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Pennsylvania Supreme Court Announces Upcoming Retirement of State Court Administrator Geoff Moulton

Chief Justice of Pennsylvania Debra Todd today announced the upcoming retirement of Court Administrator of Pennsylvania Geoff Moulton, who advised the court that he will depart Sept. 30 after seven years of service to the Pennsylvania judiciary.

The position of state court administrator is prescribed in the state constitution and heads the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC). Moulton will be succeeded by Andrea Tuominen, who currently serves as Deputy Court Administrator.

"On behalf of the Court, I express sincere thanks and appreciation to Geoff for his commitment and dedication to public service and the judiciary," Chief Justice Todd said. Following his service as Counsel to the Supreme Court, "Geoff became Court Administrator at the outset of the pandemic and ably led us through more than those years of challenges and uncertainty. Through his leadership, the court system remained open and accessible to the public.

"We are grateful for his professionalism and integrity and extend our very best wishes to him and his family as he transitions to a well-deserved retirement."

"As always, when one chapter closes, a new one begins. The Court looks forward to working with Andrea Tuominen, as she moves into the role of court administrator. There is no one more prepared to step into this important position than Andrea, who has served in various roles as part of the court administrative offices for three decades. The breadth and depth of experience and expertise she brings to this role will serve the staff, judges, and all court users well."

Tuominen joined the court system in 1992 and since that time has served as special assistant to the court administrator, assistant court administrator and most recently deputy court administrator.

An active member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, she has served as co-chair of the Commission on Women in the Profession as well as various executive council positions. She received the PBA's Government Lawyer of the Year Award in 2019.

Tuominen received her JD from Villanova University School of Law and her BA in English and Philosophy from Skidmore College.

EDITOR'S NOTE – Please see attached bios and photos for Geoff Moulton and Andrea Tuominen

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Geoff Moulton, Pennsylvania State Court Administrator

Geoff Moulton was named Pennsylvania State Court Administrator in Jan. 2020. Appointed by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, Mr. Moulton heads the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts and oversees court operations statewide.

Prior to his current role, Mr. Moulton served as Counsel to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. From August 2016 through December 2017, he was a judge on the Pennsylvania Superior Court, having been nominated by Governor Tom Wolf and unanimously confirmed by the Pennsylvania Senate. During his time on the court, he authored over 330 opinions.

Mr. Moulton has devoted the bulk of his career to public service. Following his graduation from Columbia Law School in 1984, where he was managing editor of the *Columbia Law Review*, he served as a law clerk on both the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and the United States Supreme Court. After his clerkships, he spent a total of eight years as a federal prosecutor in Philadelphia, including four years as First Assistant United States Attorney.

In addition, Mr. Moulton has been chief counsel to a United States Senator, chief of staff at the office of the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program, and first deputy general counsel to Governor Wolf. He also represented media clients in private practice and taught for many years at Widener University Delaware Law School on a wide range of subjects, including Evidence, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, and Professional Responsibility.

Finally, in the course of his pre-judicial career, Mr. Moulton directed two major independent investigations, one of the ATF raid on the Branch Davidian Compound in Waco, Texas for the U.S. Department of the Treasury, and the other of the investigation of Jerry Sandusky for the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General.

Mr. Moulton's wife Lisa is a retired special education teacher, having taught in the Jenkintown School District for 24 years. They have two grown daughters.

Andrea B. Tuominen, Esq.

Ms. Tuominen is the Deputy Court Administrator of Pennsylvania.

After having served as special assistant to the Court Administrator and other positions in the AOPC since 1992, she was appointed Assistant Court Administrator in 2001 and Deputy Court Administrator in 2021.

As the Deputy Court Administrator, she is actively involved in nearly every aspect of the AOPC's work related to the Unified Judicial System and fulfills the court administrator's responsibilities in his absence. She oversees the AOPC's judicial district security and judicial services offices, as well as the administration of public records and language/disability access policies.

She served on the Supreme Court's Special Commission to Limit Campaign Expenditures and the Intergovernmental Task Force to Study the Magisterial District Courts. She is a member of the Pennsylvania and Philadelphia bar associations and the Pennsylvania Association of Court Management. She was the recipient of the 2019 Pennsylvania Bar Association (PBA) Government Lawyer of the Year award.

Ms. Tuominen previously served as Co-Chair of the PBA's Commission on Women in the Profession (as well as other executive council positions) and is currently co-chair of the Mentoring Committee. Ms. Tuominen has also served in a liaison capacity to the PBA Task Force on Electronic Filing and Retrieval and PBA Joint Task Force on Continuity of Delivery of Legal Services.

She currently serves as an observer to the Uniform Law Commission's Study Committee on Redaction of Personal Information from Public Records.

She received her JD from the Villanova University School of Law and her BA from Skidmore College.