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Judge George S. Leone Elevated to Appellate Division of Superior Court

Superior Court Judge George S. Leone will be elevated to the Appellate Division effective Aug. 1, Chief Justice Stuart Rabner announced today.

The Appellate Division of the Superior Court is New Jersey's intermediate appellate court. The 32 Appellate Division judges hear appeals from decisions of the trial courts, the Tax Court and state administrative agencies. The Appellate Division decides approximately 6,500 appeals and 7,500 motions each year.

Appointed to the Superior Court by Gov. Chris Christie on Jan. 3, 2011, Judge Leone served on the family bench in Camden County until Aug. 31, 2012, when he moved to the civil bench.

A graduate of the Harvard University and the University of Chicago Law School, Judge Leone began his legal career as a law clerk to U.S. Court of Appeals Judge James Hunter III. He then worked for the law firm of Dechert, Price & Rhoads in Philadelphia before joining the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office in 1987.

In 1995, he became an assistant U.S. attorney for the District of New Jersey in Camden. From 1998 until his appointment to the bench, he served as chief of the appeals division in the Newark office of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey.

"I am honored and humbled to have this opportunity to serve the people of New Jersey in this new capacity," said Judge Leone. "I thank the chief justice, the judges of the appellate division and the judges at the Camden Hall of Justice for their guidance and support. I have been lucky to work with so many talented and dedicated people."

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