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Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr., today announced the appointment of Jill C. Sayenga, circuit executive for the United States Courts, District of Columbia Circuit, as the new deputy director of the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. Sayenga will serve as deputy to James C. Duff, who was appointed director by the Chief Justice earlier this year. Sayenga will begin her new position later this year. In announcing his selection, the Chief Justice noted, "Jill is familiar with the challenges facing the Administrative Office through her service as a circuit executive, and I am confident she will bring to her new position the same energy and hands-on management skills that made her such a success as a circuit executive in meeting the needs of judges."

As deputy director of the Administrative Office (AO), Sayenga will be responsible for providing management and oversight of day-to-day operations at the AO and implementing short-and long-term goals, objectives, and policies. Director of the AO James Duff said of her appointment, "Jill is very experienced in the federal court system and its operations. She will be a tremendous asset to the Administrative Office as it responds to the courts' needs and integrates AO services with the courts."

Sayenga has served as the chief executive officer for the federal courts of the District of Columbia Circuit for eight years and before that as the deputy circuit executive for ten years. She was responsible for performing circuit-wide administrative and managerial duties, including planning and implementing policies dealing with court operations, security, emergency preparedness, personnel and human resources, space and facilities, and budget management.

Sayenga was a special assistant to the chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia from 1983-1988. From 1981-1982, she was co-director of the Criminal Code Project of the Committee on the Judiciary for the Council of the District of Columbia. She served as staff attorney for the project from 1979-1981.

Sayenga graduated summa cum laude from Fordham University, Bronx, New York, where she was Phi Beta Kappa, in 1976. She received a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. in 1979.