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Kerri Lynn Walsh-Wood Named Trial Court Administrator for Bergen Vicinage

Assignment Judge Bonnie Mizdol of the Bergen Vicinage announced today the appointment of Kerri Lynn Walsh-Wood as trial court administrator, effective April 8.

Walsh-Wood, who has served as acting trial court administrator since October, succeeds Laura Simoldoni, who retires April 1.

“With 30 years of service to the court system, Ms. Walsh-Wood has extensive managerial experience that will ensure a seamless transition, particularly as Judge Carol Novey Catuogno prepares to become the new assignment judge for the Bergen Vicinage,” said Glenn A. Grant, administrative director of the courts. “I am confident Ms. Walsh-Wood’s leadership skills will allow her to continue the level of excellence that the Bergen Vicinage has shown over the years.”

Walsh-Wood began her career with the Judiciary in 1992 as an investigator in the family division of the Bergen Vicinage. During her 26 years in the family division, she held various positions, including 13 years in the Morris/Sussex Vicinage as assistant division manager from 2005 to 2011 and manager from 2011 to 2018.

Walsh-Wood held the position of operations division manager for the Morris/Sussex Vicinage for nearly four years before she was selected in October to serve as acting trial court administrator in the Bergen Vicinage.

“I am thrilled to be back in Bergen, collaborating with the dedicated and hard-working judges, managers, and staff. I am truly honored to accept the position of trial court administrator for the Bergen Vicinage, and I look forward to working under the leadership of Judge Mizdol and Judge Catuogno. I am committed to

doing all I can to support the excellence that Bergen is known for,” Walsh-Wood said.

Walsh-Wood earned her bachelor’s degree from Montclair State College.

The trial court administrator is the highest ranking staff executive in the vicinage in charge of all court operations, including financial management, human resources, and case flow management.

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