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AOC Director Lines Up Successor to Head Management and Administrative Services

Administrative Director Judge Richard J. Williams today announced the appointment of Christina P. Higgins to succeed Frank Farr as Director of the Office of Management and Administrative Services in the Administrative Office of the Courts. Her appointment is effective July 1, 2003, upon Mr. Farr's retirement. "Frank Farr's contribution to the Judiciary, 30 years of service, has had an enormous impact on the quality of service we provide to litigants, to lawyers, and to our employees," said Judge Williams. "We wish him well as he approaches his well-deserved retirement."

Ms. Higgins will oversee human resources, financial services and support services.

"Chris brings a wealth of experience to the director position that makes her perfectly suited to her new responsibilities," said Judge Williams. " She is a proven leader, and her contribution to the development of standard practices in fiscal management, purchasing, facilities management and support functions for the Judiciary has been invaluable in creating a truly unified New Jersey court system."

Ms. Higgins joined the Judiciary as the assistant director of management services in 1999. She came to the courts from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in the Department of the Treasury, where she was assistant director. Her other duties within OMB included management of centralized payroll, oversight of internal audit and program monitoring. She began her career in state government at the Department of Human Services as a social worker in the Medicaid Division. There, she went on to manage federal funds and to oversee Medicaid fiscal agents for the department.

"I have worked with Frank Farr for four years and have admired his skills and leadership," said Higgins. "To have been chosen to take on the responsibility of overseeing the management of the Judiciary's resources is an honor and a challenge I am ready to accept," she said.

Ms. Higgins, 51, earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Delaware and received her master's degree in administration from Rider College. She lives in Yardley, PA with her husband John and two sons, Shannon and Garrett.

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