

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE
IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF:) May 29, 2001
CEREMONY OF INVESTITURE) 3:30 p.m.
OF) Superior Court
JAN R. JURDEN) Courtroom 301
AS AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF) Daniel L. Herrmann
THE SUPERIOR COURT) Courthouse

PRESIDING: HON. E. NORMAN VEASEY, CHIEF JUSTICE
SUPREME COURT OF DELAWARE

SITTING: HON. RANDY J. HOLLAND, JUSTICE
SUPREME COURT OF DELAWARE

HON. HENRY DUPONT RIDGELY, PRESIDENT JUDGE
SUPERIOR COURT OF DELAWARE

PRESENT: HON. RUTH ANN MINNER, GOVERNOR,
STATE OF DELAWARE

DENNIS L. SCHRADER, ESQ., PRESIDENT
DELAWARE BAR ASSOCIATION

HON. KEITH B. QUIGLEY, PRESIDENT JUDGE
41st JUDICIAL DISTRICT, COURT OF COMMON
PLEAS OF PENNSYLVANIA

MAJOR GENERAL DONALD R. INFANTE,
U.S. ARMY RETIRED

MELANIE K. SHARP, ESQ.

REBECCA MOORE-HAMLIN

REVEREND VERNA FEWS

Members of the Delaware General Assembly,
Judges of State and Federal Courts
and Others

1 with wisdom essentially in this office as assistant
2 judge. Let her rule with a heart of honesty,
3 integrity, wisdom and justice.

4 With all these blessings upon her, in the
5 name of our Lord and savior, Jesus Christ, we thank
6 you for this elevation. Amen.

7 PRESIDENT JUDGE RIDGELY: Thank you, Reverend
8 Fews. You may be seated.

9 Welcome to this special session of the
10 Superior Court commemorating the investiture of Jan R.
11 Jurden as a Judge of the Superior Court of Delaware.
12 Let me begin by introducing those who are with me on
13 the bench today.

14 To my right is Chief Justice E. Norman Veasey
15 of the Supreme Court of Delaware. To my left is
16 Justice Randy J. Holland, also of the Delaware Supreme
17 Court. To the left of where Justice Holland is is the
18 seat where Superior Court Jan Jurden will be seated
19 soon. In the jury box are the judges of the Superior
20 Court, and the Court wishes to recognize the family
21 members of Judge Jurden who are present today, in
22 particular, Jan's husband Robert Etgen and her
23 daughter, Caroline. She is seven and a half months

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6 PRESIDENT JUDGE RIDGELY: We will now have
7 the invocation by Reverend Verna Fews from Old Fort
8 UAME in Christiana. Reverend Fews?

9 REVEREND FEWS: Bow your heads. Our Father
10 and our God, we are gathered here today for the
11 swearing in ceremony of Jan R. Jurden to the Office of
12 Associate Judge. We ask that as she is sworn into
13 this new office of duty, that you will crown her with
14 the following gifts; insight, as she may see the whole
15 picture of the cases that will come before her. And
16 as she will hear even through the speaking of many
17 words those things that may not be spoken for one
18 reason or another, the spirit of the sermon that will
19 enable her to discern what is true, the whole truth
20 and nothing but the truth.

21 Then, Father, as Jan has walked in integrity
22 thus far in her career, we ask that you continue to
23 take her into greater levels of integrity, coupled

1 old. Her parents, Faye and Jack Jurden, and her
2 mother and father-in-law MaryLou and Jim Etgen and her
3 brother and brothers-in-law, Lou and Paul Etgen and
4 her Aunt Jean and Uncle Al Ratchko. Jan's sister,
5 Jennifer Jurden, is in North Carolina this week and
6 unable to be here today.

7 The Court also extends its special welcome to
8 Governor Minner and the members of the Delaware Senate
9 and House who are present. I also wish to recognize
10 treasurer Jack Martel, Reverend Fews, who you have
11 heard from already, Major General Don Infante, Norma
12 Jean Infante, and the Honorable Keith Quigley. The
13 Court also extends a warm welcome to all of Jan
14 Jurden's many friends.

15 I want to thank Governor Minner and the
16 Delaware Senate for making this day possible by the
17 appointment and confirmation of Jan Jurden. We are
18 here today to commemorate the beginning of her career
19 as a member of the Superior Court. Our State's
20 general jurisdiction trial court has a proceeding
21 which is one of investiture where the historical
22 robing is of significance and public commitment under
23 oath. The robe itself is a symbol of impartiality and

