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New Attorney Grievance Committee Chairpersons Appointed

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, First Judicial Department has appointed Abigail Reardon and Robert J. Anello as the new Chairpersons of the Attorney Grievance Committees, effective October 1, 2019. The Attorney Grievance Committees, formerly known as the Departmental Disciplinary Committee, were established by the Joint Rules of the Departments of the Appellate Division (22 NYCRR Part 1240) and the First Department's local rules to investigate complaints of professional misconduct by attorneys. There are two Committees in the First Department, and each new chairperson will serve a three-year term.

Abigail Reardon, a partner at DLA Piper with more than three decades of experience in complex commercial litigation, domestic and international arbitration, mediation, and strategic counseling, has previously served as vice-chair of one of the Committees. She is a graduate of Duke University School of Law and College of the Holy Cross.

Robert J. Anello, a partner at Morvillo Abramowitz Grand Iason & Anello, PC, is a litigator with more than thirty years of experience in white collar criminal defense, securities and regulatory enforcement, complex civil litigation, internal investigations, and appeals. He previously served as a member of one of the Committees and is a graduate of Syracuse University College of Law and the State University of New York—Albany.

The Court also named two new vice-chairpersons, Milton L. Williams, Jr., and Ricardo E. Oquendo, experienced attorneys who have previously served as members of the Committees. They will each serve a three-year term.

Upon announcing the appointments, Presiding Justice Rolando T. Acosta said, "The Court is grateful that Ms. Reardon and Mr. Anello have agreed to serve as chairs of the Attorney Grievance Committees and has every confidence that they will continue to serve the public and the bar honorably. We also extend our gratitude to all members of the Committees for their dedication to maintaining the high standards of our noble profession."