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Chief Administrative Judge Zayas Makes Historic Appointment to the Appellate Term, Second Department's 2nd, 11th and 13th Districts

NEW YORK—Chief Administrative Judge Joseph A. Zayas today announced the appointment of Hon. Phillip Hom as Associate Justice of the Appellate Term of the Supreme Court, Second Department, in the 2nd, 11th and 13th Judicial Districts—the first Asian American to sit on this appellate bench—which, led by Presiding Justice Wavny Toussaint, hears appeals from the Civil and Criminal Courts in Kings, Queens and Richmond counties. The appointment was made after consultation with Hon. Hector LaSalle, Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division, Second Department. Justice Hom fills a vacancy created by last month's elevation of Hon. Lourdes M. Ventura to the Appellate Division, Second Department.

“Justice Hom is widely admired for his hard work, fairness and sense of perspective. He possesses wide-ranging legal and judicial expertise, having worked in the private sector and New York City government prior to his ascension to the bench, as well as handling a broad range of civil and family matters since becoming a judge. His broad legal and judicial experience, along with his excellent demeanor and passion for the law and public service, will be of great value to New York's Appellate Term bench,” said Chief Administrative Judge Zayas.

“I am honored to have been appointed by Chief Administrative Judge Zayas and appreciate the faith that he and Presiding Justice LaSalle have in me. I look forward to serving the public in the Appellate Term,” said Justice Hom.

Justice Hom was elected in 2019 to State Supreme Court in Queens County, where he has presided over a wide range of civil matters, including foreclosure, divorce, election law and other cases. He was first elected (in 2017) to the New York City Civil Court bench, serving in Queens County and conducting jury and bench trials in residential and commercial landlord-tenant cases, among other responsibilities. Previously, he was employed as Special Counsel to Windels Marx Lane & Mitterdorf, LLP.

He has held a variety of positions in the public sector over the course of his distinguished legal career, including as Deputy General Counsel in the New York City Comptroller's Office, Assistant Director of the New York City Council's Divisions of Human Services and Infrastructure, Chief of Staff to a New York City Councilmember, and Agency Attorney in the New York City Human Resources Administration's Office of Revenue and Investigation, Litigation Division. While in law school, he began his legal career as a law clerk in the Hennepin County Public Defender's Office in Minneapolis. After graduating, he worked as a litigation associate in Owen & Davis (now Norton Rose Fulbright) in New York.

Justice Hom is a graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School.

His appointment is effective immediately.

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