<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>1 the judge's solemn duty to administer equal justice on 2 behalf of the people we serve.</p> <p>3 The robe and the red sash worn by Superior 4 Court judges on ceremonial occasions such as this 5 symbolize the heritage and continuity of the Superior 6 Court as a law court in Delaware with a history of 7 more than 330 years.</p> <p>8 Today Jan Jurden joins the Court at its 9 busiest time in that 330-year history. It is an 10 exciting time. In New Castle County there has been a 11 steady growth in our trials and the complexity of 12 cases, as well as the work to be done in each of them. 13 Jan, we have been looking forward to your help very 14 much starting tomorrow.</p> <p>15 Our speakers today will tell you more about 16 our friend Jan Jurden. She is a distinguished 17 scholar, a top Delaware lawyer and a community leader, 18 who brings impressive credentials and experience to 19 the Superior Court. Jan has already attended two 20 meetings of the entire court, and she has contributed 21 to key discussions on major improvements, just by way 22 of example in alternative dispute resolution. I am 23 confident, as are my colleagues, that Judge Jurden</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">7</p> <p>1 speaks she'll speak authoritatively and people will 2 listen.</p> <p>3 In listening to the invocation, I am reminded 4 of what Socrates said about judges, and those are the 5 qualities that Jan brings with her today. Socrates 6 said, "A judge should listen courteously, answer 7 wisely, deliberate somberly and decide impartially." 8 Jan Jurden will do all of those things.</p> <p>9 Jan, if you're ready to take the oath? 10 JUDGE JURDEN: Yes, your Honor. 11 JUSTICE RANDY J. HOLLAND: I'll say "I" then 12 you state your name and then repeat after me. I. 13 JUDGE JURDEN: I, Jan Jurden. 14 JUSTICE RANDY J. HOLLAND: Proudly swear to 15 carry out the responsibilities. 16 JUDGE JURDEN: Proudly swear to carry out the 17 responsibilities. 18 JUSTICE RANDY J. HOLLAND: Of the office of 19 the associate judge. 20 JUDGE JURDEN: Of the office of superior -- 21 of the office of superior -- I'm sorry. 22 JUSTICE RANDY J. HOLLAND: Jan asked me to 23 do this because I would break up the oath in shorter</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">6</p> <p>1 will serve the public with distinction as a Superior 2 Court Judge.</p> <p>3 It is now my pleasure to ask the Honorable 4 Randy J. Holland, Justice of the Delaware Supreme 5 Court to administer the oath of office. Robert J. 6 Etgen and Caroline Jurden Etgen will hold the Bible. 7 And the honorable Joseph R. Slights, III will then 8 assist in the robing.</p> <p>9 Please stand for the administration of the 10 oath.</p> <p>11 JUSTICE RANDY J. HOLLAND: Chief Justice 12 Veasey, President Judge Ridgely, family and friends of 13 Jan Jurden, it's always appropriate to reflect before 14 the oath is administered and appropriate to reflect on 15 the qualities that Jan Jurden brings to the Bench. 16 She has many admirable qualities. Two of them come to 17 mind when I think about her. When she enters a 18 meeting she has a presence and dignity that fills the 19 room. When she speaks she has something worth saying. 20 This is as a lawyer. Those qualities will be enhanced 21 as she takes the oath of office and assumes the 22 position of Judge. When she enters the room with her 23 robe she'll have the dignity of the Court. When she</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <p>1 form.</p> <p>2 Of the office of superior associate judge. 3 JUDGE JURDEN: Of the office of superior 4 associate judge. 5 JUSTICE RANDY J. HOLLAND: Of the Superior 6 Court to the best of my ability. 7 JUDGE JURDEN: Of the Superior Court to the 8 best of my ability. 9 JUSTICE RANDY J. HOLLAND: Freely 10 acknowledging. 11 JUDGE JURDEN: Freely acknowledging. 12 JUSTICE RANDY J. HOLLAND: That the powers of 13 this office. 14 JUDGE JURDEN: That the powers of this 15 office. 16 JUSTICE RANDY J. HOLLAND: Flow from the 17 people. 18 JUDGE JURDEN: Flow from the people. 19 JUSTICE RANDY J. HOLLAND: I am privileged 20 to represent. 21 JUDGE JURDEN: I am privileged to represent. 22 JUSTICE RANDY J. HOLLAND: I further swear. 23 JUDGE JURDEN: I further swear.</p>

<p>9</p> <p>1 JUSTICE RANDY J. HOLLAND: Always to place.</p> <p>2 JUDGE JURDEN: Always to place.</p> <p>3 JUSTICE RANDY J. HOLLAND: The public</p> <p>4 interest.</p> <p>5 JUDGE JURDEN: The public interest.</p> <p>6 JUSTICE RANDY J. HOLLAND: Above a special or</p> <p>7 personal interest.</p> <p>8 JUDGE JURDEN: Above a special or personal</p> <p>9 interest.</p> <p>10 JUSTICE RANDY J. HOLLAND: And to respect the</p> <p>11 rights of.</p> <p>12 JUDGE JURDEN: And to respect the rights of.</p> <p>13 JUSTICE RANDY J. HOLLAND: Future</p> <p>14 generations.</p> <p>15 JUDGE JURDEN: Future generations.</p> <p>16 JUSTICE RANDY J. HOLLAND: To share the rich</p> <p>17 historic.</p> <p>18 JUDGE JURDEN: To share the rich historic</p> <p>19 JUSTICE RANDY J. HOLLAND: And natural</p> <p>20 heritage of Delaware.</p> <p>21 JUDGE JURDEN: And natural heritage of</p> <p>22 Delaware.</p> <p>23 JUSTICE RANDY J. HOLLAND: In doing so, I</p>	<p>11</p> <p>1 and Bar, and especially Judge Jurden, her family and</p> <p>2 friends, as Resident Judge of the Superior Court for</p> <p>3 this county I take great pleasure, personal and</p> <p>4 professional, in welcoming Judge Jurden to this Bench.</p> <p>5 I extend this warmest of welcomes to Judge</p> <p>6 Jurden on behalf of everyone in the Superior Court in</p> <p>7 New Castle County, the Judges, the Commissioners and</p> <p>8 Masters, the judicial secretaries, the law clerks, the</p> <p>9 Prothonotary, the Court Administrator's Office, the</p> <p>10 Investigative Services Office, the Jury Services</p> <p>11 Department, the Bailiffs and the Court Reporters.</p> <p>12 Judge Jurden, there is no better group of people</p> <p>13 anywhere to work with than the employees of New Castle</p> <p>14 County Superior Court, and we all look forward to</p> <p>15 assisting you in every way possible.</p> <p>16 As you are aware, I have asked Judge DeIPesco</p> <p>17 to be your mentor, and Judge DeIPesco quickly and</p> <p>18 happily accepted. Although Judge DeIPesco will be</p> <p>19 your unofficial "go to" judge, you should know that</p> <p>20 every judge and every employee at Superior Court in</p> <p>21 New Castle County will be your mentors as well as your</p> <p>22 friends. You should feel free to ask any questions of</p> <p>23 anyone at any time. However, please do keep in mind</p>
<p>10</p> <p>1 will always uphold and defend.</p> <p>2 JUDGE JURDEN: In doing so, I will always</p> <p>3 uphold and defend.</p> <p>4 JUSTICE RANDY J. HOLLAND: The Constitution</p> <p>5 of my country.</p> <p>6 JUDGE JURDEN: The Constitution of my</p> <p>7 country.</p> <p>8 JUSTICE RANDY J. HOLLAND: And my state.</p> <p>9 JUDGE JURDEN: And my state.</p> <p>10 JUSTICE RANDY J. HOLLAND: So help me God.</p> <p>11 JUDGE JURDEN: So help me God.</p> <p>12 JUSTICE RANDY J. HOLLAND: Congratulations.</p> <p>13 (Whereupon the Robing of the Hon. Jan R.</p> <p>14 Jurden took place.)</p> <p>15 PRESIDENT JUDGE RIDGELY: In Olde England</p> <p>16 there were about three people that helped people do</p> <p>17 this.</p> <p>18 Please be seated.</p> <p>19 Resident Judge Cooch is unable to be here</p> <p>20 today, but he has asked me to read his welcoming</p> <p>21 remarks, and I will do so.</p> <p>22 Governor Minner, Chief Justice Veasey,</p> <p>23 President Judge Ridgely, other members of the Bench</p>	<p>12</p> <p>1 the advice that former Judge Bernard Balick, who is</p> <p>2 here today, gave to me when I came on this court in</p> <p>3 1992: "Don't ask the same question of two different</p> <p>4 judges, unless you are prepared for two different</p> <p>5 answers."</p> <p>6 Welcome aboard.</p> <p>7 I now invite your Excellency, the Honorable</p> <p>8 Ruth Ann Minner, Governor of the State of Delaware to</p> <p>9 make her remarks. Governor Minner.</p> <p>10 GOVERNOR MINNER: Thank you very much to the</p> <p>11 Chief Justice and the honorable judiciary to the local</p> <p>12 officials who are present to our newest judge and to</p> <p>13 her friends and family.</p> <p>14 It is, indeed, my pleasure to be here. I</p> <p>15 have known Jan for quite some time. I guess I</p> <p>16 shouldn't say that anymore, excuse me. I have known</p> <p>17 the Judge for quite some time. It's tough to change.</p> <p>18 I have problems with people still calling me Ruth Ann,</p> <p>19 so be prepared; we'll still call you Jan. But I feel</p> <p>20 like I have known her even longer because of a lot of</p> <p>21 the stories that people have told me.</p> <p>22 As I was preparing to do this today to name</p> <p>23 Jan as the newest judge, and I am going to save her</p>

