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Chief Justice Names Judge Benjamin C. Telsey Assignment Judge of Gloucester/Cumberland/Salem Vicinage

Chief Justice Stuart Rabner today announced that Superior Court Judge Benjamin C. Telsey will lead the Gloucester/Cumberland/Salem Vicinage, effective July 1. Telsey will succeed Assignment Judge Georgia M. Curio, who is retiring after 22 years on the bench and 12 years as assignment judge.

“Judge Curio has served her vicinage, and the entire legal system, with remarkable distinction for more than two decades,” Chief Justice Rabner said. “Her leadership and sage advice have enhanced our system of justice.”

“Judge Telsey is a talented jurist and an innovative administrator who has done an outstanding job leading the vicinage’s criminal division. His leadership has been particularly instrumental during the implementation of Criminal Justice Reform, which required great collaboration and communication across three counties.”

Telsey has served as the presiding judge of the vicinage’s criminal division since August 2015. He is the criminal presiding judge liaison to the State Domestic Violence Working Group. From November 2011 until August 2015, Telsey served as presiding judge of the vicinage’s family division.

“I want to thank the Chief Justice for his confidence in me and thank Judge Curio for the guidance and support she has shown me over the years,” Judge Telsey said. “I am excited to lead a group of extremely hardworking judges and staff in Gloucester, Salem and Cumberland counties.”

Telsey was appointed to the bench by Gov. Jon Corzine and took the oath of judicial office on Dec. 20, 2007. Prior to his judicial career, Telsey served as a solicitor and public defender for a number of municipalities and government agencies in Salem County.

A 1990 graduate of Rutgers University, Telsey earned his law degree from Widener University School of Law in 1993. He lives in Pilesgrove, Salem County with his wife and three children.

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