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Chief Justice Names Robert Lougy to Lead Mercer Vicinage

Chief Justice Stuart Rabner today announced that Superior Court Judge Robert Lougy will lead the Mercer Vicinage, effective Sept. 1, 2021.

Judge Lougy will succeed Judge Mary C. Jacobson, who is retiring after 20 years on the bench, the last nine as assignment judge.

"The assignment judge for the Mercer Vicinage often hears cases relating to Executive, Legislative, and agency actions that have statewide impact. Judge Jacobson served in that role with great distinction. Judge Lougy is a proven leader who possesses the experience and skills to ably guide the Mercer Vicinage going forward," Chief Justice Rabner said.

Judge Lougy served in the vicinage's civil division since 2019 and was named presiding judge of general equity the following year. He served in the family division for three years after joining the bench in 2016.

"I am grateful to the Chief Justice for his confidence in me and in my ability to serve a remarkable vicinage that has benefited greatly from Judge Jacobson's leadership and command of the law. I look forward to continuing to work together with the vicinage's exemplary judges and staff, as well as members of the bar," Judge Lougy said.

Before joining the bench, Judge Lougy served 10 years with the state Attorney General's Office, the first three years in various capacities as a deputy and assistant attorney general. From 2010 through 2015, he worked in the Division of Law as an assistant attorney general and deputy director. In 2015, he was chief of staff and then first assistant attorney general. He served as acting attorney general briefly in 2016.

Judge Lougy began his career in public service as a public defender in Essex County from 2004 to 2006.

A graduate of Pennsylvania State University, Judge Lougy earned his law degree from Columbia Law School, and clerked for Chief Justice Deborah Poritz from 2002 to 2004.

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