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1 the problem of some of the things that I was told by
 2 way of some of the wonderful stories each of you in
 3 your own way to remember that story again and share it
 4 with Jan at some later time.

5 But I think the stories were consistent in
 6 that some of them were stories of her as a judge, what
 7 she would do in the future based on what she's done in
 8 the past as an attorney and as just a friend, just a
 9 person, the kind of person that we need, whether it's
 10 in the judge's position or any of the other positions
 11 that are in the State government.

12 But I think the most important were the
 13 people who told me the charitable things that she had
 14 done. How many people, how many groups of people she
 15 has helped without any question of being paid in many
 16 cases, but just because she is the person that she is.

17 I think the story that impressed me the most
 18 was the bond that's formed between Jan and the people
 19 she works with and for, how much she personally cares
 20 and how much she wants to treat them, in fact, as she
 21 would like to be treated. It wouldn't surprise me if
 22 many of you who are here today are not the ones who
 23 have repeated those stories of Jan the real person,

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1 the real person who cares.

2 Whether you think of acceptance from Fortune
 3 500 companies I have come across them to accident
 4 victims that she has helped or to women involved in
 5 domestic violence, her clients stay in touch, many
 6 times after the cases are long over. They cross the
 7 street to say hi to her, according to one client.
 8 They send her testimonials, things in the mail, and
 9 I'm told that during the Christmas season Jan has so
 10 many fruit baskets and chocolates and flowers from her
 11 former clients that she could almost open her own
 12 shop.

13 But I'll tell you one of the reasons that I
 14 think Jan will make an outstanding judge. It isn't
 15 just her skills as a lawyer, though they're
 16 impressive, no question. It's the fact that she
 17 really understands people and cares about what happens
 18 to them. She understands that to many people the
 19 judicial system is a true mystery, and she helps them
 20 to understand even the slightest of details.

21 One of her clients said Jan understands how
 22 scared we are, the real fear we have of entering that
 23 system, whether you're a victim or a criminal she

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1 wants to treat us with respect, and that makes a
 2 difference. Another client says she understands the
 3 frustration of being a witness and sitting and waiting
 4 and waiting and waiting, and she takes the time to
 5 understand and to tell us what to expect.

6 She understands the plight of the jurors, one
 7 of whom said, She told me it's really tough wading
 8 through all this material that will give you a fuller
 9 understanding of what I know and what the other
 10 attorneys are trying to make you understand because
 11 she understands these people. I think we can say she
 12 is a people person, and as a judge she will continue
 13 to do those same things. In my view it will make her
 14 a better judge because she does understand and care
 15 about what happens.

16 When Abraham Henschel was near the end of his
 17 career he, in fact, said, "When I was younger I
 18 admired clever people. Now that I am older I admire
 19 kind people." Jan is going to be a judge who not only
 20 understands clever people but is kind to everyone who
 21 comes before her.

22 I don't think there's anything better that a
 23 parent gets to do than to see their child achieve, and

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1 I think we all saw Jan, which is that reflection as
 2 her child took her proper attention, as well. I say
 3 thank you to both her husband and to her daughter for
 4 the time that they're going to allow Jan to share with
 5 us, but, more important, to the parents I say
 6 congratulations. One of them came over and said
 7 hello, and told me how very nervous he was. I think
 8 he may have transferred that nervousness to his
 9 daughter, but we'll forgive him for that.

10 Jan has done very many wonderful things in
 11 her life, most importantly, reaching out, touching
 12 people and helping, caring, which is the most
 13 important part. And so as a judge I expect Judge
 14 Jurden to follow the same tradition as she moves
 15 forward with her career. I think she will make a
 16 judge we all can be proud of, and I think the people
 17 of this state are very lucky that Jan agreed to serve
 18 in this capacity.

19 Thank you, Jan, and very good luck as you
 20 move forward with your career. We will look forward
 21 to watching as you make us one of the finest judges in
 22 our state.

