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### THE HONORABLE JOSEPH D. MARINO PROBATE JUDGE, DISTRICT OF MIDDLETOWN

Judge Joseph D. Marino has served as Judge of Probate for the District of Middletown since January, 1987. He presides over one of the largest and busiest Courts in the state serving the residents of Cromwell, Durham, Middlefield and Middletown. With a population of over 74,000 people, the Middletown District handles thousands of matters per year. The court is unique for its volume of mental health cases due to the presence of Connecticut Valley Hospital, Middlesex Hospital and Solnit Children's Center. The Middletown Court is also a part of the Central Connecticut Regional Children's Court in Meriden where Judge Marino presides over cases involving Custody, Guardianships and Termination of Parental Rights. He is a graduate of Xavier High School and received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio and his Law Degree from Catholic University in Washington, D.C. He is a past president of the Connecticut Probate Assembly and has been a member of numerous committees within the probate system and is currently serving on the Budget Committee which sets the staffing level, employee compensation and budgets for all the courts in the State, and on the Executive Committee and is the Chair of the Nominating Committee. Judge Marino maintains a law practice in Portland where he is legal counsel for Xavier High School and The East Hampton Housing Authority. He is the founder of a holiday gift drive for residents of local skilled nursing facilities and has coached youth soccer, basketball and softball. He is a member, and current President, of the Middletown Rotary Club, the Middlesex County NAACP, the Italian Society of Middletown, and is President-Elect of the Middlesex County Bar Association. He is the recipient of the Community Service Award from the NAACP, the Paul Harris Community Service Fellowship Award from the Middletown Rotary Club, and the Governor William A. O'Neill Public Service Award from the Middlesex Chamber of Commerce.

Judge Marino and his wife, Donna, the Partnership Coordinator for Middletown Public Schools, have been married for 37 years and have three children.