

**Chief Court Administrator Announces New Chief Administrative Judge of Family Matters
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Chief Court Administrator Elizabeth A. Bozzuto announced today that Judge Leo V. Diana has been assigned to serve as chief administrative judge of family matters effective September 4, 2023. Judge Diana succeeds Judge Michael A. Albis, who is completing a five-year term as chief administrative judge of family matters.

“Judge Albis has been an innovative and reliable leader as the Judicial Branch sought new and creative ways to continue processing family cases through the challenges of the pandemic,” Judge Bozzuto said. “As an example, beginning in April 2020, parties with full written agreements in family court matters could request approval of their agreements without having to come to a courthouse for a hearing. Additionally, Judge Albis transitioned the family division to *Pathways*, a new way to process family cases that gives each case the level of court resources it needs and reduces the number of unnecessary court appearances.”

Of Judge Diana, she added: “I am most grateful that Judge Diana has agreed to succeed Judge Albis in this important role and build upon his many successes. Throughout his nine-year tenure, Judge Diana has proven himself to be an extremely talented and dedicated judge who has handled many sensitive and complex family matters. He will be a tremendous asset to the division and to the Judicial Branch as a whole.”

“I am very honored to be the chief administrative judge of the family division, although it will be difficult to follow in Judge Albis’ footsteps,” Judge Diana said. “He guided the family court through the pandemic and onto a clear path forward. The family court has served, and will continue to serve, the citizens of the State of Connecticut by maintaining and advancing efficient access to services. I am also thankful to Judge Bozzuto for having the confidence in me to lead this division.”

As chief administrative judge, Judge Diana will, among other responsibilities, work with the chief court administrator on policy and procedures affecting family matters; solicit advice and suggestions from other family judges and stakeholders; and assist with the statewide implementation of policies and programs.

Judge Diana, a Superior Court judge since April 2014, has served in the Judicial District and GA Matters courthouses in Middletown and Norwich, was the presiding judge of the Regional Family Trial Docket in Middletown from September 2017 to September 2021, and most recently served as the presiding judge for the Hartford Judicial District’s Family Division and as the assistant administrative judge of the Hartford Judicial District. Prior to Judge Diana’s

appointment, he served as the mayor and deputy mayor of the Town of Manchester. Judge Diana is a 1983 graduate of the University of Connecticut with a Bachelor of Arts degree and a 1988 graduate of Western New England College School of Law.

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