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Superior Court Judge Mary Gibbons Whipple will join the Appellate Division effective Nov. 24, Chief Justice Stuart Rabner announced today.

Superior Court Judge Mary Gibbons Whipple Appointed to Appellate Division

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 about 8,500 motions each year.

Judge Whipple holds a bachelor's degree from the College of the Holy Cross and a law degree from Seton Hall University Law School. She began her legal career as a law clerk to U.S. District Court Judge Lawrence A. Whipple. She joined the U.S. Attorney's Office in 1982, focusing on civil litigation including environmental, employment and civil rights matters in the District Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals. She went into private practice in 1986. She was a partner at Arseneault, Whipple, Fassett & Azzarello when she was named to the Superior Court by Gov. Jon Corzine in 2010. She served in the family division of the Morris/Sussex Vicinage until 2013, when she moved to the criminal division. She has served on temporary assignment to the Appellate Division since September.

"It has been an honor and a privilege to have served with my colleagues in Morris and Sussex County and I am honored to be selected for this assignment," said Judge Whipple. "I look forward to this exciting new challenge."

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