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Hon. Biju J. Koshy Named Richmond County Criminal Court's Supervising Judge

*Judge Koshy Will Be the First Asian American to Assume this Critically
Important Judicial Post in the History of the New York City Criminal Court*

NEW YORK—Chief Judge Joseph A. Zayas and First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge Norman St. George today announced the appointment of Hon. Biju J. Koshy as Supervising Judge of Richmond County's Criminal Court, making him the first Asian American in the history of the New York City Criminal Court to hold this key judicial post. The appointment was made in consultation with Presiding Justice Hector D. LaSalle of the Appellate Division, Second Department. In his new role, Judge Koshy will oversee Criminal Court operations within Richmond County, succeeding Acting Supervising Judge Alexander Jeong.

"I am proud to announce this historic—and well-earned—appointment. Biju Koshy is a fair-minded and talented judge, garnering a reputation for his innovative and collaborative leadership, legal acumen, and outstanding work ethic. Judge Koshy has ably served the New York City Criminal Court in a variety of capacities for well over a decade. Additionally, as a long-time Richmond County resident and participant in many local civic organizations and activities, he has a deep understanding of the justice needs of the Staten Island community. I welcome Judge Koshy in his new capacity and am eager to work with him and the Richmond County Criminal Court's judges, professional staff, and justice partners to ensure the timely delivery of quality justice services to all those served by the Court," said Chief Administrative Judge Zayas.

“Judge Koshy is an excellent choice to fill this critically important administrative role in the Richmond County Criminal Court. Along with being well-versed in criminal law and Criminal Court operations, he is widely admired for his hard work, sound judgment, calm demeanor, and other leadership qualities. I have every confidence that he will be a great asset to the Court in his new role as Supervising Judge,” said First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge St. George.

“Judge Koshy is a skilled and dedicated jurist with extensive knowledge of court operations and criminal law. He possesses the problem-solving ability, vision, and adaptability to effectively lead the Richmond County Criminal Court. I look forward to working with him in his new capacity as we continue to seek innovative solutions to achieving the justice needs of those served by the New York City Criminal Court,” said Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for the New York City Courts Deborah Kaplan.

“The Asian American Judges Association is thrilled to celebrate the appointment of Judge Biju Koshy as Supervising Judge of Richmond County Criminal Court. Judge Koshy is an eminently qualified jurist who brings much-needed diversity to the bench. Diversity and inclusion matters, at all levels. This is a good day for New York State,” said New York County Civil Court Supervising Judge Shahabuddeen A. Ally, President of the Asian American Judges Association.

“I am humbled and honored to receive this appointment and thankful to the New York State Courts’ leadership team for this opportunity. I have been privileged to work in the Richmond County Criminal Court for the past 14 years in various roles. I look forward to collaborating with our judges, court personnel, and our partners in justice to serve the needs of all those who come before the Criminal Court,” said Judge Koshy.

Judge Koshy was appointed to the New York City Criminal Court bench in 2021 and has worked diligently to resolve hundreds of matters in Richmond County Criminal Court. He also presides over the Richmond County Criminal Court’s Mental Health and Drug Treatment parts, which provide persons charged with misdemeanors with supportive services while seeking innovative yet compassionate solutions. Prior to his taking the bench, Judge Koshy had a private practice, representing clients in criminal and other matters. Before that, he served as a Senior Court Attorney to Richmond County Criminal Court Judge Raymond L. Rodriguez, drafting decisions and orders, advising on legal issues, and reviewing search warrant applications, among many other duties. He began his legal career in 2006 as a prosecutor in the Office of the Bronx County District Attorney. In 2010, he joined the Office of the District Attorney in Richmond County, initially serving as a supervisor, and later as Deputy Chief, in the Office’s Criminal Court Bureau.

An alumnus of Richmond County's Monsignor Farrell High School, Judge Koshy earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Pace University and is a recipient of the college's Presidential Scholarship and its Student Government Service Award. He is a graduate of Seton Hall University School of Law, where he was Chair of the Seton Hall Law Honor Council, President of the International Law Society, and Captain of the Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. Judge Koshy serves as Secretary of the Asian American Judges Association of New York and Director of the Staten Island Historical Society. He is a former director of the South Asian Bar Association of New York and the Richmond County Bar Association.

In tribute to outgoing Acting Supervising Judge Jeong, Chief Judge Zayas added, "We are greatly indebted to Judge Jeong for his astute leadership of and innumerable contributions to the Richmond County Criminal Court during his tenure. We are most fortunate, going forward, to benefit from his judicial expertise in Richmond County Supreme Court, where he continues to preside with distinction."

Judge Koshy's appointment is effective immediately.

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