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Hon. Peter Moulton Named Administrative Judge, New York County Supreme Court, Civil Term

New York – Chief Administrative Judge A. Gail Prudenti today announced the appointment of Hon. Peter H. Moulton as Administrative Judge of New York County Supreme Court, Civil Term. Judge Moulton succeeds Hon. Sherry Klein Heitler, who has reached mandatory retirement age as Administrative Judge and will be taking on the role of the court system’s Chief of Policy and Planning. The appointments will take effect immediately.

Along with his new responsibilities as Administrative Judge, Judge Moulton will assume Judge Heitler’s duties as administrator of all New York City asbestos-related cases. In her new capacity, Judge Heitler will work with First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge Lawrence Marks in providing oversight for the court system’s statewide network of “problem-solving” courts, which include drug, community, domestic violence, mental health, veterans, adolescent diversion and human trafficking courts. She will also work with Judge Marks in implementing and refining case management practices in an effort to reduce case backlogs and promote better case outcomes for litigants, victims and communities.

“Judge Moulton is a talented jurist and administrator who is widely regarded for his keen intellect, integrity and fairness. He brings a wealth of experience and knowledge — and a passion for the law and public service — to this critically important position. I am confident that his dynamic leadership and substantive understanding of the complexities of the judicial system will be an asset to the Court and those it serves,” said Judge Prudenti, adding, “We are grateful to Judge Heitler for her service and leadership as Administrative Judge since 2009, and for her many contributions to the Unified Court System over the course of her distinguished judicial tenure. I am so pleased that the Unified Court System will continue to benefit from her vast expertise and experience.”

Judge Moulton began his judicial career in 2004, upon his election to the New York City Civil Court. He was designated an Acting Supreme Court Justice in April 2010, and in November 2010 was appointed Supervising Judge of the New York City Civil Court, New York County, serving in that capacity until his election in 2013 to State Supreme Court, New York County. Prior to his ascension to the bench, he served as a Principal Law Clerk to New York County Supreme Court Justice Leland DeGrasse. Previously, he was a Staff Attorney for the New York City Law Department’s Affirmative Litigation Division. Early in his career, he served as Law Clerk to Judge Charles E. Stewart, United States District Court, Southern District of New York. A member of numerous professional associations, Judge Moulton is a past chair of the New York City Bar Association’s Committee to Encourage Judicial Service. He is an alumnus of Stanford University and Columbia University School of Law.

Judge Heitler was elected to the New York City Civil Court in 1994, and in 1996 was designated an Acting Supreme Court Justice. She was elected to the Supreme Court in 2000 and was appointed an Associate Justice of the Appellate Term, First Department, in 2007. In 2009, she was named Administrative Judge of the New York County Supreme Court, Civil Term. Judge Heitler started her legal career as a Law Assistant in the New York City Civil Court, later founding Heitler & Levy, P.C. She serves on the board of the Jewish Lawyers Guild. Judge Heitler earned her Juris Doctor from Fordham University School of Law.

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