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Town Justice Francesca E. Connolly Named New York State Supreme Court Justice

(June 22, 2009) Governor David Paterson nominates Ossining Town Justice Francesca E. Connolly to the New York State Supreme Court in the Ninth Judicial District.

Governor David Paterson has nominated Ossining Town Justice Francesca E. Connolly to fill an interim vacancy in the New York State Supreme Court in the Ninth Judicial District for a term to expire on December 31, 2009. This announcement was made on June 17, 2009. The nomination is subject to Senate confirmation. The vacancy was created by the appointment of the Honorable Jonathan Lippman to serve as Chief Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals.

Justice Connolly will be seeking a ballot line for the November 3, 2009 election to serve as Supreme Court Justice for a fourteen-year term.

After an extensive screening process, Justice Connolly received the highest ratings to serve as Supreme Court Justice from the New York State Judicial Screening Committee and the Westchester County Bar Association.

Justice Connolly has been practicing law for twenty-seven years, with an expertise in civil trial and appellate litigation. She is currently in private practice in New York City as a partner in the law firm of Malaperro & Prisco LLP. She began her legal career in public service, serving as Assistant General Counsel of the New York City Department of Probation from 1982 to 1983 and again from 1984 to 1985 and as Law Assistant for the Deputy Administrative Judge of Queens County Family Court from 1983 to 1984. Justice Connolly received a B.A., magna cum laude, from State University of New York at Albany in 1979 and a J.D. from Pace University School of Law in 1982.

The Honorable Francesca E. Connolly began a four-year term as Town Justice for the Town of Ossining in 2006. She was the first woman elected to serve in this capacity. Justice Connolly has been active in her community for many years, serving as Ossining PTA Council President from 1998 to 1999, Town of Ossining Planning Board Member from 1997 to 1999, Town Council Member from 2000 to 2005, and Deputy Town Supervisor from 2003 to 2005. She is a founding member of the Ossining Youth Hockey Association and Team Westchester Hockey Association. She is a member of the Ossining Youth Court Advisory Board.

She has been married to Kevin Connolly for twenty-four years. They have two sons, Kevin, Jr., a second-year law student at Brooklyn Law School, and Sean, a senior at The College of the Holy Cross.

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