



State of Connecticut COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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Promoting Equality and Justice for all People

CHRO ANNOUNCES NEW CHIEF HUMAN RIGHTS REFEREE

HARTFORD, CT – The Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) is pleased to announce that Michele C. Mount has been appointed the new Chief Human Rights Referee of the CHRO’s Office of Public Hearings.

Mount has been a Human Rights Referee in the Office of Public Hearings for four years. Her experience prior to that included private practice in Louisiana and Connecticut, legislative and policy advocacy, and service on the Connecticut Law Revision Commission. Mount received a BA in Communications from the University of Southern California and a JD from Quinnipiac University School of Law.

“I am honored to be receiving this appointment. I look forward to ensuring the smooth operation of the Office of Public Hearings while still hearing and settling cases,” said Mount.

The Office of Public Hearings is responsible for scheduling and conducting all phases of the public hearing process in contested discrimination cases and in certain types of whistleblower retaliation cases. The Chief Human Rights Referee administers the operations of the unit and assigns cases to the other Human Rights Referees.

“We are very pleased to have Michele as our new Chief Human Rights Referee, and are grateful for her ongoing service to the CHRO and the people of Connecticut,” said Executive Director Tanya Hughes. “Michele brings a wealth of experience to this position. The Office of Public Hearings is in good hands with her at the helm,” added Deputy Director Cheryl Sharp.

The CHRO is one of the oldest state civil rights agencies in the nation, established in 1943. Its continuing mission is to “eliminate discrimination through civil and human rights law enforcement and to establish equal opportunity and justice for all persons within the state through advocacy and education.”

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