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**Delaware Judiciary mourns passing of Stephen D. Taylor, longtime
Supreme Court Administrator**

Taylor served the court for 37 years

The Delaware Judiciary was saddened to learn about the passing of longtime former Supreme Court Administrator Stephen D. Taylor, 75, on October 16, 2026, and offers their deepest condolences to Taylor's family, friends, and former colleagues.

Taylor first joined the Delaware Supreme Court in 1977, as a special assistant to then Chief Justice Daniel L. Herrmann. He became Supreme Court Administrator in 1979, working for five Chief Justices over the years, and remained with the court (except for a brief period in 1999 when he worked for the federal courts) until his retirement in 2014.

Taylor was fondly remembered for his dedication to the Court and his colleagues. "He was old-school in the best possible way," recalled Lisa A. Dolph, Clerk of the Supreme Court, who was hired by Taylor and worked alongside him for more than 15 years.

"He had an incredible amount of institutional knowledge. He not only understood how things worked, but also why they were done a certain way and how the court's practices had evolved over the years," Dolph said. His knowledge extended beyond court procedures. He understood the people, the personalities, and the day-to-day intricacies of court operations. His experience and understanding made him an invaluable resource to his colleagues and helped keep the Court running smoothly.

"Taylor was always willing to answer questions and share his knowledge. Even after he retired, he stayed in touch and continued to be someone we could turn to for guidance," Dolph recalled. "He was not only a mentor to me throughout my career, but also a very good friend."

Upon his retirement in 2014, then Chief Justice Leo E. Strine, Jr. praised Taylor's "extraordinary and tireless service to the Supreme Court and the Branch as a whole... Someone like Steve Taylor is so unique that he is in fact irreplaceable."

Taylor is survived by his wife, Lois, of 47 years, a daughter Jenny (and her husband Dan), a son Brian (and his wife Diane), two grandsons, Steve and Joey, and sister-in-law, Kathy.