

Chief Court Administrator Announces New Chief Administrative Judge of Juvenile Matters, Effective Oct. 30, 2023



Chief Court Administrator Elizabeth A. Bozzuto announced today that Judge Tammy T. Nguyen-O'Dowd has been assigned to serve as chief administrative judge of juvenile matters effective Monday, Oct. 30, 2023. Judge Nguyen succeeds Judge Dawne G. Westbrook, who has been confirmed to serve on the Appellate Court.

Of Judge Nguyen, Judge Bozzuto added: "Since becoming a judge in 2017, Judge Nguyen has distinguished herself as an excellent judge. I am grateful that she accepted the assignment and look forward to working with her."

"I have appreciated the opportunity to serve in the Hartford Juvenile Court along with Judge Westbrook," Judge Nguyen said. "She has been a tremendous role model. I'm also grateful to Judge Bozzuto for her support and confidence in my ability to do the job, so that we can provide the best services and resources possible to juveniles and their families."

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

Judge Nguyen, a Superior Court judge since May 2017, first served in the Judicial District and Geographical Area No.14 Courthouse from June 26, 2017, to June 4, 2018. She was next assigned to Hartford Family Court, where she served from June 5, 2018, to Sept. 4, 2022. Judge Nguyen has served in Hartford Juvenile Court since Sept. 5, 2022, and as presiding judge of Hartford Juvenile Court, effective Sept.4, 2023. As a judge, she has served on several committees, including the Judges' Education Committee, from September 2018 to August 2021, and the Rules Committee from August 2020 to August 2023. She currently serves as a member of the Connecticut Bar Association's Presidential Fellows Committee and the Client Security Fund Committee.

Before becoming a judge, Judge Nguyen was an assistant attorney general in the Office of the Attorney General's Office's Child Protection Unit. She served in the unit from September 2004 to May 2017. From August 2003 to September 2004, Judge Nguyen worked as a legal research clerk for the Connecticut Judicial Branch's Office of Legal Research. Judge Nguyen received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of California at San Diego, where she did a double major in

political science and communications studies. She received her Juris Doctor from Catholic University of America's Columbus School of Law and a Master of Social Work from Catholic University of America's National Catholic School of Social Services.

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