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Hon. Ellen N. Biben Named Administrative Judge of New York County Supreme Court, Criminal Term

New York – Chief Administrative Judge Lawrence K. Marks today announced the appointment of Hon. Ellen N. Biben as Administrative Judge of the Supreme Court, Criminal Term, New York County. The appointment was made with the approval of Chief Judge Janet DiFiore and after consultation with acting Presiding Justice Peter Tom of the Appellate Division, First Department. Judge Biben will replace Hon. Michael J. Obus.

“Judge Biben is a highly accomplished member of New York’s legal community, acknowledged for her fairness, integrity, legal acumen and dedication to public service. Over the course of her outstanding legal career, she has distinguished herself as an energetic leader who thrives on new challenges. I am delighted that Judge Biben has agreed to accept this important post and look forward to working with her in this new capacity,” said Chief Administrative Judge Marks.

Judge Biben was appointed to the Court of Claims by Governor Andrew Cuomo in 2015 and subsequently designated an acting Supreme Court Justice, assigned to New York County Supreme Court’s Criminal Term. Prior to her judicial appointment, she served as the executive director of the New York State Joint Commission on Public Ethics and before that as New York State Inspector General. She held the position of Special Deputy Attorney General for Public Integrity from 2007 to 2010, supervising numerous public fraud and corruption investigations. Previously, she served as an assistant district attorney in the New York County District

Attorney's Office for more than 10 years, the last five years as Deputy Chief of the Rackets Bureau.

Earlier in her career, Judge Biben was a litigation associate with Sullivan & Cromwell and a law clerk to the Honorable Alan H. Nevas of the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut. She received a B.A. from Wesleyan University and a J.D. from the University of Southern California Law Center, where she was executive editor of the Law Review.

Judge Marks added, "I want to thank Judge Obus for his contributions as Administrative Judge over the past nine years. He is an outstanding judge, and I am pleased that he will continue his service to the public as an active member of the Supreme Court's criminal bench."

Judge Biben's appointment is effective immediately.

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