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Judge Carol A. Wolven Appointed Chief Administrative Judge of Juvenile Matters

Superior Court Judge Carol A. Wolven has been appointed as chief administrative judge of juvenile matters, effective Sept. 4, 2012, Chief Court Administrator Barbara M. Quinn announced today.

Judge Wolven, who currently is presiding judge of family matters at the Judicial District Courthouse in Bridgeport, succeeds the Hon. Christine E. Keller, who is completing her second, five-year term as chief administrative judge of juvenile matters.

“Judge Wolven has proven her leadership skills time and time again in the various assignments she’s had since becoming a judge in 2001,” Judge Quinn said. “And as a former registered nurse, she brings a unique and valuable perspective to the bench. This is a demanding assignment, and I am certain that Judge Wolven will do an excellent job, particularly since she has a depth of experience not only in juvenile court, but in family court. This provides her with the ability to see a child within the dynamics of his or her family, which is essential when presiding over juvenile cases.”

“I also want to commend Judge Keller for the superb job she did as the chief administrative judge for juvenile matters,” Judge Quinn added. “Over the past five years, there have been significant changes to the juvenile justice system including the addition of 16-year-olds, and within the month, 17-year-olds to the jurisdiction of juvenile court. Judge Keller has ensured that this transition has gone smoothly, but more important, she put her whole heart and soul into the job.”

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“I am very honored and humbled to assume the position of chief administrative judge of juvenile matters,” Judge Wolven said. “It is a very challenging and important position, and I will do my very best to serve the interests of the Branch and needs of the children and families of Connecticut in this role. I would also like to thank Judge Christine Keller, who performed an outstanding job as CAJ and who was of great assistance to me, personally, as a juvenile judge.”

As chief administrative judge, Judge Wolven’s duties will include: representing the chief court administrator on matters of policy affecting juvenile matters; soliciting advice and suggestions from judges and others on matters affecting juvenile matters; and advising and assisting other judges assigned to juvenile court.

There are 12 juvenile court locations statewide, two child protection sessions, and two juvenile detention centers. Juvenile court handles delinquency, child neglect and family with service needs cases. During fiscal year 2010-11, the court added a total of 24,786 cases, and disposed of 25,031 cases. Its jurisdiction currently includes juveniles 16 and under; effective July 1, 2012, 17-year-olds will be handled through juvenile court as well.

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