IN MEMORIAM

The Delaware Judiciary is saddened by the passing of retired Judge William Nicholas on June 7, 2017. Judge Nicholas, 67, retired from the Family Court on August 1, 2016 after serving a distinguished career as a Judge of the Family Court for 24 years.

He earned his bachelor's degree in philosophy from the University of Delaware and he continued his studies at Boston University where he earned a master's degree. Judge Nicholas earned his Juris Doctor degree from American University Law School in the District of Columbia, after which he returned to Delaware. He served the citizens of Delaware with more than 27 years of State service, including time as a Deputy Attorney General.

"Judge Nicholas served Family Court with distinction for twenty-four years. He was the Family Court's 'thinker' and his positions and decisions were well thought out and supported with persuasive and logical reasoning" said Chief Judge Michael Newell, speaking on behalf of the Family Court. "He was fiercely protective of the most vulnerable of our society, victims of domestic violence, those affected by mental illness, and children. He was a leader and the driving force behind many of our current statutes that were implemented to protect those who could not protect themselves. Most importantly, he was a devoted husband to his wife Bobbi, who passed away in 2011, and father to his son Alex."

The Delaware Judiciary honors and recognizes the many contributions of Judge Nicholas and expresses great sadness on his passing.

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