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Passaic Vicinage Superior Court Appoints Civil Division Manager

The Superior Court of New Jersey, Passaic Vicinage has appointed Melanie M. Zajackzkowski civil division manager. Zajackzkowski succeeds Dominic Palumbo, who retired after 32 years of service with the Judiciary.

As civil division manager, Zajackzkowski will provide direction and supervision for the daily operations of the civil division. She also will be responsible for the implementation of Judiciary plans, programs, policies and procedures.

Zajackzkowski comes to Passaic from the Hudson Vicinage, where she served most recently as assistant family division manager. Prior to that, she was a team leader in the family division's children in court unit. She began her career in the Judiciary in 2005 as assistant jury manager.

Zajackzkowski received her bachelor's degree in political science and legal studies from Ithaca College and her law degree from Syracuse University College of Law.

After earning her law degree, she served as law clerk to Judge Lawrence DeBello in Hudson County. Zajackzkowski was an associate at Bielan, Saminiski, and Associates in Bayonne, where she represented clients in matters involving matrimonial law, domestic violence, landlord-tenant and small business law.

Zajackzkowski served as a legal fellow with the Children's Defense Fund in Washington, D.C. and authored an article analyzing the decision of the landmark case *Nicholson v. Williams*, *Protecting Children Who Witness Domestic Violence*, published in the Oct. 2003 edition of the *Family Law Review*. She earned a certificate in the Family Law and Social Policy Program from Syracuse University. She is a certified public manager and a certified court mediator.

She has served on the Statewide Child Support/Probation Enforcement Partnership Group, the Domestic Violence Working Group, and the Child Abuse/Domestic Violence Co-Occurrence Committee.

Zajaczkowski and her husband, Michael Zajaczkowski, have two children, Ava, 5, and Aris, 3. They live in Netcong, Morris County.

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