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**Delaware Judiciary expresses condolences on passing  
of Judge Alfred Fraczkowski**

The Delaware Judiciary was saddened to learn that Judge Alfred Fraczkowski, 89, passed away on Wednesday December 21, 2016. We offer our deepest condolences to his family and friends.

Judge Fraczkowski was first appointed to the Municipal Court in Wilmington, as Chief Judge in November 1969. He became a Judge in the Court of Common Pleas after the two courts merged in May 1998. Judge Fraczkowski retired from full-time work in May 2000, but continued with the Court of Common Pleas part-time, assisting the court with its significant caseload. His most recent appointment to the Court of Common Pleas was in June 2016 to run through June 2017.

“His service to the court was invaluable both in terms of handling cases and mentoring new judges appointed to the court,” said Court of Common Pleas Chief Judge Alex J. Smalls. “All of the Judges of the court express our condolences at the loss of Judge Fraczkowski and extend our sympathy to his family and friends.”

“Our state and judiciary have suffered a huge loss, one that makes us remember how important it is to let the people we respect and love know about how we feel around the holidays. Judge Fraczkowski was old school in all the best ways, a true gentleman who treated everyone with civility, dignity, and respect, and made the concept of a people's court come alive in the finest sense, from his many days as a Municipal Court Judge to his many years serving in the Court of Common Pleas. We shall miss him tremendously,” said Delaware Supreme Court Chief Justice Leo E. Strine, Jr.

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