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A Local Law to amend the New York city charter in relation to a coordinator of administrative justice.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. The New York city charter is amended by adding a new section 13-a to read as follows:

13-a. Coordinator of administrative justice. a. There is established in the executive office of the mayor a position of coordinator of administrative justice, to be appointed by the mayor. The coordinator shall:

(1) advise and assist the mayor in the coordination of policies, plans and operations common to the management of the city's administrative tribunals;

(2) review the budget requests of all agencies for programs related to the city's administrative justice system and recommend to the mayor budget priorities among such programs;

(3) receive reports from individual tribunals concerning their performance, including case management and enforcement, and appropriate use of technology, and recommend policies to improve tribunal efficiency for the public. The content of such reports and any such policies for reform shall be adopted by rule promulgated by the mayor;

(4) except where inconsistent with applicable law, develop and deliver programs for training and professional development of administrative law judges and hearing officers;

(5) develop and promote programs of alternative dispute resolution to be used by city administrative tribunals; and

(6) perform such other duties as the mayor may assign.

b. The mayor shall promulgate rules establishing a code or codes of professional conduct governing the activities of all hearing officers and administrative law judges in city tribunals, except to the extent that such promulgation would be inconsistent with law. An administrative law judge or hearing officer may be removed for violating such rules in the manner such administrative law judge or hearing officer may be removed or otherwise disciplined under law.

c. The mayor may appoint the chief administrative law judge of the office of administrative trials and hearings to also serve as coordinator.

§ 2. This local law shall take effect immediately.