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**The Honorable Louann Vari takes the Oath of Office as a
Judge of the Delaware Family Court**

The Honorable Louann Vari was publicly sworn in for her first term as a Judge of the Family Court of the State of Delaware at 2:30 p.m. on July 29, 2016 in Courtroom One at the Kent County Courthouse in Dover. Judge Vari replaces the Honorable William N. Nicholas, who retired earlier this week after twenty-four years of service to the Court.

Family Court Chief Judge Michael K. Newell welcomed the audience to the investiture, and the invocation was performed by Amy B. Knight. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Shane Vari, the son of Judge Vari. Her oldest son, Jackson Vari, helped his mother with robing. Judge Vari's niece and nephews, Sage, Will and Nathaniel Jackson, assisted their aunt during the ceremony.

Delaware Deputy Attorney General John B. Hindman, Judge Vari's husband, administered the Oath of Office as Judge Vari's parents – Norman E. and Rosalee Jackson – held the Bible. Following the Oath of Office, Chief Judge Newell and Gerald I. H. Street, Esquire, offered remarks.

Judge Vari is a native of Kent County and a 1980 graduate of Lake Forest High School in Felton, Delaware. She received her B. A. in English and Psychology from the University of Delaware Honors Program, and her law degree, *cum laude*, from Widener University School of Law in 1991.

Judge Vari returned to Kent County after law school, and practiced family and general law in Dover with Twilley and Street for several years. She served as a Deputy Attorney General for eight years, and also worked for the Delaware Department of Education, where her practice focused on special education issues. She has served as a Family Court Commissioner since July 2007. Judge Vari is a board member of The Arc of Delaware and continues to live in Kent County with her family.

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