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Chief Justice Names Judge Bonnie J. Mizdol Assignment Judge of Bergen Vicinage

Chief Justice Stuart Rabner has announced that Superior Court Judge Bonnie J. Mizdol will lead the Bergen Vicinage, effective May 1. She will succeed Assignment Judge Peter E. Doyne, who is retiring after more than 22 years on the bench and nearly seven years as assignment judge.

“Judge Doyne has been a tireless advocate for the legal system and the Bergen Vicinage,” said Chief Justice Rabner. “Thanks to his leadership, the vicinage is in a very strong position. We are grateful for his exemplary service and scholarship.

“Judge Mizdol is a wise and capable jurist with an impressive record and a clear vision. In light of her expertise and dedication, I have every confidence that the transition will be seamless.”

Judge Mizdol was appointed by Gov. Donald T. DiFrancesco and took the oath of office on Feb. 6, 2006. She was reappointed with tenure by Gov. Chris Christie in 2013. Judge Mizdol has served on the family court bench since her appointment and was named presiding judge of the family division on Oct. 1, 2008. She served on the Judicial Council from 2010 to 2013 in her capacity as chair of the Conference of Family Presiding Judges.

“I want to thank the Chief Justice for his confidence in me and for the opportunity to serve the residents of New Jersey in this new capacity,” said Judge Mizdol. “I also want to thank Judge Doyne for his guidance and support as assignment judge. It will be a challenge to live up to the high standards he has set, but I am looking forward to it.”

A graduate of Montclair State University and Seton Hall Law School, Judge Mizdol began her legal career as a general practice attorney. She served as a municipal judge in Wallington, Englewood Cliffs, Fair Lawn and the Bergen County Central Municipal Court.

She was an active member of the Bergen County Bar Association, where she served on the municipal court and family law committees, and the Bergen County Municipal Judges’ Association, where she served as vice-president, then president. In addition, Judge Mizdol was a trustee and past president of the Bergen County Bar Foundation. She served as a member and past chair of the District II-A Ethics Committee. She was also a member and co-chair of the Bergen County Committee on the Status of Women.

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