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Appointments Made to Appellate Term, 9th and 10th Districts

NEW YORK – Chief Administrative Judge Lawrence K. Marks today designated Hon. Thomas A. Adams as Presiding Justice of the Appellate Term of the Supreme Court, Ninth and Tenth Judicial Districts, and Hon. Elizabeth H. Emerson, as Associate Justice of the Court. The appointments were made with the approval of Hon. Alan D. Scheinkman, Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division, Second Department, and will take effect on January 1, 2019.

Justices Adams and Emerson will fill vacancies arising from the upcoming retirements of Hon. Anthony Marano and Hon. James V. Brands.

In making the appointments, Chief Administrative Judge Marks said, “These are richly deserved appointments, with both candidates possessing the collegiality, passion for the law and commitment to the pursuit of justice to succeed in their new roles.”

Justice Adams began his tenure as a judge on the Nassau County District Court and was later elected to the State Supreme Court. He was subsequently appointed to the Appellate Division, Second Department. He was named to his current post of Administrative Judge for the Nassau County Courts in 2013. Justice Adams is stepping down from his Administrative Judge assignment to take on the new position with the Appellate Term.

Justice Emerson has served as a State Supreme Court Justice in Suffolk County since 1997 and sits in the Commercial Division. Prior to her ascension to the bench, she was a partner at Shearman & Sterling.

The Appellate Terms of the Supreme Court for the Ninth and Tenth Judicial Districts have jurisdiction over appeals from civil and criminal cases originating in District, City and Town and Village Courts, as well as non-felony appeals from the County Court. The Ninth and Tenth Judicial Districts encompass Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Westchester, Nassau and Suffolk counties.

In tribute to outgoing Presiding Justice Marano and Associate Justice Brands, Judge Marks added, “I want to thank Justices Marano and Brands for their contributions to the Appellate Term and their distinguished service to the New York State court system throughout the years. On behalf of the court system, we wish them the very best as they embark on the next phase of their professional and personal lives.”

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