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## **DELAWARE SUPREME COURT HOLDS SPECIAL SESSION**

The Supreme Court of Delaware will sit in special session on Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at 9 a.m. in the Supreme Court courtroom in Dover for a special session to honor Justice Maurice A. Hartnett, III. Justice Hartnett, who died May 11, 2009, served on the Supreme Court from 1994 to 2000. Prior to that, he was a Vice Chancellor on the Court of Chancery from 1976 to 1994. Justice Hartnett was born and raised in Dover. He practiced law for more than 21 years on The Green prior to joining the Court of Chancery.

Justice Hartnett was a member of the Kent County and Delaware State Bar Associations, the American Bar Association, and the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. He served as a Master in Family Court for Kent County (1959-1960); Delaware Code Reviser (1961 – 1972); attorney for Kent County Levy Court (1970 – 1976); Merit System Study Commissioner (1966); chairman of the State Tax Appeals Board (1973- 1976); member and secretary of the Delaware Constitutional Revision Committee (1968-69); member of the Delaware Long Range Courts Committee (1975 – 1994); chairman of the Delaware Supreme Court Uniform Rules of Evidence Committee (1977); and secretary of the Uniform Commercial Code Study Committee (1964).

The Honorable Anne Hartnett Reigle, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in Kent County and daughter of Justice Hartnett, and Pamela S. Tikellis, Esquire will address the Court. Justice Carolyn Berger will speak on behalf of the Court. There will be a brief reception following the special session.

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