

## **Chief Court Administrator Patrick L. Carroll III Announces New Deputy Chief Court Administrator; Chief Administrative Judge of Family Matters**

Chief Court Administrator Patrick L. Carroll III today announced the appointments of a new deputy chief court administrator and chief administrative judge of family matters. The appointments take effect today, when the Honorable Elizabeth A. Bozzuto succeeds Judge Elliot N. Solomon as deputy chief court administrator, and the Honorable Michael A. Albis replaces Judge Bozzuto as chief administrative judge of family matters.

“I am thrilled with both of these appointments,” Judge Carroll said. “Judge Bozzuto is a proven leader and innovator who greatly enhanced the processes and services at Connecticut’s family courts. With 18 years as a front-line judge, she has a common sense way of approaching challenges, and her priority is always how to best serve the residents of the State of Connecticut. She’ll bring those same skills to her new position as deputy chief court administrator, where she will have an integral role in assisting me with the day-to-day operations of the Judicial Branch.”

Judge Carroll also thanked Judge Solomon for his service as deputy chief court administrator, a position he had held since 2013. Judge Solomon took senior judge status this year and will return to presiding over cases, as assigned.

“Judge Solomon was an unflappable, trusted, patient and extremely capable partner,” Judge Carroll said. “He’ll be missed.”



### **Judge Elizabeth A. Bozzuto**

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Before becoming deputy chief court administrator, Judge Elizabeth A. Bozzuto served as chief administrative judge of family matters for five years. She also previously served as assistant administrative judge for the Waterbury Judicial District; presiding judge for family matters in the Waterbury Judicial District; presiding judge of the Regional Family Trial Docket in Waterbury; presiding judge of the family division in Danbury; and as the assistant administrative judge in the Litchfield Judicial

District. Former Gov. John G. Rowland first appointed her to the bench in 2000.

In addition, Judge Bozzuto has served on numerous committees and commissions including the Parent Education Program Advisory Committee, the Self-Represented Parties Workgroup, the Executive Committee of the Superior Court, the Judicial Review Council, the State Marshal Commission, the Judges Advisory Committee on E-Filing, the Commission on Minimum Continuing Legal Education, the Family Reengineering Committee and the Standing Committee on Guardians ad Litem and Attorneys for the Minor Child in Family Matters.

A Watertown resident, Judge Bozzuto received her bachelor's degree from Manhattanville College in 1985. She was awarded her *juris doctor* from Western New England College School of Law in 1988, and in 1991, she received a certificate from the National Institute of Trial Advocacy at Hofstra University. Before her appointment to the bench, Judge Bozzuto was a partner at the law firm of Secor, Cassidy and McPartland P.C. As a practicing attorney, Judge Bozzuto specialized in civil litigation, with an emphasis on insurance defense and family law. She was admitted to the State of Connecticut Bar in 1988; the U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut in 1989; and the U.S. Court of Appeals, 2<sup>nd</sup> Circuit in 1992.

“I am honored that Judge Carroll has chosen me to succeed my friend and mentor, Judge Elliot Solomon, as deputy chief court administrator. Throughout my tenure as chief administrative judge of the family division, we have worked hard to streamline the process and to ensure that every party has the opportunity to be heard. I am confident that Judge Albis will continue to improve family court. My new role as the deputy chief court administrator will bring many new challenges, and I look forward to working with Judge Carroll to resolve them. My goal has always been to best serve the residents of this state.”



**Judge Michael A. Albis**

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Judge Michael A. Albis, who lives in East Haven, graduated from Yale University in 1975 with a bachelor of arts and earned his *juris doctor* from the University of Connecticut School of Law in 1978.

Gov. Dannel P. Malloy nominated Judge Albis to the bench in January 2013, and the General Assembly approved his nomination on March 6, 2013. As a judge, he has been assigned to New Britain's Geographical Area Courthouse No. 15, the family division of Hartford Superior Court, and most recently, the Middlesex Judicial District.

He previously served a term as presiding judge of the Middlesex Judicial District Regional Family Trial Docket, which handles complex family matters referred by trial courts around the state. In addition to his duties as chief administrative judge of the family division, he currently serves as the presiding judge of the Middlesex Judicial District's family division and as the assistant administrative judge.

Judge Albis has served as a member of the General Assembly's Task Force to Improve Access to Legal Counsel in Civil Matters and as a member of a committee consisting of representatives of the Superior and Probate court systems; the committee addressed issues created by the overlapping jurisdiction between the two courts in matters affecting children.

Before his appointment as a judge, he was in private practice as a principal in the firm of Hilcoff & Albis, LLC in East Haven. In addition, he was the probate judge for the East Haven District

from 1999-2011; from 2011 to 2013, he served as administrative judge of the New Haven Regional Probate Court.

“I am deeply grateful to Judge Carroll for entrusting me with this responsibility,” Judge Albis said. “In recent years, Judge Bozzuto and the Judicial Branch, with the benefit of new laws enacted by the Legislature, have implemented important measures to make the family courts more accessible and efficient in meeting the needs of the public. I look forward to continuing that effort. I am honored and humbled to have the privilege of working with Connecticut’s dedicated family court judges in our mission to handle our cases properly, fairly and compassionately.”