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James Agro Named Assistant Director of Judiciary Management Services

Acting Administrative Director of the Courts Judge Glenn A. Grant has named James S. Agro of Toms River as the new assistant director for management services. He succeeds Shelley R Webster, who recently was promoted to director of management and administrative services.

Agro will oversee financial operations, including accounting, banking and cash management, budgeting and purchasing as well as support services operations for Judiciary facilities around the state. Responsibilities include property management, compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act in all Judiciary facilities, telecommunications for 9,500 employees, space utilization and other related functions.

"Jim brings the ideal combination of skills and experience to this critically important job," said Judge Grant. "Over the length of his 30-year career he has managed finance, facilities, security and other business functions, both within the courts and in the private sector. I am pleased to welcome him to the team here at the central office," Judge Grant said.

Agro joined the Judiciary in 2004 as finance division manager in the Essex Vicinage. From 2005 until this appointment as assistant director, he has been assistant trial court administrator in Essex, the state's busiest courthouse, with the greatest number of employees, where he was responsible for many of the same tasks he will undertake now on a statewide basis.

Prior to 2004, Agro worked in the private sector from 1993 in a property management firm. He began as director of sales audits, then became general manager of operations and was vice president for financial operations when he left the company to come to the courts. He held various other jobs from 1978 to 1993.

Agro holds an associate's degree in accounting from Ocean County College, a bachelor's degree in accounting from New York University Regents and a master's in business administration from Monmouth University. He holds a state certificate of eligibility as a school business administrator and is a member of the Mid-Atlantic Association for Court Management, where he serves on various committees.

"The support of my colleagues in Essex has prepared me for this endeavor and I thank them," said Agro. "I know from my experience over the past five years that the finance and management services teams in New Jersey's courts are among the best in the nation. I am honored to have been selected to head up their efforts and look forward to working together on the extraordinary challenges that lie ahead," he said.

Agro lives in Toms River with his wife and son.

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