23 JUDGE JURDEN: Thank you.

<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p>1 PRESIDENT JUDGE RIDGELY: Thank you, Governor 2 Minner. I now would invite Chief Justice Veasey to 3 make his remarks.</p> <p>4 CHIEF JUSTICE E. NORMAN VEASEY: Governor 5 Minner, Justice Holland, President Judge Ridgely, 6 Judge Jurden, other distinguished members of the 7 judiciary, distinguished members of the General 8 Assembly, members of Judge Jan Jurden's family and 9 friends of Judge Jan Jurden.</p> <p>10 I am honored to be part of this ceremony 11 today and to bring greetings and good wishes from the 12 Supreme Court. This is a very important event for the 13 Jurden family and a very important event for the 14 Delaware judiciary and the people of Delaware.</p> <p>15 The investiture we witness today represents 16 something which is of overriding importance to our 17 entire state, and that's our nationally recognized 18 fine reputation for our judiciary. And that 19 reputation has not come about by accident. The 20 widespread respect and trust for our judiciary arises 21 not only because of the repeated demonstrations of 22 competence and honesty, but, also, because of 23 Delaware's continuing judicial selection process,</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>1 of the Court cannot be overstated both in human terms 2 and in terms of the national importance of our courts.</p> <p>3 When I asked Jan to fax over to me her 4 resume' I got 12 pages of very detailed and very 5 impressive information. Not only are her professional 6 associations and activities too numerous to mention, 7 but her civic and community service and participation 8 is equally impressive.</p> <p>9 Her professional awards probably tell part of 10 the story. In 1996 she received the New Lawyers 11 Distinguished Service Award presented by the Delaware 12 Bar Association. In '97 she received the Caleb R. 13 Layton III Service Award presented by the Judges of 14 the United States District Court for the District of 15 Delaware. In 2000 she received the Delaware Volunteer 16 Legal Services Pro Bono award, and in November of 1999 17 Judge Jurden was named by the Delaware Today magazine 18 as one of Delaware's 100 top lawyers. In the not too 19 distant future I believe she will achieve recognition 20 as one of the top judges in Delaware and everywhere 21 else.</p> <p>22 So it's with great pleasure that I welcome on 23 behalf of the judicial conference of the State of</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>1 which is a model for the nation.</p> <p>2 The persons who come out of that judicial 3 selection process are of the highest caliber. In 4 serving as judges they carry out their judicial 5 responsibilities independently and with integrity, 6 competence, hard work, compassion and efficiency. 7 Judge Jurden is no exception and is an outstanding 8 product of that selection process.</p> <p>9 Governor Minner and the Senate are entitled 10 to the compliments and the thanks of all Delawareans 11 for this appointment and confirmation, and I would 12 have said this is a dynamite appointment. And I will 13 say it. I have no doubt that Jan Jurden's judicial 14 service will continue the high quality of her very 15 distinguished record as a lawyer, and as a person of 16 accomplishment, integrity and kindness.</p> <p>17 Judge Jurden is about to undertake some very 18 vital and onerous, sometimes onerous and awesome 19 responsibilities as a judge of the Superior Court. 20 This overworked court is our court of general trial 21 jurisdiction, and the judges of this court handle 22 difficult and complex and extremely important civil 23 and criminal litigation. The significance of the work</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <p>1 Delaware Judge Jan Jurden to be a member of that 2 Conference, and I know she will continue her service 3 to Delaware with distinction.</p> <p>4 JUDGE JURDEN: Thank you.</p> <p>5 PRESIDENT JUDGE RIDGELY: Thank you, Chief 6 Justice.</p> <p>7 Our next speaker will be Dennis L. Schrader, 8 Esquire, president of the Delaware State Bar 9 Association. Mr. Schrader.</p> <p>10 MR. SCHRADER: Judge Ridgely, Governor Minner 11 Chief Justice Veasey, Judge Jurden, thank you for the 12 opportunity to speak at this investiture, which we are 13 here at today.</p> <p>14 The Delaware State Bar participates in these 15 proceedings because they are milestones in individuals 16 lives, and in light of the Court they are celebrated 17 by ceremony. The State Bar has among its purposes the 18 obligation to maintain the honor and dignity of the 19 profession and perpetuate the Bar's history. We do 20 that today by celebrating the investiture of Judge 21 Jurden.</p> <p>22 As we proceed through the ceremony there are 23 two somewhat circumspect items that I would like to</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">21</p> <p>1 discuss about this process that involves Judge Jurden. 2 The first is that we have a new Governor, and as the 3 Bar participates in the process of the review of 4 candidates for judicial appointments, particularly 5 before an election, and after that election when we 6 have a new Governor, the bar is anxious to know how 7 the process will work.</p> <p>8 We received from the Governor last year a 9 letter in which she made a commitment to the Bar, to 10 the people of this state. In that letter she stated 11 that she would appoint individuals to the Bench who 12 satisfy the highest standards of integrity, are 13 respected by the Bar for their knowledge of the law, 14 have exercised their judgment as lawyers and as 15 members of our community and who have shown themselves 16 to be experienced quality practitioners.</p> <p>17 I have had the opportunity to be involved 18 with Judge Jurden in the Delaware judicial process for 19 20 years, and I have to tell you the nominating 20 committee, when it submitted three names to the 21 Governor, including Jan's name, came up with a list of 22 people whose achievements are more than many of us in 23 this room will ever realize. The reputations were</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p> <p>1 appointed by a Governor from southern Delaware to the 2 New Castle Bench, a mother who served in the army, has 3 experience with field hockey and lacrosse, and I think 4 at that point in time I had taken Jan Jurden and put 5 her in a unique position where no one will ever be 6 quite capable of being Jan Jurden.</p> <p>7 The situation is this, though, if you speak 8 with the lawyers that have worked with her who have 9 had cases with her, the judges who have participated 10 in her cases, her reputation is not for any of those 11 things, it's for hard work, unparalleled legal skills, 12 superior talent. This is what makes this a great 13 appointment, not any of those classifications.</p> <p>14 As the Governor pointed out, if you look at 15 the future of the individual to determine what their 16 future -- or the past to determine what their future 17 will be then Judge Jurden continues a great tradition 18 of quality to the Delaware Bench and Bar, and she will 19 meet all expectations of all of us. And that is to 20 say, Jan, you are a great partner, and you will be a 21 great judge, so on behalf of your peers, the lawyers, 22 the Judges of the State of Delaware, congratulations 23 to you and best wishes for a very long successful</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">22</p> <p>1 excellent within the profession. Each of them enjoyed 2 great success. That list far exceeded the 3 expectations that the Bar had for judicial 4 appointments. And in appointing Jan Jurden to the 5 Bench the Governor has by her very actions 6 demonstrated her commitment to the Bar, and for that 7 we are very grateful.</p> <p>8 The second thing is a phenomenon that 9 surrounds the appointment of Jan Jurden, and, quite 10 frankly, I heard this on the radio on the way up as I 11 was driving in. I heard a reporter discuss what was 12 going to take place this afternoon, and went through 13 the resume' of Judge Jurden, described all her 14 activities, and immediately went to say, "And she's 15 the fourth woman to serve on the Superior Court." At 16 least for the Bar, who practices and works and knows 17 the judges and the skills and the qualities which you 18 bring to the Bench, I don't think it's appropriate 19 anymore that we go to those types of classifications 20 determining why a person is on the bench or what role 21 they play.</p> <p>22 If we were to do that we will say, Jan, she 23 is nice. she is the first Phi Beta Kappa woman to be</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p>1 tenure on the Bench.</p> <p>2 PRESIDENT JUDGE RIDGELY: At one point in 3 time Delaware, of course, was connected to 4 Pennsylvania, which might explain the same title that 5 our next speaker has with mine and vice versa.</p> <p>6 Our next speaker is the Honorable Keith B. 7 Quigley, President Judge of the 41st Judicial District 8 Court of Common Pleas of Pennsylvania General 9 Jurisdiction Trial Court of that state.</p> <p>10 Judge Quigley, welcome and please come 11 forward.</p> <p>12 PRESIDENT JUDGE QUIGLEY: Governor, Chief 13 Justice, assembled judges, our newest judge, all other 14 visiting guests, dignitaries, I bring with me warmest 15 wishes of our Chief Justice John Flaherty to the Bench 16 and Bar of Delaware and to Delaware citizens. Chief 17 didn't say anything about the fact that we were once 18 one.</p> <p>19 I wrote a letter at Jan's request some time 20 ago to the judicial nominating commission, but it was 21 a, letter I think, to the Governor. I hope the 22 Governor had the opportunity to read it. I'd like to 23 share it with you. This letter was to Michael</p>

