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PRESS RELEASE:

Two New Chief Administrative Judges, Three New Administrative Judges Appointed

Chief Court Administrator Barbara M. Quinn today announced the appointments of two new chief administrative judges, one for family and the other for juvenile, and new administrative judges for the Ansonia-Milford, Danbury and Tolland judicial districts. The appointments take effect Sept. 2, 2013.

The Honorable Elizabeth A. Bozzuto will become chief administrative judge, family matters, and the Honorable Bernadette Conway will become chief administrative judge, juvenile matters. The three new administrative judges are: the Honorable Frank A. Iannotti, [Ansonia-Milford Judicial District](#); the Honorable Dan Shaban, [Danbury Judicial District](#); and the Honorable William H. Bright, Jr., [Tolland Judicial District](#).

Typically, [chief administrative judges](#) and [administrative judges](#) serve five-year terms; Judge Bozzuto replaces Judge Lynda B. Munro, who is completing her fifth year in the position. Judge Conway replaces Judge Carol A. Wolven, who is retiring from the bench. Administrative judges also typically serve five-year terms, and Judge Arthur A. Hiller (Ansonia-Milford) and Judge Susan S. Reynolds (Danbury) are completing theirs. Judge Elliot N. Solomon is leaving the position in the Tolland Judicial District to become deputy chief court administrator.

“We are very grateful to our outgoing chief administrative judges and administrative judges for their service, which was on top of their regular duties as Superior Court judges,” Judge Quinn said. “We are also pleased to welcome their successors, who bring a broad array of skills and talent to their new positions.”

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2-2-2-2 Judges' Appointments

Judge Bozzuto and Judge Conway

Judge Bozzuto is currently assistant administrative judge for the Waterbury Judicial District and presiding judge of the family division in Waterbury. She previously was presiding judge at the Regional Family Trial Docket and presiding judge of the family division in Danbury. She also has served at courthouses in Litchfield, Bridgeport and Bristol. Judge Bozzuto is co-chair of the Committee on Self-Represented Litigants and a member of the Judges' Executive Committee. [Biography/Assignment list](#)

"I want to thank Judge Quinn for this opportunity to serve as chief administrative judge of the family division," Judge Bozzuto said. "I look forward to providing the family division with the leadership and support needed to effectively and efficiently serve all the family cases that come through the courthouse doors."

A former prosecutor and Superior Court judge since 1999, Judge Conway is currently presiding judge of the family division in the New Haven Judicial District. She also has presided over juvenile and criminal matters, and has served as presiding judge of Juvenile Court in New Haven. She received her law degree in 1985 and while attending law school, Judge Conway worked nights at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Bridgeport as a registered nurse in the surgical intensive care unit.

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"I am privileged and honored to be the next chief administrative judge of juvenile matters," she said. "I look forward to continuing the work of my predecessors in engaging in a productive collaboration with the many stakeholders who work so hard to ensure that Connecticut's children and their families are – and remain – safe and healthy."

Judge Iannotti, Judge Shaban & Judge Bright

Judge Iannotti is currently the presiding criminal judge in the Ansonia-Milford Judicial District. He has been a judge since 1996 and has been a criminal judge in several judicial districts. He also has served as presiding judge over criminal cases in all of the judicial districts where he has been assigned. In 2010, Judge Iannotti received the Greater Bridgeport Bar Association's Judge of the Year Award. He also served as president of the Connecticut Judges Association from 2009-2010. [Biography/Assignment list.](#)

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3-3-3-3 Judges' Appointments

“It is an honor to be administrative judge in the Ansonia-Milford Judicial District, and I look forward to working with the judges and staff who are assigned there,” Judge Iannotti said. “They are committed to serving the public, and I am proud to work with them.”

Judge Shaban is currently assigned to the Complex Litigation Docket in the Waterbury Judicial District; he has served in this assignment since May 2010. Before that, he was assigned to the Danbury, Litchfield and New Britain judicial districts, and he has served as assistant administrative judge in the Litchfield Judicial District. Before becoming a judge in May 2004, he was in private practice and worked for the City of Waterbury Corporation Counsel’s Office (1999-2004). He is a past president of the Waterbury Bar Association. [Biography/Assignment list](#)

“I am honored to have been selected by our chief court administrator as the next administrative judge for the Danbury Judicial District,” Judge Shaban said. “I look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve the Judicial Branch and the citizens of this state, and to continue the excellent work of my predecessors.”

Judge Bright is currently assigned to the Complex Litigation Docket in the Hartford Judicial District. He was sworn in as a judge on March 11, 2008, and since then has presided over civil, criminal, juvenile and habeas corpus cases in Hartford, Manchester and Rockville. He currently chairs the Judicial Branch’s Pro Bono Committee and also is a member of the Branch’s Access to Justice Commission and the Rules Committee of the Superior Court. [Biography/Assignment list](#)

“I am honored to be appointed the administrative judge for Tolland,” Judge Bright said. “I know first-hand from my experience there what a talented and dedicated staff we have. I am very much looking forward to working with them, a great group of judges and the terrific local bar.”

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