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BURLINGTON COUNTY NAMES LEIGH EASTTY AS CRIMINAL DIVISION MANAGER

MOUNT HOLLY – Assignment Judge John A. Sweeney of the Burlington Vicinage today announced the designation of Leigh Eastty as the Criminal Division Manager effective January 9, 2006. “Leigh has been an integral part of the vicinage management team,” said Judge Sweeney. “She brings to this new position a great deal of managerial experience, enthusiasm and a desire to continue to serve the residents of Burlington County.”

Ms. Eastty replaces Criminal Division Manager Robert Chimenti, who is retiring after almost 30 years with the Judiciary. “We thank Rob for his services, dedication and commitment and wish him a long and healthy retirement,” said Sweeney.

In this position, Ms. Eastty will work with Criminal Presiding Judge Thomas S. Smith, Jr. in providing a leadership focus on the case management of criminal cases within the courts. Last year, Burlington Courts had a total of two thousand new cases filed. Ms. Eastty will lead a staff of forty in the Criminal Division. Staff in this division assist in the efficient case processing of matters from filing to disposition, administer the county’s pretrial intervention program, and conduct investigations on criminal defendants prior to sentencing.

A graduate of Lafayette College, Ms. Eastty began her career with the Judiciary in the Probation Services Division, Comprehensive Enforcement Program, in the Central Office in 1996. In 2000, she was named the Operations Division Manager in the Burlington Vicinage. Leigh has served on several statewide committees in this position.

“While I will miss working with the staff in the Operations Division and overseeing the day-to-day activities, I am honored to be given this opportunity to serve as the Criminal Division Manager. I am enthusiastic to begin my new position and look forward to the challenges ahead,” said Eastty.

Ms. Eastty resides in Mercer County with her husband, Bob, and two children and two step-children.

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