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Superior Court Judge Garry S. Rothstadt Elevated to Appellate Division

Superior Court Judge Garry S. Rothstadt will be elevated to the Appellate Division effective Dec. 16, 2013 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.

Judge Rothstadt holds a bachelor's degree from Rutgers College and a law degree from Rutgers School of Law-Newark. He began his legal career as a law clerk to Superior Court Judge Joseph L. Conn. He then became an associate at Cole, Geaney, Yamner & Byrne. In 1988 he formed a firm with Randal C. Chiocca, who later became a Superior Court judge. He was a member of the firm of Bray, Chiocca, Rothstadt & Miller at the time of his judicial appointment.

Nominated to the bench by Gov. Donald T. DiFrancesco, Judge Rothstadt took the oath of office on Sept. 5, 2001. He first served in the criminal division of the Passaic Vicinage and moved to the family division in 2004. In 2007 he was assigned to the civil division and recently also served as the general equity disqualification judge. He was reappointed with tenure in 2008.

Judge Rothstadt is a former president of the Passaic County Bar Association and a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He is a long time member of the Supreme Court Committee on the Rules of Evidence and he has been an instructor for both the New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education and Rutgers School of Law-Newark.

"I am grateful to the chief justice for the opportunity to serve the Judiciary and the citizens of New Jersey in this new capacity," said Rothstadt. "The law has been a lifelong passion for me. I am very grateful to be able to work in what I believe is the finest Judiciary in the country, with outstanding judges and court staff who work hard every day to ensure that justice is served."

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