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Marguerite E. Lanaux Named Acting District Public Defender for Baltimore City;
Alycia Capozello to become the Acting Deputy District Public Defender

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The Maryland Office of the Public Defender (OPD) is pleased to announce that Marguerite E. Lanaux is the Acting District Public Defender for Baltimore City, and Alycia Capozello is the Acting Deputy District Public Defender. Natasha Dartigue, the prior Acting District Public Defender and Deputy District Public Defender, has been appointed to be the next Maryland Public Defender, effective July 1, 2022.

Marguerite E. Lanaux has more than 17 years of legal experience. She has been on staff with OPD since 2013, first as an assistant public defender and then supervising attorney in Baltimore City and Prince George's County. She previously volunteered for OPD and worked in the insurance defense and the legal education fields. Ms. Lanaux is a 2005 graduate of Howard University School of Law, a 2018 graduate of the Maryland State Bar Association (MSBA) leadership academy, and a proud member of the Alliance of Black Women Attorneys. She began serving as the Acting District Public Defender on June 15, 2022.

Alycia Capozello has been with the Maryland Office of the Public Defender for twenty-two years, dedicating her career to the defense of young people in Baltimore City. During her tenure at OPD, Ms. Capozello has held leadership positions within the Baltimore City Juvenile Division, including Lead Attorney for Special Projects and Managing Attorney. She is a graduate of Loyola University Chicago School of Law where she attended as a CIVITAS Fellow and the University of Notre Dame. She begins in her role as Acting Deputy on July 6, 2022.

From Public Defender Designate Natasha Dartigue: "Marguerite and Alycia have been dynamic leaders within our agency, providing zealous representation and unwavering support to clients and staff. I am excited to have them join my leadership team, and to further use their talents to amplify our clients' voices and address the needs of Baltimore City communities."

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