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### Bill Montgomery Selected as New Delaware Supreme Court Administrator

The Delaware Supreme Court has selected William S. Montgomery, a highly experienced administrator, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Steve Taylor who has led the Court's administrative staff for 30 years and served with the Supreme Court for 37 years. Mr. Taylor recently announced his retirement plans and will officially step down from his position on January 1, 2015.

Mr. Montgomery's extensive administrative experience includes serving as Chief of Staff for the City of Wilmington under Mayor James M. Baker from 2001 until 2012. As Chief of Staff, Mr. Montgomery was responsible for the City's annual budget, managed the City's twelve department heads and six division directors, and coordinated the passage of City of Wilmington's ordinances, policy, and regulations in a number of areas. Adding to his substantial public policy and legislative experience, Montgomery served as Director of the Legislative Council, Division of Research for the Delaware General Assembly, from 1995 to 2001 where he directed this non-partisan division of the General Assembly responsible for drafting legislation and revising the *Delaware Code*. While there he implemented state-of-the art technology to improve legislative research and developed the *Delaware Administrative Code* and the monthly *Delaware Register of Regulations* providing a timely, comprehensive, public, online source for State agency regulations. He also served as Legislative Staff Director at the Wilmington City Council from 1985 until 1995 where he managed the staff for the City's thirteen-member legislative body.

After leaving the Mayor's office in 2012, Montgomery took on the position of Executive Director of the Delaware Zoological Society in 2013. In that position, he has been responsible for all aspects of the Zoo's business operations, including budget preparation and implementation, policy development, fundraising, and marketing efforts. He has also served since 2013 as a Senior Adviser with Econsult Solutions, Inc., a Philadelphia based firm which provides business and public policy makers with economic consulting services and analyses across a broad range of subject areas. He began his career as a social worker for the State of Delaware, was Volunteer Coordinator for the Division of Child Protective Services, and a Child Abuse Prevention Specialist for the Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families. He also was a freelance features writer for *Fine Times Magazine*.

Mr. Montgomery received his undergraduate degree in 1976, and his Master of Arts in Public Administration in 1994, from the University of Delaware. He is a Henry Toll Fellow, Council of State Governments, Class of 1999. Mr. Montgomery is an active member of a number of community boards and organizations including the Association

of Zoos and Aquariums, the Saint Francis Hospital, Sister Cities of Wilmington, and the Grand Opera House. He has also received a number of awards and recognitions including the Governor's Award for Team Excellence for 2013 – Brandywine Zoo Team and the Outstanding Alumni Award in 2004 from the University of Delaware, College of Human Services, Education and Public Policy.

*"I know I speak for all members of the Supreme Court (past and present) when I extend my sincere gratitude to Steve Taylor for his 37 years of extraordinary and tireless service to the Supreme Court, the Judicial Branch as a whole, and the citizens of Delaware. Someone like Steve Taylor is so unique that he is in fact irreplaceable. But if anyone can help us move forward as a Court and Judiciary, it is Bill Montgomery. Bill brings with him tremendous leadership skills, mature judgment, administrative experience and personal integrity."* Supreme Court Chief Justice Leo E. Strine, Jr.

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