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Chief Administrative Judge Announces Two Appointments in Kings County

NEW YORK – Chief Administrative Judge A. Gail Prudenti today announced the appointments of Hon. Matthew D’Emic as Administrative Judge for Criminal Matters in State Supreme Court, Kings County, and Hon. Danny Chun as Kings County’s Deputy Administrative Judge for Criminal Matters. The appointments were made with the approval of Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman and in consultation with Presiding Justice Randall Eng of the Appellate Division, Second Department. Judge D’Emic replaces Hon. Patricia DiMango, who following a distinguished career with the Unified Court System will be leaving to work in the private sector.

“Judge D’Emic is an esteemed jurist and dynamic leader whose keen vision and exceptional work ethic have been instrumental to the success of the groundbreaking Kings County Mental Health Court, over which he has presided since its historic opening 12 years ago. Judge D’Emic’s admirable qualities, coupled with his strong management abilities and broad and deep knowledge of the criminal justice system, make him ideally suited to take on this challenging judicial assignment, overseeing one of the busiest criminal courts in the country. I look forward to working with him in his new capacity,” said Judge Prudenti, adding, “I am so pleased to welcome Hon. Danny Chun as Kings County Supreme Court’s Deputy Administrative

Judge for Criminal Matters. He is a talented judge and attorney, widely regarded for his legal acumen, integrity and dedication to the pursuit of justice. He brings a wealth of experience and tremendous energy to his new role. We are fortunate to benefit from his vast expertise and wisdom.”

Judge D’Emic was appointed to the New York State Court of Claims in 1996 and reappointed to the Court in 2005. An Acting Supreme Court Justice, he has presided over a specialized felony domestic violence part in Kings County Supreme Court since 1998. In March 2002, he was selected to preside over the Kings County Supreme Court’s Mental Health Court, an alternative-to-incarceration court targeting mentally ill offenders and the first court of its kind in the state. Prior to his ascension to the bench, he was a law clerk to the Administrative Judge for the Second Judicial District, which at the time comprised the State Supreme Court’s civil and criminal terms in both Kings and Richmond counties. He started his legal career at a law firm specializing in corporate and labor law, later opening his own legal practice, with a focus on commercial, real estate and family law. Judge D’Emic is active on various committees, including as co-chair of the American Bar Association’s Alternatives to Incarceration and Diversion Committee, and has received numerous awards for his work in the areas of domestic violence and mental health. He is a graduate of Fordham University and Brooklyn Law School.

Hon. Danny Chun’s judicial career began in 1999, upon his appointment to New York City Criminal Court, Kings County. He was designated an Acting Supreme Court Justice in 2004 and temporarily assigned to the Kings County Family Court bench. In 2009, he was reappointed to New York City Criminal Court. Judge Chun previously served as an Assistant District Attorney in New York County, where over his 12-year tenure he took on a variety of assignments, including the role of Criminal Court supervisor, with oversight for the office’s junior prosecutors. Judge Chun lectures on the subject of criminal law and taught classes in U.S. criminal procedure and trial advocacy as an adjunct professor at Yonsei University School of Law in Seoul, South Korea. He earned his undergraduate degree from Johns Hopkins University and his Juris Doctor from Fordham University School of Law.

In tribute to outgoing Administrative Judge Patricia DiMango, Judge Prudenti said, “We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to Judge DiMango for her extraordinary service to the Unified Court System over the past two decades, both in her administrative capacity and as a sitting jurist on the Kings County Supreme Court bench and earlier on the New York City

Criminal Court bench. Judge DiMango also played a significant role to help reduce the acute felony case backlog in the Bronx, where last year she presided over a special ‘blockbuster’ part that successfully resolved hundreds of the oldest cases. She leaves behind a legacy of hard work and innovative leadership. I wish her the world of success in all her future endeavors.”

The appointments take effect immediately.

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