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New Queens Family Court Supervising Judge Named

NEW YORK CITY—Chief Administrative Judge Joseph A. Zayas and First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge Norman St. George today announced the appointment of Hon. Gigi N. Parris as Supervising Judge of Queens Family Court. In her new capacity, Judge Parris will oversee one of the busiest family courts in New York and the nation. The appointment was made in consultation with Appellate Division, Second Department Presiding Justice Hector D. LaSalle, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for New York City Courts Adam Silvera, and New York City Family Court Administrative Judge Anne-Marie Jolly.

Judge Parris succeeds Hon. Alicea Elloras-Ally who, filling the vacancy left by Judge Karen Lupuloff's retirement, will now serve as Supervising Judge of Manhattan Family Court.

"Judge Parris is a highly principled and capable judge whose leadership style, integrity, high standards, and intimate knowledge of family law make her exceptionally well-suited for this vital judicial post. I look forward to working with her in her new capacity," said Judge Zayas.

"Judge Parris is widely admired for her judicial expertise, collaborative approach, and commitment to the fair, timely administration of justice on behalf of New York City's children and families. I have every confidence she will fulfill her new supervisory role with the utmost diligence, integrity, and sensitivity," said Judge St. George.

Hon. Gigi N. Parris was first appointed as an interim New York City Civil Court judge in March 2021 and appointed to the New York City Family Court in December 2022. She has been sitting in the Bronx, presiding over an array of complex family matters, including child protective, juvenile delinquency, custody and visitation, and family offense cases. Her legal career spans both corporate and public service, including roles as a corporate associate at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, a staff attorney at the Bronx Defenders, and a supervising attorney at the Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem. She later served as a court attorney in Bronx Family Court and as the supervising court attorney in Queens Family Court, undertaking the latter role at the height of the COVID pandemic.

Judge Parris is a member of the Family Court Advisory and Rules Committee since 2022 and sits on the boards of both the New York State Family Court Justices Association and the New York City Family Court Judges Association. A strong proponent of mentorship, she has participated in the Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission's Judicial Mentorship Program. She is a graduate of Harvard University and the University of Virginia School of Law.

Additionally, Judge Parris is a native New Yorker and, having grown up in Queens, has a deep-rooted connection to the Queens community and a strong appreciation for the County's rich diversity and resilient spirit.

"I am deeply honored to return to Queens Family Court in this new capacity and grateful to the judicial leadership for their confidence in my abilities. I am committed to ensuring that every case is handled with fairness, compassion and dignity, and eager to collaborate with the Court's hardworking judges and non-judicial personnel to best serve the justice needs of Queens County's children and families," said Judge Parris.

"I am delighted to welcome Judge Parris to her new role as supervising judge. She is a widely respected jurist who has consistently demonstrated sound judgment and fairness and an unwavering commitment to excellence in service. We look forward to the intellect, insight, leadership, and collaborative spirit she will bring to this role and to our team," said Judge Jolly.

Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for New York City Courts Adam Silvera lauded the appointment, adding, "Judge Parris's expertise, compassion, and dedication to the communities of Queens will ensure the Court's fairness, dignity, and hope for families."

Chief Administrative Judge Zayas also expressed his gratitude to Judge Elloras-Ally for her oversight of Queens Family Court and welcomed her to Manhattan Family Court. "Judge Elloras-Ally has done a superb job as Queens Family Court Supervising Judge. I am eager to work with her as she assumes this oversight role in Manhattan Family Court," he said.

In tribute to Judge Lupuloff upon her retirement, Judge Zayas added, "I extend my deepest appreciation to Judge Lupuloff for her longstanding service to the court system, including as Manhattan Family Court Supervising Judge for nearly a decade, during which she championed initiatives to humanize the courthouse environment for children and families navigating difficult circumstances."

Judge Parris's appointment is effective immediately.



Supervising Judge Gigi N. Parris

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