

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**July 14, 2008**

**INVESTITURE CEREMONY FOR  
COMMISSIONER BERNARD PEPUKAYI  
TO BE HELD ON JULY 22, 2008**

The Family Court of the State of Delaware will hold an Investiture Ceremony for the Honorable Bernard Pepukayi, on Tuesday, July 22, 2008, at 2 p.m. in Courtroom 8B of the New Castle County Courthouse, 500 N. King Street, Wilmington. Commissioner Pepukayi was nominated by Governor Ruth Ann Minner on June 13, 2008, and was confirmed by the Delaware State Senate on June 25, 2008.

Commissioner Pepukayi is a graduate of Clark Atlanta University with a B.A. in Political Science and received his J.D. from the University of Iowa. Prior to his appointment he was the Deputy Legal Counsel to Governor Ruth Ann Minner. Before joining Governor Minner's staff, he was a Deputy Attorney General in the Delaware Department of Justice and the Judicial Law Clerk for the Honorable Henry duPont Ridgely.

Active in the legal community, Commissioner Pepukayi serves with the Delaware Law Related Education Center, the Delaware Sentencing Accountability Commission (SENTAC), and the Delaware State Bar Association (DSBA) where he is the immediate past chair of the Committee on Professional Ethics. In addition, he has served the DSBA as Assistant to the President for the Executive Board, Chair of the Multicultural Section, Chair of the Criminal Law Section, and Administrator for a Minority Supplemental Bar Review Course.

Outside of the legal community, he has served with the Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League, the Delmarva Council for the Boy Scouts of America, the United States Commission on Civil Rights Delaware Advisory Committee, the Walnut Street YMCA and the East Side Charter School. In addition, he has served as a Trustee at Canaan Baptist Church and has volunteered with various organizations serving the needs of "at risk" youth.

Participants in the ceremony will be Governor Ruth Ann Minner, Justice Henry duPont Ridgely of the Delaware Supreme Court, Judge Charles H. Toliver, IV, of the Delaware Superior Court, Chief Judge Chandlee Johnson Kuhn of the Delaware Family Court, Judge William C. Chapman, Jr. of the Delaware Family Court, Judge Arlene Minus Coppadge of the Delaware Family Court, Elizabeth M. McGeever of Prickett Jones & Elliott, P.A., and the Reverend Christopher A. Bullock of Canaan Baptist Church.