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Passaic Vicinage Appoints Ombudsman

Assignment Judge Robert J. Passero and Kirk L. Nixon, trial court administrator, have announced the appointment of June Zieder as the new ombudsman for the Passaic Vicinage. Ms. Zieder replaces Renita McKinney, who left the position to become the vicinage's assistant Civil Division manager.

As ombudsman, Ms. Zieder will provide the public with updated information related to court services, offer assistance to those visiting the courthouse, perform community outreach, and arrange court tours, speakers and special events. Ms. Zieder's responsibilities will also include investigating citizen complaints, providing customer service and making recommendations for improvements in court services.

Ms. Zieder began her career in the Judiciary as an investigator in the Probation Division before becoming a probation officer in the Family Division. She worked as a victim witness advocate with the Office of the Passaic County Prosecutor before returning to the Judiciary as an administrative specialist in the Municipal Division. She holds a bachelor's degree from Douglass College, Rutgers University, and a certificate in paralegal studies from the Fairlawn Community Adult School. She also has been certified by the Judiciary as a municipal court administrator. In 2006 she received the Passaic Award, given by Passaic Vicinage for exceptional job performance and outstanding customer service. Ms. Zieder resides in Rockaway with her husband Michael and their two children.

"I am very honored to have been given this opportunity to serve the public and am very excited about this new role," said Ms. Zieder.

Ms. Zieder's office is located on the second floor of the courthouse at 77 Hamilton Street. She can be reached at 973-247-8651.

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