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**MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO REAPPOINTS JUDGE JOHN M. HUNT TO FAMILY COURT**

**NEW YORK**—Mayor de Blasio today announced the reappointment of Judge John M. Hunt to the Family Court. Judge Hunt will be responsible for hearing cases involving families and children, including cases of adoption, guardianship and foster care.

“Family Court judges are essential to the well-being of New York families and our children,” said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. “Judge Hunt has helped serve these families since 1996, and I’m certain he will continue to do so effectively given his lengthy experience in this field.”

Judge John M. Hunt was appointed as Family Court judge in 1996, and reappointed in 2006. He has served on the Queens County Family Court since 1999, and previously served on the Bronx County Family Court.

Prior to his appointment to the Family Court, Judge Hunt began his career as a staff attorney at the Legal Aid Society’s Criminal Defense Division in 1973. Between 1980 and 1996, Judge Hunt served as supervising attorney in the same division. In 1977, he worked as an associate at the law firm of Gutman & Gutman, and later became an adjunct professor at the New York City Technical College.

Judge John M. Hunt is a member of the Association of New York State Family Court Judges, New York State Academy of Trial Lawyers and is a former judicial member of the Queens County Bar Association. He received his Bachelors of Arts from Fordham University in 1970, and his Juris Doctorate degree from the Fordham University School of Law in 1973.

**About the Family Court**

The Family Court is part of the New York State Unified Court System and was established to take action in the lives of children, parents and spouses. Family Court judges hear cases related to adoption, foster care, guardianship, custody and visitation, domestic violence, juvenile delinquency and abused or neglected children.

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