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**RE: State Court Administrator Named**

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### **Washington Supreme Court Names Callie T. Dietz Washington's New State Court Administrator**

Washington Supreme Court Chief Justice Barbara Madsen announced today that the Court has named Callie T. Dietz as Washington's new State Court Administrator. The State Court Administrator heads the Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) a judicial branch agency that reports to the Supreme Court.

Dietz joined the AOC as the Interim State Court Administrator in July 2012 after retiring from the Alabama Administrative Office of the Courts, where she was the first woman to serve as its Administrative Director. With more than 32 years in state government, she also served as Director of the Alabama Judicial College and Family Court Divisions; Assistant Director of the Judicial College and Municipal Court Divisions.

"We are delighted that Callie has accepted this appointment," said Chief Justice Madsen. "The AOC serves a vital role in our judicial system, and Callie comes to the position with a wealth of experience that will serve our state well."

Judicial officers at all levels of courts in Washington State took part in the recruitment process. Dietz holds a bachelor degree from Jacksonville State University and a Masters in Public Administration from Auburn University.

"I am honored to accept the position of Washington's new State Court Administrator," said Dietz of the appointment. "This is a wonderful agency, and I am looking forward to furthering the cause of justice."

The Administrative Office of the Courts was created in 1957 to provide professional and technical support to the state's more than 250 courts. The agency operates under the direction and supervision of the Chief Justice of the Washington Supreme Court.

The AOC is responsible for the execution of administrative policies and rules in Washington's judicial system. With the assistance of staff, the administrator compiles court statistics; develops management procedures to accommodate needs of state courts; studies and evaluates information relating to the operations of the judicial system; and provides pertinent information on court operations to the members of the judicial community, branches of government and the public.

The administrator's staff also manages the state's Judicial Information System (JIS) and prepares and submits budget and accounting estimates relating to state appropriations for the judicial

system. For further information regarding the operations of the Washington Supreme Court or the AOC, please visit [www.courts.wa.gov](http://www.courts.wa.gov).

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