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## **Hon. Barry Kamins Named Chief of Policy and Planning, Hon. Patricia DiMango Appointed Kings County's Administrative Judge for Criminal Matters**

**NEW YORK** – Chief Administrative Judge A. Gail Prudenti today announced the appointments of Hon. Barry Kamins as the court system's Chief of Policy and Planning, and Hon. Patricia DiMango as Administrative Judge for Criminal Matters of State Supreme Court, Kings County, a post previously held by Judge Kamins. Judge Kamins succeeds Hon. Judy Harris Kluger, who following 25 years of distinguished judicial service has been named Executive Director of Sanctuary for Families. Both appointments, which will take effect on January 6, 2014, were made with the approval of Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman. Judge DiMango's appointment was also made in consultation with Presiding Justice Randall T. Eng of the Appellate Division, Second Department.

As Chief of Policy and Planning, Judge Kamins will work with the New York court system's administrative judges and justice system partners to devise, implement and refine practices aimed at promoting better case outcomes for litigants, victims and communities, overseeing a statewide network of over 300 "problem-solving" courts. These include drug, community, domestic violence, mental health, sex offense, veterans, adolescent diversion and human trafficking courts. Additionally, he will direct the court system's efforts to help move

foreclosure cases along more swiftly while ensuring the integrity of the process. While Judge Kamins will step down as Kings County Supreme Court Administrative Judge for Criminal Matters, he will continue in his capacity overseeing New York City Criminal Court along with his new duties as Chief of Policy and Planning.

Judge DiMango will replace Judge Kamins as Kings County Supreme Court Administrative Judge for Criminal Matters, charged with the oversight of one of the busiest criminal courts in the country.

“We are extremely fortunate to have two such outstanding jurists to fill these critically important positions. Judges Kamins and DiMango are widely esteemed members of New York’s legal community, innovative leaders who bring the perfect blend of experience, skills and wisdom to their respective posts. Their vast expertise and unbridled energy have been assets to the court system and will undoubtedly serve them well as they assume the myriad challenges of their new assignments. I look forward to working closely with them to advance the Judiciary’s efforts to enhance the delivery of justice of New York,” said Judge Prudenti.

Appointed to New York City Criminal Court in 2008, Judge Kamins was elevated to Acting Supreme Court Justice in 2009 and named Administrative Judge for Criminal Matters in Kings County Supreme Court. In 2012, he was designated Administrative Judge for New York City Criminal Court. Before taking the bench, he was a partner at Flamhaft Levy Kamins Hirsch & Rendeiro LLP, and from 1969 to 1973 served as an Assistant District Attorney in Kings County, rising to the position of Deputy Chief of the Criminal Court Bureau. Among his extra-judicial pursuits, Judge Kamins writes extensively on the topic of criminal law, sits on the New York Justice Task Force and is cochair of the New York State Permanent Sentencing Commission and the Chief Administrative Judge’s Advisory Committee on Criminal Law and Procedure. A past president of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, he earned his J.D. from Rutgers University School of Law.

Hon. Patricia DiMango began her judicial career in New York City Criminal Court, to which she was appointed in 1995. She was named an Acting Supreme Court Justice, Second Judicial District, in 1998 and elected to the State Supreme Court, Kings County, in 2001. Since June 2012, she has served as the court’s Deputy Administrative Judge for Criminal Matters. Earlier this year, Judge DiMango was recruited to help reduce the acute felony backlog in the Bronx, where she presided over a special “blockbuster” part that successfully resolved hundreds

of the oldest cases. Prior to her ascension to the bench, she was a law clerk to several Supreme Court Justices. A former Kings County Assistant District Attorney, Judge DiMango is a graduate of St. John's University School of Law. She also holds a master's degree in developmental psychology from Columbia University.

Paying tribute to outgoing Chief of Policy and Planning Hon. Judy Harris Kluger, Judge Prudenti added, "We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to Judge Kluger for her significant contributions as Chief of Policy and Planning over the past years and throughout her illustrious 25-year tenure with the court system. She has played a pivotal role in the creation and expansion of New York's problem-solving courts, with these innovative courts now part of the fabric of our court system. It has been a privilege to work with Judge Kluger. I wish her the very best in all her future endeavors."

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