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**Claire C. Capristo, Esq., District Court Administrator
Retires from the Fifth Judicial District of Pennsylvania**

Pittsburgh, PA - Following 40 years of dedicated service to the Court and the criminal justice system in Allegheny County, Claire C. Capristo, Esq. retired as District Court Administrator of the Fifth Judicial District of Pennsylvania, effective January 15, 2016.

Ms. Capristo was a key advisor to president judges and district attorneys for four decades. She began as an Assistant District Attorney in Allegheny County in 1975 and served for 16 years as Chief of Staff to District Attorneys Robert E. Colville and Stephen A. Zappala, Jr. In 2005, she was selected to become Chief Deputy Court Administrator for the Fifth Judicial District. Since 2012, she has been leading the Court as District Court Administrator.

"Ms. Capristo's unparalleled knowledge and unwavering hand has guided many judicial officers, attorneys, and court staff throughout the years. She was instrumental in the Fifth Judicial District's transformation into a more effective and efficient modern court system. She was a key force behind the development of therapeutic courts, the incorporation of information technology and evidence-based practices into the court system, and in fostering collaborative relationships among all participants involved with the Court and the criminal justice system," stated President Judge Jeffrey A. Manning. **"She is highly regarded throughout Allegheny County for her wisdom, judgment, sharp intellect, and sense of humor and inspires confidence in all who know her."**

"Claire was a joy to work with and has always exhibited the highest standards of professional behavior and integrity. I will miss her as a colleague and wish her the very best in her retirement," said Allegheny County Manager William D. McKain.

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Those who worked with Ms. Capristo over the past 40 years are thankful for her guidance, support, and friendship. Her contributions to the Fifth Judicial District and the criminal justice system in Allegheny County will endure for years to come.

President Judge Manning noted, **“Ms. Capristo’s successor will be announced in the coming days. In the interim, her duties are being ably and capably handled by Christopher Connors Esq., Chief Deputy Court Administrator.”**

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