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Superior Court Judge Greta Gooden Brown Appointed to Appellate Division

Superior Court Judge Greta Gooden Brown will be temporarily assigned 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 about 8,500 motions each year.

Judge Gooden Brown was appointed to the bench on March 9, 2009 by Gov. Jon Corzine. She served first in the criminal division in the Passaic Vicinage and has presided over the family division since July 27, 2014.

Prior to her judgeship, Judge Gooden Brown served as New Jersey's insurance fraud prosecutor from 2001 to 2009, heading one of the largest law enforcement agencies in the state. During her 26-year career as a prosecutor, Judge Brown also served in various supervisory capacities in the New Jersey Attorney General's Office, including the appellate bureau and the institutional abuse unit. She is the first African-American to serve as an assistant attorney general in the history of the office's Division of Criminal Justice.

From 1994 to 2001, Judge Gooden Brown headed the Attorney General's prosecutors and police bureau where she was responsible for overseeing the work of all 21 county prosecutors. She is the recipient of a citation from the late U.S. Sen. Frank Lautenberg for exemplary public service and leadership and was cited by the New Jersey Senate and General Assembly for her meritorious record of service, leadership and commitment.

Judge Gooden Brown holds an associate degree from Essex County College, a bachelor's degree from Douglass College and a law degree from Rutgers School of Law.

"I have been privileged to work with the judges and staff in the Passaic Vicinage for the past seven years, and am extremely grateful to them for their support," Judge Gooden Brown said. "I welcome the opportunity to continue my service to the people of New Jersey on the appellate bench.

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