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Justice Henry duPont Ridgely elected to the House of Delegates  
of the American Bar Association

Justice Henry duPont Ridgely of the Delaware Supreme Court has been elected to the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association as the Conference Delegate of The Appellate Judges Conference of the Judicial Division. The Appellate Judges Conference includes state and federal appellate judges, appellate lawyers, and staff attorneys of the Judicial Division. The House of Delegates is the policy making body of the ABA and votes on issues affecting the Association and the legal profession. It consists of 555 members from State and local bar associations from across the country, ABA affiliates and ABA entities. Justice Ridgely's three-year term begins September 1, 2008. Justice Ridgely's election as the Conference Delegate means he will also serve as an officer on the Executive Committee of The Appellate Judges Conference.

Justice Ridgely has been a member of The Appellate Judges Conference since 2004 and has served as Co-Chair of the ABA Judicial Division's Court Technology Committee from 2003 until 2008. At the time of his appointment as a Justice of the Delaware Supreme Court in 2004, Justice Ridgely was the President Judge of the Delaware Superior Court and the Chair-elect of The National Conference of State Trial Judges.

As the judicial voice of the ABA, the Judicial Division promotes the open, fair and impartial administration of justice. The Division provides a forum for judges to exchange ideas and perspectives on law, and supports the work of judges in efforts to share and expand knowledge about the justice system. The ABA Judicial Division works to improve the quality of justice provided in American courts and to make the judicial system more understandable, accessible and affordable. Judicial Division committees address such issues as judicial outreach, judicial independence, judicial ethics and judicial education. To view additional Judicial Division highlights, visit the website at [www.abanet.org/jd/](http://www.abanet.org/jd/).

With more than 413,000 members, the American Bar Association is the largest voluntary professional membership organization in the world. As the national voice of the legal profession, the ABA works to improve the administration of justice, promotes programs that assist lawyers and judges in their work, accredits law schools, provides continuing legal education, and works to build public understanding around the world of the importance of the rule of law.

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