome David to our leadership team and am eager to work with him in addressing the myriad challenges facing New York’s judiciary in today’s rapidly evolving environment,” said Chief Administrative Judge Zayas.

“I am honored to have been selected to serve as OCA Counsel, and I want to thank Chief Judge Wilson and Chief Administrative Judge Zayas for this wonderful opportunity,” said David Nocenti. “This is a pivotal time for the court system, which plays such a vital role in protecting the rights of all New Yorkers. I am excited to be part of the amazing team at OCA and look forward to working with everyone to help the court system fulfill its essential mission.”

Mr. Nocenti served as Counsel to the Governor from January 2007 to June 2008. He also served as Counsel to the Attorney General of New York (1999-2006), Counsel to the Queens Borough President (1995 to 1998), First Assistant Counsel to the Governor (1994) and Assistant Counsel to the Governor (1990-1994).

Prior to his appointment, he was a consultant to numerous non-profit and philanthropic organizations. From 2008 to 2022, he served as Executive Director of Union Settlement, the oldest and largest social justice organization in East Harlem, where, among other accomplishments, he greatly enhanced the organization’s financial strength and significantly expanded its services to the community.

He began his legal career as a litigation associate at Chadbourne Parke Whiteside & Wolff, later serving as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York. He is a graduate of Columbia University School of Law.

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