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Judicial Selections Made For New Rochelle City Court Bramson Designates Rice for Judge and Carbone for Acting Judge

NEW ROCHELLE, NY – Mayor Noam Bramson today announced two judicial appointments to the New Rochelle City Court, following the election of current Judge John Colangelo to the Westchester County Court. Acting Judge Gail B. Rice, who currently sits on the bench in a part-time capacity, will assume the full-time judgeship being vacated by Judge Colangelo. The position of part-time Acting Judge will be filled by Anthony A. Carbone, currently Chairperson of the New Rochelle Planning Board. They will join City Judge Preston “Sandy” Scher.

Judge Gail B. Rice has been Acting Judge of the New Rochelle City Court since 1996. She is a partner with her husband, Roger, in the firm of Rice & Rice, specializing in criminal defense, matrimonial, and family law. A graduate of SUNY Stony Brook with a law degree from SUNY Buffalo, Judge Rice has been active in the legal community as a past director of the New Rochelle Bar Association and a past officer of the Westchester Black Bar Association. Judge and Mr. Rice have two sons, Jared and Jordan, both attorneys.

“Judge Rice has served the City Court with great distinction, earning the trust and admiration of colleagues on the bench and in the legal profession,” said Mayor Bramson. “I am very proud to elevate her to full-time capacity and am certain that she will continue to be an exemplar of firm, fair, and compassionate justice.”

Judge Rice commented, “I am deeply honored to have been appointed to a full time judicial position in the New Rochelle City Court. I thank Mayor Bramson for this great opportunity and remain committed to serving our community diligently in this new capacity.”

Anthony A. Carbone is a member of Berlingo & Carbone, PC, with a concentration in municipal law,

real estate, zoning, and wills & trusts. Since 1984, Mr. Carbone has sat on the New Rochelle Planning Board, serving as Chairperson of the Planning Board for the past twenty-three years. A product of the New Rochelle public schools, Mr. Carbone received his B.A., M.A., and J.D. degrees from Rutgers University. He and his wife, Lorraine, have two sons, Anthony, an undergraduate at Johns Hopkins, and Paul, who attends New Rochelle High School.

Mayor Bramson commented, "Mr. Carbone has provided extraordinary volunteer service to our community through his able and effective leadership of the New Rochelle Planning Board. His professional legal experience is broad, deep, and highly relevant to the work of the City Court. I have every confidence that he will be an exceptional judge."

"I am honored that Mayor Bramson has selected me to serve on the New Rochelle City Court," said Mr. Carbone. "I look forward to working with Judge Scher, Judge Rice and the court staff and will continue the tradition of administering justice with fairness, compassion and respect."

Mayor Bramson was assisted in the selection of a new Acting City Court Judge by a Judicial Screening Committee, established at his request by the New Rochelle Bar Association. The Committee was chaired by Eileen Songer-McCarthy and included as members Hon. Vincent Rippa, Hon. James Maisano, Leslie Demus, and Michele Klemperer.

"I am sincerely grateful to the members of the Judicial Screening Committee for their time, seriousness of purpose and thoughtful advice," said Mayor Bramson. "The Committee's analysis was invaluable in helping me choose among several highly qualified candidates."

Judge Rice and Mr. Carbone will commence their ten-year and six-year terms, respectively, on January 1, 2010.

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