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1 Bartkowski of the judicial nominating committee.
 2 Jan Jurden is a candidate for appointment to
 3 the trial bench of Delaware. I didn't realize that I
 4 should say Superior Court of Delaware, so I stand
 5 corrected. Since she is a former law clerk of this
 6 office, I may have something of interest to add to the
 7 factors being considered by the committee and
 8 hopefully eventually Governor.

9 Her service to this office was performed a
 10 number of years ago and was when she was a law
 11 student. I have always considered her to be one of my
 12 exceptional law clerk assistants in the past 25 years
 13 of dealing with student law clerks. Her maturity,
 14 judgement, solid research and writing skills and
 15 personality are all qualities that stood out. I am
 16 sure they still do. I recall not just by me, but by
 17 all those in this office.

18 I had the pleasure of associating with Jan
 19 all too briefly, but during her stay as she was
 20 exposed to much of the processes that were involved in
 21 every day functioning of a trial court. A review of
 22 Miss Jurden's resume indicates that she has her finger
 23 on the pulse of what is important in Delaware and to

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1 her profession and to the community and is pretty much
 2 what was expected of her in my experience. I would
 3 say that if the typical applicant for this position is
 4 of the quality of Miss Jurden Delaware and its
 5 citizens are indeed fortunate.

6 Your community has had custody of the Judge
 7 for a number of years since she has obtained her legal
 8 education at the Dickinson School of Law in Carlisle,
 9 Pennsylvania and judicial clerkship experience in
 10 central Pennsylvania.

11 Several members of my staff at the time of
 12 Jan's tenure with us, and I take pride in recommending
 13 Judge Jurden to you and insure certain knowledge that
 14 she will be a valuable asset to the bench to the
 15 concept of judicial independence for the citizens of
 16 Delaware, and that she will uphold the highest
 17 traditions of the Delaware judiciary.

18 One word of advice. I learned this a long
 19 time ago, and it's a little crude, but I think it's
 20 good advice. A good judge sits up front, looks as
 21 important as possible and keeps his or her mouth shut
 22 as much as possible.

23 It's been a pleasure and an honor to be

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1 present on this day. My best to you.

2 PRESIDENT JUDGE RIDGELY: Thank you,
 3 President Judge Quigley.

4 Our next speaker is Major General Donald R.
 5 Infante, U.S. Army retired.

6 MAJOR GENERAL INFANTE: Governor Minner,
 7 Chief Justice, I have to tell you what a great honor
 8 it is to be here today, and I see Sergeant Jan Jurden,
 9 perhaps after the impressive list of titles, that of
 10 judge.

11 I first met Jan in 1980. It was on the field
 12 training exercise outside of Swineford, Germany, and
 13 as I met Jan she was then the tender age of 18. She
 14 hasn't aged much, as you can see, but I noticed two
 15 things about her right away. First, that there was a
 16 sense of her being a special person, and, second, that
 17 she had a contagious enthusiasm that made others want
 18 to be with her and around her.

19 I was searching for an executive assistant at
 20 that time, and I hired her on the spot, and I moved
 21 her with me to Wyerzburg, Germany the week after. And
 22 after being together for about a year I asked her to
 23 extend her tour and stay one year more. Well, that

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1 brought about from the father, Jack Jurden, that he
 2 would launch an investigatory mission to find out what
 3 it was that was compelling his daughter to stay an
 4 extra year.

5 Well, Jan and I talked about this, and we
 6 didn't know how Jack was going to respond, but the
 7 first thing I did was I met Jack and we drank a couple
 8 of German beers. Now, listen, if you ever had a tough
 9 problem with Jack that's how you approach it, but to
 10 get back to the case at hand, you know, we all know
 11 that Jan is indeed someone special. You can see those
 12 of you that worked with her, and you all know her
 13 because you're her friend. She does have a contagious
 14 enthusiasm that's makes you want to be with her and
 15 makes you want to get to know her more.

16 Jan has often told me that the army was a
 17 formative period of her life, and I believe that
 18 because that's the case not only for Jan, but for many
 19 of other young people, but long before I knew Jan,
 20 okay, she had received from her father and from her
 21 mother a set of values and from getting the total
 22 environment in the State of Delaware and she came to
 23 me with a set of values. I would just like to

