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Acting Supreme Court Prothonotary Made Permanent

HARRISBURG, Dec. 8, 2010 – Irene M. Bizzoso, Esq., today was appointed Prothonotary of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania after serving nearly a year in the post in an acting capacity.

In addition to overseeing the daily administrative operations of filing offices in Harrisburg, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, the prothonotary is basically the chief record keeper for the state's highest court — responsible for preparing schedules, argument lists and orders. The office also coordinates attorney admission ceremonies and other events for the court.

Bizzoso has more than a dozen years experience in the office of the prothonotary, beginning in April 1998 as a legal assistant responsible for preliminarily reviewing all direct appeals and other filings. She followed that with a 10-year stint as a deputy prothonotary, overseeing daily operations in the Supreme Court's Middle District filing office in Harrisburg. Bizzoso was appointed acting prothonotary in Jan. 2010, succeeding Charles Johns who retired.

"I am extremely honored to have the opportunity to serve both the Court and the citizens of Pennsylvania," Bizzoso said. "This office will continue to focus on the Court's priorities while also providing a level of efficient service that lawyers, litigants and the general public have come to expect."

Prior to her employment with the Judiciary, Bizzoso had served as an assistant counsel for the Unemployment Compensation Board of Review. She also has worked as a corporate law clerk in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Bizzoso holds a *Juris Doctorate* from the Widener University School of Law and a bachelor of arts from Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. She is an officer in the National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks and member of the James S. Bowman American Inn of Court.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: APPOINTMENT OF : No. 360 Judicial Administration Docket
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PROTHONOTARY OF THE SUPREME : :
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COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA : :

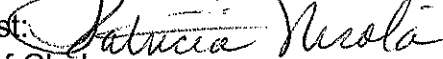
ORDER

PER CURIAM:

AND NOW, this 8th day of December, 2010, Irene M. Bizzoso, Esquire, is hereby appointed as Prothonotary of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

A True Copy Patricia Nicola

As of: December 8, 2010

Attest: 
Chief Clerk

Supreme Court of Pennsylvania