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Superior Court Judge Thomas C. Miller Named Assignment Judge of Somerset/Hunterdon/Warren Vicinage

Chief Justice Stuart Rabner today announced that Superior Court Judge Thomas C. Miller will lead the Somerset/Hunterdon/Warren Vicinage, effective June 6.

Judge Miller will succeed Assignment Judge Yolanda Ciccone, who is retiring after nearly 29 years on the bench and more than 13 years as assignment judge.

"As the senior member of the Judicial Council, Judge Ciccone served with distinction as an assignment judge for nearly 14 years," Chief Justice Rabner said. "I am confident that Judge Miller, an experienced leader in his own right, will continue the history of wise and thoughtful leadership for the vicinage."

In more than eight years at the Somerset/Hunterdon/Warren Vicinage, Judge Miller has served in the family and civil divisions. He served in the family division for two years after being appointed to the bench. Judge Miller moved to the civil division in 2013 and was named presiding judge there two months later. For the past few years, he has been the acting assignment judge. He worked as a law clerk for Superior Court Judge Wilfred P. Diana, the first assignment judge in the vicinage.

"I am honored by the confidence Chief Justice Rabner has placed in me by making this appointment," Judge Miller said. "I have had the experience of learning from the best, in my view – Judge Diana and Judge Ciccone."

Judge Miller was appointed to the bench by Gov. Chris Christie and took the oath of judicial office on May 4, 2011. He was reappointed by Gov. Chris Christie and received tenure in April 2018.

Prior to his judicial career, Judge Miller was Somerset County Counsel since 1992 and was in private practice since 1979. A 1978 graduate of Seton Hall University School of Law, Judge Miller earned his bachelor's degree in history from Rutgers University in 1974.

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