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New York State Court System's 2017 Annual Report Now Available Online

New York – Chief Administrative Judge Lawrence K. Marks today announced the release of the New York State Unified Court System's 2017 Annual Report, highlighting the court system's achievements over the past year. The 2017 edition of the report, which is available online and has been submitted to the Governor and Legislature in accordance with New York State Judiciary Law, has a new look – a more streamlined, focused format designed for easier navigability.

In his introductory message, Chief Administrative Judge Marks states, "We are under a mandate from the Chief Judge to achieve and maintain excellence throughout the court system. With that mandate, if we simply did as well in 2017 as we had in 2016, we would have failed. So, we had to do better, and with the hard work and diligence of our judges and staff, we moved forward in the pursuit of excellence. This report offers a glimpse of what we achieved in 2017."

Among the initiatives highlighted in the report are case management, technological and other advances that have been instrumental in streamlining court operations, reducing case backlogs and making the courts more accessible to the public; reforms aimed at improving the criminal justice process; programs that are helping to narrow New York's civil justice gap; and procedural and other reforms being instituted to ensure New York's standing as a world-class forum for the resolution of complex business litigation. Additionally, the report includes information about the various types of courts comprising the New York State Unified Court System, as well as case activity data and measures enacted into law in 2017.

The 2017 Annual Report is available at: www.nycourts.gov/whatsnew.

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