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## **Chief Administrative Judge Zayas Announces Two Appellate Term, Second Department Appointments**

**NEW YORK**—Chief Administrative Judge Joseph A. Zayas today announced the appointments of Justice Timothy S. Driscoll as Presiding Justice and Justice Maureen T. Liccione as an Associate Justice of the Appellate Term of the State Supreme Court for the Second Department, Ninth and Tenth Judicial Districts. The Court hears appeals in cases originating in the City and Justice Courts in Long Island and the Hudson Valley region, and in Long Island’s District Courts. Justice Driscoll, who has been serving the Court as an Associate Justice, succeeds the late Judge Jerry Garguilo as Presiding Justice. The appointments were made with the approval of Appellate Division, Second Department Presiding Justice Hector D. LaSalle.

“Justices Driscoll and Liccione exemplify the highest standards of judicial expertise, integrity, and service. Their distinguished records on the bench make them ideal choices to assume their respective new posts. I am confident that their wisdom, fairness, and clarity will benefit the important work of this esteemed court and those it serves,” said Judge Zayas.

“Justice Driscoll’s exceptional leadership and extensive legal and judicial expertise—including his deep understanding of complex commercial litigation—and Justice Liccione’s legal acumen and broad trial experience will ensure the Appellate Term’s ability to deliver timely and thoughtful justice to the people of the Ninth and Tenth Judicial Districts,” said First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge Norman St. George.

Justice Driscoll has served as a Nassau County Supreme Court Justice since 2008, presiding in the Commercial Division since 2009. He was named an Appellate Term Associate Justice in 2021. Prior to ascending the bench, he served as Deputy County Executive in Nassau County. Additionally, his longstanding public service career includes tenure as a law clerk to U.S. Court of Appeals-Second Circuit Judge Joseph M. McLaughlin, an assistant U.S. attorney in Suffolk County, and an assistant district attorney in Nassau County.

Justice Driscoll is the recipient of numerous honors and a member of the Chief Judge’s Commercial Division Advisory Council and the Appellate Division, Second Department’s Task Force on Artificial Intelligence. Among his other extra-judicial activities, he is a teaching team member of the Trial Advocacy Workshop of his alma mater Harvard Law School, where he instructs second and third-year students on the fundamentals of trial advocacy.

"I am truly honored and grateful for the trust placed in me by Chief Administrative Judge Zayas, First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge St. George, and Presiding Justice LaSalle. I look forward to continuing the tradition of service embodied both by my dear friend and mentor Judge Jerry Garguilo and the presiding justices before him. It has been my privilege as an Associate Justice to work with the outstanding judges and non-judicial personnel of the Appellate Term for the Ninth and Tenth Judicial Districts. I enthusiastically welcome the opportunity in my new capacity as Presiding Justice to carry on the commitment of Chief Judge Wilson and the UCS judicial leadership team to ensure excellence and equal justice in the Court's work," said Justice Driscoll.

Justice Liccione was appointed to the New York Court of Claims in 2019 and sits on the Suffolk County Supreme Court, where she hears Article 78 proceedings and other public policy cases. Previously, she was a principal law clerk for Suffolk County Acting Supreme Court Justice Martha Luft. Before joining the court system, she was a partner, first at Twomey, Latham, Shea & Kelley, LLP, and later at Jaspan Schlesinger, LLP. Early in her career, she served as a legislative aide and then as an assistant corporation counsel for the New York City Law Department's Affirmative Litigation Division. She is a member of the Suffolk Women in the Courts Committee, the Suffolk Courts Equal Justice Committee, and the New York Women Judges Association, in addition to her other professional affiliations and activities.

"This appointment is a tremendous honor and an opportunity to do the appellate work I love. I look forward to working with and learning from my new colleagues," said Justice Liccione.

In tribute to the late Presiding Justice Garguilo's distinguished public service, Judge Zayas added, "Judge Jerry Garguilo was a legal giant whose passing is a tremendous loss to the Appellate Term, our entire court family, and the greater community. He leaves behind a legacy of judicial excellence, humanity, and unwavering dedication to the pursuit of justice."

The appointments are effective immediately.



Presiding Justice Timothy S. Driscoll



Associate Justice Maureen T. Liccione

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