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Superior Court Judge Thomas V. Manahan Appointed to Appellate Division

Superior Court Judge Thomas V. Manahan will move 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 generally decides between 6,000 and 6,500 appeals and 8,500 motions each year.

Judge Manahan was nominated by Gov. Jim McGreevey and was sworn into office on March 31, 2003. He sat on the civil bench in Morris County, moving to the family bench in 2004. In 2007, he moved again, this time to the criminal division. He was named presiding judge of the criminal division in 2008.

A graduate of Mount St. Mary's College and Seton Hall University School of Law, Judge Manahan began his legal career as an assistant prosecutor in the Union County Prosecutor's Office in 1979. In 1983, he left to work in private practice, specializing in commercial litigation, employment law, insurance issues, municipal defense, and public sector law. In 1997, he was nominated to be the Union County Prosecutor by Gov. Christine Todd Whitman. He served in that role until 2002. He then joined the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General as assistant attorney general and director of State Police Affairs. He remained with the department until his appointment to the bench.

"I am honored to be named to the Appellate Division," said Judge Manahan. "The judges and staff in the Morris/Sussex Vicinage have been wonderful friends and colleagues. I thank them for their friendship and support as I move into this new role in the judiciary."

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