<p style="text-align: right;">29</p> <p>1 highlight four of those. I know this is going to 2 sound a little bit repetitive, and I'm going to steal 3 some of what the Governor said and what the Chief 4 Justice said, but it bears mentioning.</p> <p>5 Her first is her sense of compassion. I have 6 never seen Jan ever treat all individuals with 7 anything but the highest respect for the individuals 8 they are. Her respect for others will make her a 9 great judge.</p> <p>10 Second is her sense -- is the fact that she 11 has wisdom far beyond her years. When I knew her at 12 18 she seemed to be so smart and so mature at 18. I 13 won't tell you her age, but, Jan, you're still far and 14 away have wisdom far beyond your years. This will 15 make Jan a great judge.</p> <p>16 Third is her zeal for perfection. Those of 17 you who worked with her know she has an attention for 18 detail. Most of us go out in maybe the 95th 19 percentile, but not Jan. 99 percent or the sky. Now, 20 if I'm going to have someone sit in judgement of me, 21 that's the sort of person I would want. I want 22 somebody who doesn't stop at 95 percent, but seeks out 23 all the facts and does so at the same time while</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">31</p> <p>1 distinguished members of the General Assembly, members 2 of the bar and many family members and honored guests, 3 and last, but not least, but I don't see her here, her 4 Highness the Beautiful Princess Caroline. I can 5 always make her laugh with that, so I'm sorry she's 6 not here to hear it.</p> <p>7 I appreciate the opportunity to speak, 8 especially last because it gives me a plausible excuse 9 to cut my remarks short and sit down. We heard from 10 General Infante and Judge Quigley, and we heard about 11 Judge Jurden's army days. I suspect there are a few 12 more stories that the General chose not to tell us. I 13 know very little about those days, but if I could be 14 so presumptuous as to make a suggestion to the members 15 of the Superior Court, I can tell you that if you ever 16 feel the urge to sing, Jan knows some stunning 17 marching songs. I just recommend you confine 18 yourselves to chambers.</p> <p>19 I first met Judge Jurden when we were new 20 associates at Young, Conway just starting out in 21 private practice. Her qualities as an associate and 22 as a partner, a colleague in a private practice of law 23 were and continue to be extraordinary. Her</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">30</p> <p>1 maintaining the total sense of perspective. This will 2 make her zeal for perfection and attention to detail 3 will make Jan a good judge.</p> <p>4 And, last, as I mentioned, is understanding, 5 understanding of people. She knows what motivates 6 people. She knows how to get the best out of people, 7 and her understanding people will make her a great 8 judge.</p> <p>9 Jan, I want to wish you and your family the 10 very best as you go forward. I will tell you this, 11 Governor, we haven't seen the last of these ceremonies 12 for Jan, and you better watch out because I think it's 13 your job she's after.</p> <p>14 And, Jan, God bless, and all the best for 15 you.</p> <p>16 JUDGE JURDEN: Thank you, sir.</p> <p>17 PRESIDENT JUDGE RIDGELY: Thank you, General. 18 Our next speaker is Melanie K. Sharp, Esquire. Miss 19 Sharp, please come forward.</p> <p>20 MS. SHARP: Governor Minner, Chief Justice 21 Veasey, President Judge Ridgely, Treasurer Markel, 22 members of the judiciary and there are judiciary here 23 from Delaware, Pennsylvania and Maryland,</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">32</p> <p>1 perseverance and work ethic were, and I dare say will 2 be unmatched. I watched in awe one night when she 3 created in one night a memorandum of 90 pages in 4 response to one of Dade McBride's very tightly defined 5 and narrowly focused research questions. She managed 6 on that occasion between midnight and 5:00 a.m. to 7 drink an entire six-pack of Coke and consume an equal 8 number of Nestle Crunch Bars as big as bulletin 9 boards. Judge Slights, I have heard of your affinity 10 for junk food. Watch out.</p> <p>11 I want, also, to talk for just a minute about 12 Judge Jurden's qualities of patience and of mercy, and 13 not with a work story but a story from outside the 14 office. And I have my son who is seated here for this 15 story.</p> <p>16 Early on when we first started in private 17 practice, and this was in the late eighties at some 18 point because we were both doing merger and 19 acquisition work, it was time to travel and I had to 20 go out of town. For some reason that I can't recall 21 none of my large family were available to watch my 22 son, who was four or five at the time. Judge Jurden 23 had met him and she readily with all of her lack of</p>

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1 experience with children volunteered to watch him and
 2 to keep him overnight. She carefully packed
 3 everything that she thought she would need for this
 4 adventure, undoubtedly according to army regulations.
 5 By all accounts the evening was flawless.
 6 The six or seven or eight times I called her nothing
 7 had gone wrong. She reported that she dutifully read
 8 the 45-page single-spaced memo I wrote her about the
 9 care and feeding of Andy. My son was all of four or
 10 five at time, and he set the table for breakfast.
 11 Jan, having no experience with children, did not
 12 regard that as odd. Andy, seated across from her, she
 13 filled her juice glass, started to take a sip and was
 14 drowned in orange juice down her shirt. Andy sat
 15 silent and had nothing to say about that. Jan,
 16 embarrassed in her awkwardness, jumped up, wiped off
 17 her shirt, sat down at the table again, filled her
 18 glass again, took another drink, coated herself in
 19 orange juice. She was suited up for court, white
 20 blouse, dress suit. Andy, at this point, apparently
 21 could not contain his laughter and he confessed to her
 22 that he had given her the dribble glass.
 23 In the morning report when I called I didn't

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1 hear a word about this. I heard about it later, and
 2 there was only laughter and good humor from Judge
 3 Jurden, not a hint of impatience, and no physical
 4 signs of lack of mercy on my son. And all I can think
 5 of is what good judgment my son showed in not fobbing
 6 off to her the gum that would make her mouth turn
 7 black or the candy specially designed for intestinal
 8 symptoms.
 9 Her extraordinary care and her precision in
 10 her work is legendary in the office. Within the last
 11 six months I recall proofreading a brief with her. I
 12 think we started proofing at noon and finished at
 13 midnight.
 14 For a story outside of the office, I always
 15 enjoyed cooking. Jan had many meals at my house, and
 16 at some point, for reasons I still don't understand,
 17 she felt compelled to return the favor. At one point
 18 we worked late or very late, and she wanted to make
 19 dinner, so we drove out to her apartment. It was
 20 late. We stopped at WaWa to grocery shop, where all
 21 the single folks grocery shop.
 22 We walked by the 50-cent hotdogs to purchase
 23 hotdogs and Fritos for that healthy side dish.

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1 Perhaps I was starving by this point. I don't think
 2 we had lunch or dinner, and I hear pots and pans
 3 flying in the kitchen. 10, 15 minutes pass for a
 4 hotdog, and this woman had a microwave.
 5 I go over to the kitchen, and she has a giant
 6 pot of water boiling, and in it are two lonely
 7 hotdogs. I thought, okay, she's trying hard. I'm not
 8 going to say anything. I go back into the living
 9 room. Ten minutes later I go back into the kitchen,
 10 and now there's a huge frying pan, a stick of melted
 11 butter. The two hotdogs are split, and she's frying
 12 them.
 13 Okay. By this time I had eaten every Frito
 14 in the bag. I said, "Just out of curiosity" because
 15 I'm sensitive, "why did you boil them before you fried
 16 them?" And her answer was, "I wanted to be sure that
 17 they were done."
 18 Judge, you don't mind those stories, do you?
 19 JUDGE JURDEN: I would prefer you were done.
 20 MS. SHARP: Not yet. Judge Jurden's
 21 intellectual acumen and her incredible diversity will
 22 make her an excellent judge. In private practice
 23 she's practiced in numerous types of cases in our

