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**NOVEMBER 24, 2015**

**The Honorable Jennifer Ranji Takes the Oath of Office for  
Judge of the Family Court of the State of Delaware**

The Honorable Jennifer Ranji was formally sworn in for her first term as a Judge of the Family Court of Delaware at 3:30 p.m. on Nov. 24, 2015 in Courtroom 8B at the New Castle County Courthouse in Wilmington.

Family Court Chief Judge Michael K. Newell welcomed the audience to the investiture and the invocation was performed by Leon F. Barber, Judge Ranji's father. Logan and Jordan Ranji, Judge Ranji's sons, led the Pledge of Allegiance and Thomas P. McGonigle, Esq., administered the Oath of Office as Viraf Ranji, Judge Ranji's husband, held the Bible.

Judge Ranji, 48, replaces Judge William L. Chapman, Jr., who left the bench earlier this year to return to private practice.

Following the Oath of Office, Governor Jack A. Markell, Attorney General Matt Denn and Senate President Pro Tem Patricia M. Blevins offered remarks along with Judge Ranji's sister Peggy Cipparone.

Prior to her appointment to the Family Court, Judge Ranji had been serving as the Secretary of the Department of Services for Children, Youth and their Families with the Markell Administration.

Judge Ranji had also served earlier as an educational policy advisor to Governor Markell from 2009 to 2012 and also served as Deputy Legal Counsel to Governor Thomas Carper and as Director of Legal Affairs for Family Court.

In private practice, Judge Ranji frequently appeared in Family Court and she provided pro bono representation to domestic violence victims through Delaware Volunteer Legal Services and to child abuse victims through the Office of the Child Advocate.

Judge Ranji received her B.A. from Rutgers University in 1991 and earned her law degree in 1995 from Widener University School of Law. She is a former Chair of the Women and the Law Section of the Delaware State Bar Association, the Delaware Child Protection Accountability Commission and the Governor's Synar Advisory Committee. She resides with her family in Wilmington.

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