

State of New York Court of Appeals

March 7, 2022

Court of Appeals Names New Clerk

The Court of Appeals announces that it has chosen Lisa A. LeCours to serve as the next Clerk of the Court. She will succeed John P. Asiello, who plans to retire at the end of April after seven years as Clerk of the Court and more than forty years of service to the Court of Appeals.

Mr. Asiello was appointed Clerk of the Court in September 2015, after serving the Court in various positions, including Deputy Clerk, Consultation Clerk, Assistant Consultation Clerk, and Chief Motion Clerk. Born in Corning, New York, Mr. Asiello received his B.A., with outstanding academic performance, Phi Beta Kappa, from Harpur College, State University of New York at Binghamton in 1974 and his J.D. from Cornell Law School in 1977. Mr. Asiello was admitted to the Bar in 1978.

Ms. LeCours has had an extensive career in public service, including positions in the appeals unit at the Attorney General's Office and the Third and Fourth Appellate Division Departments, in addition to her twenty-plus years of service to the Court of Appeals as Executive Assistant to Chief Judge Janet DiFiore, Assistant Consultation Clerk, and law clerk to Associate Judge Victoria A. Graffeo. A native of Saratoga Springs, New York, she was admitted to the Bar in 1994, having received her B.A., summa cum laude, from the University at Albany, State University of New York, in 1990 and J.D. from Albany Law School in 1993.