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Judge Joseph M. Andresini Named Presiding Tax Court Judge

Chief Justice Stuart Rabner today named Judge Joseph Andresini to become the presiding judge of the Tax Court upon the assignment of Judge Patrick DeAlmeida to the Appellate Division.

The appointment will be effective on Jan. 16, 2018.

Judge DeAlmeida served more than eight years as presiding Tax Court judge.

Judge Andresini, 67, of Haworth, Bergen County, was appointed to the Tax Court by Gov. Jon Corzine and took office on Oct. 1, 2009. He was reappointed by Gov. Chris Christie on June 29, 2016.

Prior to his judicial appointment, during a career in private practice that spanned 25 years, he specialized in tax appeals, condemnation, land use and real estate transactions.

He also served as municipal prosecutor and public defender for Closter and Haworth boroughs.

Judge Andresini is a 1984 graduate of Seton Hall University School of Law and received his bachelor's degree in political science in 1973 from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

“Having started as a law clerk in the Tax Court, I am extremely honored and humbled to serve as a Tax Court judge and now presiding judge,” he said.

The Tax Court handles disputes between taxpayers and local and state taxing agencies. Created in 1979, the Tax Court resolves appeals of local and county tax officials regarding the assessment of real property for municipal, county and school board taxes.

The court also hears appeals of decisions made by the director of the state Division of Taxation on state income, sales, estate, and business taxes, as well as other taxes, and on homestead rebates.

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