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**The Honorable Craig R. Fitzgerald takes the Oath of Office as a
Commissioner of the Delaware Family Court**

The Honorable Craig R. Fitzgerald was publicly sworn in for his first term as a Commissioner of the Family Court of the State of Delaware at 2:30 p.m. on Sept. 15, 2017 in Courtroom 8B at the Leonard L. Williams Justice Center in Wilmington. Commissioner Fitzgerald replaces the Honorable Mary Much who became a Family Court Judge earlier this year.

Family Court Chief Judge Michael K. Newell welcomed the audience to the investiture and administered the Oath of Office. Commissioner Fitzgerald's niece held the Bible during the oath and afterward the Commissioner's parents, Bruce and Avery Fitzgerald, assisted the Commissioner in putting on his judicial robe.

The invocation was performed by Commissioner Fitzgerald's sister, Danesha Collins, Ph.D.

Following the Oath of Office, Deputy Attorney General Janice Tigani presented Commissioner Fitzgerald with his Department of Justice badge as a memento of nearly 20 years as a Deputy Attorney General before he was appointed to the bench. Patricia Daily Lewis, the executive director of the Beau Biden Foundation for the Protection of Children then offered remarks.

Commissioner Fitzgerald started his career with the Department of Justice in 1998 as Counsel to the Division of Child Support Enforcement. In the years that followed, Commissioner Fitzgerald also served as Counsel to the Division of Family Services, the State Board of Education and the Government Services Group and Departments and Agencies Group. He received the Department of Justice Distinguished Service award in 2007 and from 2008 until 2016 Commissioner Fitzgerald was Supervisor of the Child Protection Unit. In 2016 Commissioner Fitzgerald became a prosecutor in the Juvenile Delinquency and Truancy Unit, a position he held until his appointment to the bench.

Commissioner Fitzgerald received his bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia in 1995 and his law degree from Widener University School of Law in 1998.

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