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**NOTICE TO THE BAR
MAY 2, 2023**

The United States District Court for the District of New Jersey announced Monday, May 1, 2023, that Melissa E. Rhoads, its Chief Deputy of Operations, was appointed Clerk of Court. Ms. Rhoads replaced William T. Walsh, and had been serving as the Acting Clerk of Court since March 4, 2023.

Ms. Rhoads has enjoyed a successful tenure with the District of New Jersey, having served in several roles over more than 25 years with the Court. Ms. Rhoads began her career with the Court in 1996 as a Courtroom Deputy to the Honorable Alfred J. Lechner, Jr. From 1998 to 2004, Ms. Rhoads served as Assistant Operations Manager in the Newark vicinage. From 2004 to 2007, she served as the Deputy-in-Charge in the Camden vicinage. Thereafter, she served as the Quality Control Manager and Deputy-in-Charge in the Trenton vicinage from 2007 to 2015, and 2015 to 2021, respectively. Prior to becoming Acting Clerk of Court, Ms. Rhoads rounded out her tenure by serving as Chief Deputy of Operations beginning in 2022.

Having been with the District of New Jersey for more than two decades and having served in a variety of roles in all areas of the Court, Ms. Rhoads assumes the position of Clerk of Court with an abundance of federal court administration and management experience.