

## ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE NO. 141

This 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 2002,

IT APPEARS THAT:

(1) On February 25, 2002, Administrative Directive No. 138 was promulgated for the purpose of ensuring that State Courts and Judicial Agencies cooperate fully with the Executive Branch in efforts to cope with the State's serious financial difficulties at that time.

(2) Included among the requirements established under Administrative Directive No. 138 was a ban on the hiring of Judicial Branch personnel, except upon written approval of the Chief Justice.

(3) Notwithstanding the State's return to improved financial conditions, budgetary deficits have confronted the Judicial Branch from time to time, thus making it desirable for the Chief Justice to maintain the written approval process in order to ensure systemwide fiscal integrity.

(4) Although budgetary deficits remain problematical and still require that remedial action be taken toward the elimination thereof, it is the view of the Chief Justice and the Supreme Court that these deficits can be managed successfully by the presiding judges of those courts affected. Accordingly, Administrative Directive No. 138 should be rescinded.

(5) In the event there should be a future deterioration in either the State's or the Judicial Branch's financial condition or control, the reinstatement of systemwide controls over the hiring of personnel may be necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS DIRECTED, with the unanimous concurrence of the members of the Supreme Court pursuant to Del. Const. art. IV, § 13, that:

Effective immediately, Administrative Directive No. 138 is hereby rescinded.

BY THE COURT:

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Chief Justice

cc: The Honorable Ruth Ann Minner  
The Honorable Joseph T. Walsh  
The Honorable Randy J. Holland  
The Honorable Carolyn Berger  
The Honorable Myron T. Steele  
Members of the Judicial Conference

The Honorable M. Jane Brady  
The Honorable Lawrence M. Sullivan  
State Court Administrator  
Court Administrators  
Clerk of the Supreme Court  
Counsel to the Governor  
Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee  
Chair, House Judiciary Committee