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SUPERVISING JUDGE NAMED FOR 4TH DISTRICT'S COUNTY COURTS

Saratoga Springs—Fourth Judicial District Administrative Judge Felix J. Catena today announced the appointment of Hon. Kathleen B. Hogan as Supervising Judge for the District's County Courts. The appointment was made by Chief Administrative Judge Lawrence K. Marks, with the approval of Chief Judge Janet DiFiore and in consultation with Hon. Elizabeth A. Garry, Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division, Third Department.

In her new capacity, Judge Hogan will oversee the operation of the County Courts in the New York State court system's largest geographic district, which comprises 11 counties in Northern New York. Judge Hogan succeeds Hon. Felix Catena, who was named Administrative Judge for the Fourth Judicial District in July.

In announcing the appointment, Judge Catena said, "Judge Hogan is a hardworking, forward-thinking judge with an unwavering commitment to the fair administration of justice. Her leadership qualities and positive, can-do attitude will be assets to the District as we implement the State's newly-enacted criminal justice reforms."

Judge Hogan began her legal career as an Assistant District Attorney in Brooklyn. Prior to becoming a judge, she served for 16 years as District Attorney in Warren County, creating the Warren-Washington Child Advocacy Center to assist abused children and helping launch the Warren County Drug Treatment Court, among other accomplishments. In 2017, she was appointed by the Governor to the New York State Court of Claims. She was subsequently designated an Acting Supreme Court Justice, assigned to criminal cases in Schenectady County.

Judge Hogan is a past president of the New York District Attorneys Association. She is the recipient of numerous awards, including the New York State Bar Association's Prosecutor of the Year Award, the New York State Prosecutor's Training Institute's Prosecutor of the Year Executive Leadership Award and the United States Department of Justice's Spirit of Justice Law Enforcement Award. In 2019, she was named to the Chief Administrative Judge's Criminal Justice Legislation Committee to evaluate New York State's recently-enacted criminal justice legislation and make recommendations on implementation of the new reforms in the New York State criminal courts.

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