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1 firm. She has represented both plaintiffs and
 2 defendants, individuals and large corporations. Her
 3 practical sense, her wisdom, her unfaltering integrity
 4 are extraordinary. They're qualities that are rare to
 5 find combined in any human being, let alone one I have
 6 had the tremendous good fortune and honor to call my
 7 partner and to call my friend.
 8 Her greatest quality, I believe, is her
 9 devotion to the cause of justice, the example that she
 10 sets in her personal life and her professional life is
 11 extraordinary. There's no member of the Bar engaged
 12 in more pro bono activities or more work to improve
 13 the administration of justice. I know of no member of
 14 the Bar that the Bench has relied upon more heavily to
 15 step in and help those who need help to represent the
 16 unrepresented.
 17 The last three years Judge Jurden's life have
 18 been particularly remarkable. To the consummate
 19 professional there fell seemingly out of the sky a
 20 wonderful man, an exemplary husband, and a terrific
 21 father. Last year, and we know she didn't fall out of
 22 the sky, Princess Caroline in October joined Rob and
 23 Jan, and now a career and lifetime of unparalleled

<p style="text-align: right;">37</p> <p>1 professional excellence and achievement is crowned by 2 an accomplishment that I know she has looked forward 3 to for all of her professional life. And it's only 4 the beginning of another chapter of Jan's 5 extraordinary contribution to juris prudence in 6 Delaware. There could not be a better choice or a 7 person more deserving to be called judge. 8 Congratulations, Judge Jurden. 9 PRESIDENT JUDGE RIDGELY: Thank you very 10 much, Melanie. It is now my privilege to call upon 11 our new Superior Court judge for her greetings. Judge 12 Jurden. 13 JUDGE JURDEN: I can't tell you what a great 14 view it is from up here. It is wonderful. I want to 15 thank everyone so much and all the speakers for the 16 kind comments and everyone for coming today on such a 17 special day, and I am absolutely overwhelmed -- for 18 those of you who know me you know I'm not off the 19 speech list, but I feel it. I'm going to violate 20 Judge Quigley's rule. I'm not going to keep my mouth 21 shut. 22 I just want to make a few comments, and, 23 again, I cannot tell you how much it means to have</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">39</p> <p>1 meeting and address you by your first names, and I 2 don't think the awe will ever wear off. 3 I watched Judge Silverman sign an order, and 4 he turned to me and saw the look on my face, knowing 5 that I would be doing that soon and he said, "It will 6 never wear off when you see a judge." I don't think 7 it will, so I thank you for your warm welcome, and I 8 cannot tell you how excited and enthusiastic I am to 9 be joining such an excellent bench and one I have had 10 the honor to appear before many times. It's always 11 been an honor and privilege. It's so exciting to be 12 on the other side of the bench, so thank you. 13 Governor Minner, thank you. Thank you for 14 the confidence you have displayed in me by nominating 15 me. I told you in the interview, and I will tell you 16 again in front of all these people, I will not let you 17 down. I will not let the citizens of the State of 18 Delaware down. I intend to work my hardest to 19 continue the fine traditions set by the Delaware 20 judiciary as noted by Chief Justice Veasey. 21 I thank you for giving me a dream come true 22 in allowing me the opportunity to serve the citizens 23 of the state in this capacity.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">38</p> <p>1 each and every one of you here today. I look out and 2 see so many faces that bring back such wonderful 3 memories, and I'm just so honored. 4 President Judge Ridgely, Chief Justice 5 Veasey, members of the judiciary, Governor Minner, 6 Treasurer Markel, the distinguished members of the 7 General Assembly, my fellow lawyers, honored guests, 8 friends and my family, so many people have traveled a 9 long way to be here, and I would be remiss in not 10 acknowledging them. One of my special guests is Clint 11 Heisler, who is seated right in the front row, who is 12 a former client of mine, and a good friend. And Clint 13 is one of the most courageous people I have ever met, 14 and he is a model to me in my life, and he is an 15 inspiration, and having him here today means a great 16 deal to me, so thank you, Clint. 17 CLINT HEISLER: You're welcome. 18 JUDGE JURDEN: President Judge Ridgely, I 19 want to thank you for your kind remarks, and I want to 20 also thank you for your efforts in notice of my new 21 colleagues I'm honored to say for making me feel so 22 welcome. I have to say, after 13 years of calling you 23 all judge, it's quite a new thing to be sitting in a</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">40</p> <p>1 To my partners, colleagues and staff and my 2 comrades, 13 years is a long time, and I consider you 3 my family. I grew up there. I accepted the offer on 4 the spot, and I never wanted to work anywhere else, 5 and I never did, except for Judge Quigley, but that 6 predated. I will miss working with you. I will never 7 forget the lessons that you taught me, not only about 8 the facts of law but about life and just growing up as 9 a lawyer. I will carry that with me to the bench, and 10 I hope that I will use that for the benefit of all who 11 appear before me. That will certainly be my intent. 12 You have been the most gracious to me, as I have made 13 the transition out of the law firm and dumped all my 14 cases on you last minute. Seriously, though, I am so 15 appreciative of the wonderful manner in which you 16 treated me, and it means a great deal to me to look 17 out and see you all here. Thank you. 18 Speaking of Young, Conway, my gain is Young, 19 Conway's loss. My secretary Debbie Wintjen has come 20 over with me to the Court, and for that I'm grateful. 21 And I want to acknowledge all the hard work she's done 22 and tell her publicly I'm glad you're coming with me. 23 I don't know where he's seated, but I know</p>

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1 Ben Castle is in the audience somewhere, and I want to
 2 recognize him because he is the finest trial lawyer I
 3 ever had the privilege to watch in court, and he is my
 4 mentor. And he has never been anything but patient
 5 and kind and reassuring with me. And he answered all
 6 my stupid questions and he has always been a sounding
 7 board and such a fountain of sage advice, and I will
 8 miss being able to walk next door and ask him
 9 questions, but I anticipate I'll have a new mentor in
 10 the Superior Court in Judge DelPesco and all my other
 11 colleagues, so I hope that will ease my transition.

12 Melanie, I'm going to forgive you for the
 13 hotdog story. It's difficult to know what to say. We
 14 have worked hard, but we had a lot of fun through the
 15 years. Thank you for helping me grow as a lawyer and
 16 as a person, and thank you for allowing me to be a
 17 part of your wonderful family, many of whom are here
 18 today.

19 Judge Quigley, the man from Perry County,
 20 thank you for coming. He came a long way, and I loved
 21 my clerkship with the Judge. If I can be half the
 22 judge that you are, I will have done a good job in the
 23 State of Delaware. Thank you.

