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**Michelle Hoffman named as Family Court Administrator**

The Family Court of Delaware has named long-serving Family Court staff member S. Michelle Hoffman as Family Court Administrator. Hoffman is currently Delaware Family Court's Director of Caseflow Management, a position she has held since 2016. Hoffman will be transitioning into her new role as Court Administrator during the coming weeks.

"I'm pleased that we were able to promote someone from within Family Court, and particularly pleased that Michelle accepted this position as she has done an excellent job in her current role. She has a strong foundation, work ethic, and knowledge of the Family Court which will make her a successful court administrator," said Family Court Chief Judge Michael K. Newell.

In December, Hoffman was recognized by the Delaware State Bar Association with its Government Service Award for 2019. Hoffman was cited for her organized and methodical approach to her duties and her abilities as a quick thinker who is able to see the long view. At the ceremony, Chief Judge Newell also noted that Hoffman was humble and quick to recognize others for their contributions. Hoffman was also the 2015 Family Court employee of the year.

As Director of Caseflow Management, Hoffman was responsible for overseeing Family Court's case management process and for formulating and implementing Court policies and procedures. As Family Court Administrator Hoffman will be responsible for managing the non-judicial, administrative activities of the Court including planning and developing administrative policies and procedures, and managing statewide administrative operations including preparation of the Court budget.

Hoffman first joined Delaware Family Court in 2013 as a Management Analyst before her promotion to Director of Caseflow Management. Prior to joining Family Court, Hoffman worked for the Delaware Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families (DSCYF)/Youth Rehabilitative Services (YRS) for 12 years, serving as a Master Family Service Specialist, an Information Systems Specialist and as a Program Support Administrator. Hoffman also previously worked as a senior assistant at United Behavioral Health and as a Juvenile Detention Center Corrections Officer in Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

Hoffman replaces Saul Hernandez who left for a position in New Jersey at the end of 2019.

Hoffman earned her Bachelor's Degree from Widener University with a double major in criminal justice and sociology.

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