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New Administrative Judge Named in Suffolk County

SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK—Chief Administrative Judge Lawrence K. Marks today announced the appointment of Hon. Andrew A. Crecca as Administrative Judge for the Suffolk County courts. The appointment was made with the approval of Chief Judge Janet DiFiore after consultation with Presiding Justice Alan D. Scheinkman of the Appellate Division, Second Department.

As Administrative Judge for the Suffolk County courts, Judge Crecca will oversee the day-to-day operations of the County's trial courts, supervising 80 judges and approximately 900 employees. He will succeed Hon. C. Randall Hinrichs, who is retiring following a distinguished judicial career.

In announcing the appointment, Judge Marks said, "Judge Crecca is an outstanding judge and effective manager with extensive knowledge of court operations and a deep commitment to public service. I look forward to working with Judge Crecca—who is widely regarded for his strong work ethic and innovative thinking—as we navigate the ongoing challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic, re-evaluating operations and leveraging new technology and other resources, in meeting Suffolk County's justice needs."

Judge Crecca has been serving as Suffolk County's supervising judge of the matrimonial parts since 2013 and as presiding judge of its Integrated Domestic Violence Court since 2007. He was first elected to the Suffolk County bench in 2004 as a judge in County Court, where he presided over felony cases. Judge Crecca was appointed an acting Supreme Court Justice in 2007 and elected to the State Supreme Court, Suffolk County, in 2010. Before becoming a judge, he served as a legislator in Suffolk County's 12th District. Previously, he maintained a private law practice specializing in matrimonial and family law. He began his legal career as an assistant district attorney in New York County. He is a graduate of St. John's University School of Law.

Among his professional and civic activities, Judge Crecca is a member of the Chief Administrative Judge's Statewide ADR Advisory Committee, the Chief Administrative Judge's Matrimonial Practice Advisory and Rules Committee, and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges' Family Violence and Domestic Relations Advisory Committee.

Judge Crecca has lectured throughout the country and internationally on domestic violence issues, problem-solving courts, family law and court operations. He is a faculty member of the National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, the New York State Judicial Institute and the Suffolk Academy of Law. He is also an adjunct professor at Touro Law Center in Central Islip, where he developed and teaches a course titled Problem-Solving Justice.

Paying tribute to outgoing Administrative Judge Hinrichs, Judge Marks said, "We are truly indebted to Judge Hinrichs for his tremendous contributions to the court system over the course of an exceptional judicial career spanning two decades. Since assuming the position of Administrative Judge in 2011, he has led the Suffolk County courts with great distinction, overseeing the successful implementation of innovative practices and programs that have streamlined court operations and enhanced the quality of justice countywide."

Judge Crecca's appointment is effective July 30, 2020.

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