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Judge Fred S. Silverman has informed Governor Markell of his intent to step down from the Superior Court effective November 28, 2015.

President Judge Jan R. Jurden issued the following statement on behalf of the Superior Court:

“For almost 38 years Judge Silverman has used his superb legal acumen and sound judgment to serve the citizens of Delaware. He started as a prosecutor in the Department of Justice in 1978, became the State Solicitor in 1983, and became the Chief Deputy Attorney General in 1987. After a distinguished legal career as a prosecutor, Judge Silverman joined the Superior Court Bench on October 12, 1993. In addition to being an excellent trial judge, Judge Silverman is a learned jurist who has authored thousands of opinions and orders, which have contributed greatly to the rich body of law. For many years, he served in the Court’s Complex Commercial Litigation Division. He is highly respected and well regarded for his dedicated public service and significant contributions to the judiciary and the Department of Justice.

All the members of the Superior Court join me in congratulating Judge Silverman on his retirement after a truly exemplary career. He is highly respected for his intelligence, dedication and his very thoughtful approach to criminal and

civil matters. He has been a great colleague and will be sorely missed by his fellow judges and the Superior Court staff. He will long be remembered for promoting the fair, impartial and efficient administration of justice. It has been a great privilege and honor serving with Judge Silverman and I will miss his wise counsel and his dry sense of humor. We all wish him all the best.”

Delaware Supreme Court Chief Justice Leo E. Strine, Jr. said Judge Silverman will be missed by the entire Delaware Judiciary: “It was my personal and professional pleasure to get to know Judge Silverman when he was serving our State in the very important position of Chief Deputy Attorney General, and I have been privileged to serve many years with him on the bench. Judge Silverman's commitment to the people of Delaware has been exemplary, as has been the incisive legal mind he has brought to the resolution of so many high-stakes cases. We shall all miss him.”

Governor Markell joined Chief Justice Strine and President Judge Jurden in acknowledging Judge Silverman's contributions: “Fred Silverman has been an outstanding and dedicated public servant to the State of Delaware for the past 38 years, both in his 22 year tenure as a Judge of the Superior Court, and in his previous roles as Chief Deputy Attorney General and State Solicitor in the Delaware Department of Justice. Judge Silverman's experience in efficiently and competently handling complex civil and criminal matters as a member of the

Superior Court will not be easy to replace. I thank him for his service to the State of Delaware and wish him all the best in his next endeavors.”

Judge Silverman was appointed to the bench in October, 1993 by then-Gov. Tom Carper, who is now Delaware’s senior senator in Washington. “Many years ago as Governor, I had the great pleasure of working with Fred in his role as Chief Deputy Attorney General and then appointing him as Superior Court Judge to Delaware’s very well-respected court system,” said U.S. Sen. Tom Carper. “Fred has upheld that reputation and served our state with a great mind, good heart, small ego and large work ethic. I congratulate him on his fine career on the bench and wish him, his wife Carolyn and their family the best of luck in all that lies ahead.”

U.S. Attorney for Delaware Charles M. Oberly III, who worked with Judge Silverman for years when both men were at the Delaware Attorney General’s Office, also wished the judge well on his retirement from the bench.

“I hired Fred in the late 1970’s as a Deputy Attorney General. After I became the Attorney General in 1982, Fred served as the State Solicitor, head of the Civil Division, and four years later became the Chief Deputy Attorney General, a position he held for seven years before being chosen to serve the citizens of Delaware as a Superior Court Judge. Fred has had a long and distinguished career with the state and has been my friend for over 30 years. He will be missed, and I wish he and his wife Carolyn Berger the best.”

Judge Silverman received his J.D. from Boston University School of Law and his B.A. from New College.

Judge Silverman has not announced his specific plans following his retirement from the bench.

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