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**The Honorable Gary F. Traynor takes the Oath of Office as a
Justice of the Supreme Court**

The Honorable Gary F. Traynor was formally sworn in for his first term as Justice of the Supreme Court of Delaware at 2 p.m. on August 28, 2017 during a special session of the Supreme Court at the Arts & Science Center auditorium at Delaware Technical Community College's Owens Campus in Georgetown.

Justice Traynor replaces the Honorable Randy J. Holland, who retired from the bench on March 31, 2017.

Chief Justice Leo E. Strine, Jr. called the investiture to order and Rev. Paul Mast offered the opening prayer while retired Brigadier General Scott E. Chambers of the Delaware Army National Guard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chief Justice Strine administered the oath of office as Justice Traynor's wife Kathleen Andrus and daughter Laura Johnson stood by his side. Justice Traynor's predecessor, retired Justice Holland, then assisted Justice Traynor in donning his robe.

Remarks were offered by Delaware Gov. John C. Carney, Chief Justice Strine, attorney Kathi A. Karsnitz, Delaware Office of Defense Services Chief Defender J. Brendan O'Neill and former Chief Justice Myron T. Steele.

Prior to his appointment to Delaware's highest court, Justice Traynor served for two and ½ years as an Assistant Public Defender in Sussex County, representing indigent defendants accused of felony crimes.

Justice Traynor received his undergraduate degree from Dartmouth College and earned his law degree at the Delaware Law School of Widener University and was admitted to the Delaware Bar in 1982. From 1990 to 2014 Justice Traynor worked at Prickett, Jones & Elliott in Wilmington, where he served as the firm's Managing Director from 2005 to 2007. While at the firm, from 1990 to 2000 Justice Traynor focused on general litigation including criminal defense, personal injury litigation and domestic relations disputes. The focus of Justice Traynor's law practice changed in 2000 to complex corporate and commercial matters, until he left the firm in 2014.

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