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## TODAY'S NEWS

### *Update*

**Justice A. Gail Prudenti**, in a long anticipated move, was appointed the presiding justice of the Appellate Division, Second Department, yesterday by Governor Pataki. The Governor's action capped a meteoric rise for Justice Prudenti, 48, who in the last two years was appointed by the Office of Court Administration as the administrative judge of the Supreme Court in Suffolk County, and then last October elevated by the Governor to the Appellate Division. Meanwhile, the Governor's screening panel for the First Department has interviews set for next Thursday with four First Department justices for the presiding justice post there: Richard T. Andrias, John T. Buckley, Eugene L. Nardelli, the court's acting presiding justice, and Milton L. Williams.

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