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1 General Infante, sir, old habits are hard to
 2 break. In preparing for today I went through some old
 3 letters that my baby daughter happened to unearth when
 4 she was pulling boxes off the bookshelf, and, as luck
 5 would have it, a box of letters you wrote to me fell
 6 out, and you said to me in 1982 that the army helped
 7 me to find myself. That's no small thing. Remember
 8 that. Wisdom and maturity are not inherent or
 9 instantaneous, and I have never forgotten that. And I
 10 never will, and I saved every letter you wrote me
 11 because they meant so much to me because you stood by
 12 me from the army through college through law school
 13 and every major step of my life you have been there,
 14 and Norma Jean has been, too, and that means so much
 15 to me, so thank you for coming today.

16 Reverend Fews, another former client, who I'm
 17 proud and honored to call my friend, that was a lovely
 18 invocation. Thank you for being a part of my ceremony
 19 today.

20 Becky Hamlin, we have been friends since
 21 first grade. Becky flew down from Boston for the day
 22 to sing God Bless America, one of my favorite songs.
 23 She is more nervous than I am today. I told her that

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1 she could just have you all join in if she wasn't on
 2 key, but thank you for doing me the honor and making
 3 such a sacrifice to be here. My friends from law
 4 school, I see in the back. That's where they always
 5 sat in law school, in the back. Thank you for coming.
 6 They came a long way, too.

7 And now my mother and father. General
 8 Infante touched on it. I thought long and hard about
 9 what to say to you, and it's difficult for me to thank
 10 you for all the years that you have given me and all
 11 the opportunities you have afforded me. You have
 12 given me a life so full and so rich of opportunity and
 13 you have allowed me to do what I will with it, and I
 14 thank you, and I love you very much and I am so glad
 15 you are here with me today.

16 My sister, Jennifer, couldn't be here today,
 17 and I know she's here in spirit, and I want to say
 18 hello to her. My new family, my father and
 19 mother-in-law and my brothers-in-law Lou and Paul and
 20 Cindy, you have taken me in like one of your own and
 21 supported me in everything I wanted to do, and I feel
 22 like I'm one of you, and thank you for making me feel
 23 so special.

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1 And now, Rob, my prince charming, just when
 2 you thought you weren't going to find the person you
 3 wanted to spend the rest of your life with at 37 it
 4 hits you over the head. And the woman who introduced
 5 us from my brownie troop and my brownie leader are
 6 here, but thank you for introducing me to the man of
 7 my dreams who made my life complete. Thank you for
 8 being my rock, and I thank you for having a beautiful
 9 daughter with me, who has been graciously escorted out
 10 of the building.

11 Anybody who knows me knows how I feel about
 12 Caroline. She has put my life in perspective, and I
 13 needed that, and I think it will make me a better
 14 judge, and it certainly made me a better person to be
 15 a parent, and I thank God every day for that
 16 privilege.

17 Finally, I want to thank the person whose
 18 seat I have the honor of trying to fill. These are
 19 big shoes. That would be Judge Barron. I never had
 20 the honor of meeting Judge Barron. I'm embarrassed to
 21 say I never appeared before him. I never appeared
 22 before him. But I wrote him a note when I saw the
 23 article about him in the News Journal and wished him

45	<p>1 good luck in his retirement, and he very promptly</p> <p>2 wrote me back, and the letter means so much to me. I</p> <p>3 don't want to read it all, but it's a very special</p> <p>4 letter wishing me well as I embark on my new career,</p> <p>5 telling me how wonderful the judges of the Superior</p> <p>6 Court are, something I already knew. But I want to</p> <p>7 read you the last line because it just made me so</p> <p>8 happy. It made me know I made the right decision.</p> <p>9 "Best of luck to you as you commence the best job you</p> <p>10 will ever have. Go forth and do justice." And I'm</p> <p>11 going to keep that letter on my desk all the time.</p> <p>12 My husband wrote me a card last night, and</p> <p>13 I'm not going to read it all, but I want to read one</p> <p>14 section because it's very meaningful to me. Rob said,</p> <p>15 "The judiciary means something in today's world. It</p> <p>16 stands for truth, justice, integrity, faith and our</p> <p>17 collective governments, and, above all else, honesty."</p> <p>18 And I will work hard to strive hard to meet that tall</p> <p>19 order, and I will dispense justice fairly and evenly.</p> <p>20 In closing, I just want to thank one more</p> <p>21 person, Nan Sheila. There are only two people who</p> <p>22 know how much she has helped me over the course of my</p> <p>23 career personally and professionally, and thank you,</p>	47	<p>1 his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.</p> <p>2 PRESIDENT JUDGE RIDGELY: This concludes the</p> <p>3 special session of the Superior Court of Delaware.</p> <p>4 The Court is now adjourned. We would welcome you to</p> <p>5 join our new Judge and greet her in the rotunda where</p> <p>6 there will be refreshments.</p> <p>7 (Ceremony adjourned.)</p> <p>8</p> <p>9</p> <p>10</p> <p>11</p> <p>12</p> <p>13</p> <p>14</p> <p>15</p> <p>16</p> <p>17</p> <p>18</p> <p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>21</p> <p>22</p> <p>23</p>
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46	<p>1 Nan, and I am very appreciative.</p> <p>2 Thank you for the privilege of letting me</p> <p>3 address you today. There are many of you that I want</p> <p>4 to talk to, and I hope I get to thank you personally.</p> <p>5 The reception, everyone is invited. Thank you for</p> <p>6 coming, and this is one of the most exciting days of</p> <p>7 my life, and I am looking forward to my exciting time</p> <p>8 on the Bench, and I'm going to go forth and do</p> <p>9 justice.</p> <p>10 Thank you.</p> <p>11 PRESIDENT JUDGE RIDGELY: May I congratulate</p> <p>12 you. All the judges welcome you.</p> <p>13 JUDGE JURDEN: Thank you.</p> <p>14 PRESIDENT JUDGE RIDGELY: Please remain</p> <p>15 standing because Rebecca Moore-Hamlin, who has been a</p> <p>16 friend of Judge Jurden's since the first grade will</p> <p>17 now sing God Bless America.</p> <p>18 (God Bless America sung by Rebecca</p> <p>19 Moore-Hamlin.)</p> <p>20 Reverend Fews will now give the benediction.</p> <p>21 REVEREND FEWS: May the Lord bless you and</p> <p>22 keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you and be</p> <p>23 gracious to you. May the Lord lift up the light of</p>	
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