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Special Counsel to OCA's Executive Director Named

NEW YORK—Chief Administrative Judge Joseph A. Zayas and First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge Norman St. George today announced the appointment of Mindy Jeng as Special Counsel to the Executive Director for the Office of Court Administration (OCA). In her new role, she will act as a deputy to OCA Executive Director Justin Barry, assisting him with oversight of the management and divisions of OCA, which, functioning as the court system's administrative arm, provides critical support services to the courts in areas that include court research, court security, facilities planning, financial management, human resources, jury support and technology, among others. Ms. Jeng, who had been serving both OCA's Executive Office and Counsel's Office in a variety of capacities, will be assuming this key post as part of OCA's restructuring.

"Mindy Jeng is a skilled attorney with broad-based experience within OCA who, over the course of her tenure, has provided critical analysis in a range of areas relating to court system policies, procedures and standards, spearheading multiple initiatives on behalf of OCA's Executive and Counsel's offices. Her legal expertise and institutional knowledge, combined with her excellent skills and strong work ethic, make her an ideal fit for this important assignment. I am eager to work with Mindy in her new capacity," said Chief Administrative Judge Zayas.

"Mindy Jeng has provided invaluable support and guidance to OCA over the years. She is extraordinarily resourceful and hardworking, possessing superb legal and administrative skills. I have every confidence that, based on her past successes, she will prove a tremendous asset to Justin Barry and our entire court leadership team, rising to the challenges of this pivotal assignment. I look forward to working with her in her new role," said First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge St. George.

“I am delighted to welcome Mindy Jeng as my new deputy. Having worn many hats at OCA, Mindy brings wide-ranging expertise—and an expansive understanding of the complexities of the court system—to her new position. I look forward to her able assistance in overseeing OCA’s multiple functions, which are so critical in carrying out the New York State Courts’ important mission,” said Mr. Barry.

“I am thankful and humbled to be selected as Special Counsel to Executive Director Barry. I look forward to working with the court leadership team and am eager to collaborate with our entire court family to improve the effective operation of our courts and the administration of justice,” said Ms. Jeng.

Since 2021, Mindy Jeng has served as Administrative Counsel in OCA’s Executive Office, addressing court facilities-related and other issues, preparing reports on a variety of law- and court-related topics and overseeing contracts, among other duties. Additionally, since 2016 she has served in Counsel’s Office as Executive Director of the Pro Bono Scholars Program, which allows students in their final year of law school to devote their last semester of study to performing pro bono service for low-income New Yorkers through an approved externship program, law school clinic, legal services provider, law firm or corporation; and as Special Counsel, in which her responsibilities included providing legal counsel and policy advice on various subjects. Previously, she worked as Special Projects Counsel to then Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman and, before that, served at the New York Court of Appeals as a law clerk to Chief Judge Lippman. She began her legal career as an associate at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP in New York City.

She is a graduate of Princeton University and Stanford Law School.

Her appointment is effective immediately.

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