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NEW FAMILY COURT JUDGE TO BE SWORN-IN THIS FRIDAY Magistrate Judge Macaluso to become Judge in D.C.'s Family Court

WHAT: Investiture of Judith Macaluso as Associate Judge, Family Court, D.C. Superior Court

WHERE: Third-floor atrium of the Moultrie Courthouse, 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W.

WHEN: Friday, September 5th at 4:00pm

WHO: Chief Judge Rufus King III, presiding
Judge-designate Judith N. Macaluso

BACKGROUND: Judge Macaluso was born in Baltimore, Maryland, and has resided in the District of Columbia for 36 years. She received her B.A. degree from the University of Maryland in 1972 and her J.D., magna cum laude, from Howard University School of Law, in 1975. After her clerkship in the Maryland State Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Judge Macaluso briefly pursued private practice then began a career as a trial and appellate attorney with the United States government. She specialized in appellate practice at the Department of Labor, defending OSHA's regulations and civil prosecutions in the United States Courts of Appeals. In 1986, she joined the Civil Division, Torts Branch, of the U.S. Department of Justice (DoJ). Judge Macaluso received 18 awards for excellent professional performance at DoJ. In 1997, she was appointed Hearing Commissioner, now Magistrate Judge, of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. In her 5-1/2 years in this position, she has served in three divisions of the Court: Civil, Criminal and Family (now Family Court).

Judge Macaluso brings a particular expertise in mental health issues to the Family Court. At DoJ, she specialized in such issues and was designated a Civil Division resource for other attorneys to consult on psychiatric, psychological, and neuro-psychological issues. She has maintained a concentration in this area at the Superior Court, serving on task forces and committees to improve the Court's handling of mentally ill defendants. Judge Macaluso is married to Vincent G. Macaluso and is the proud parent of a son, Joel; three stepchildren, Antoinette, Corinne, and Adam Macaluso; and four grandchildren, Jennifer Kenealy and Kaylyn, Tyler, and Kristina Macaluso.

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