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**The Honorable Janell S. Ostroski takes the Oath of Office for
Judge of the Delaware Family Court**

The Honorable Janell S. Ostroski was publicly sworn in for her first term as a Judge of the Family Court of the State of Delaware at 3 p.m. on July 22, 2016 in Courtroom 8B at the Leonard L. Williams Justice Center (formerly the New Castle County Courthouse) in Wilmington.

Family Court Chief Judge Michael K. Newell welcomed the audience to the investiture and Judge Ostroski's son Jake led the Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was performed by Gail M. Hauske, Judge Ostroski's sister. Chief Judge Newell then administered the Oath of Office as Judge Ostroski's daughter, Audrey and her mother, Janet Schoenbeck, held the Bible.

Judge Ostroski replaces Judge Jay H. Conner, who recently retired from the bench after more than 30 years with Family Court.

Following the Oath of Office, Governor Jack A. Markell, along with Ellie Torres, the executive director of the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council; Kelly Sasso of Gonser & Gonser P.A. and Lynn McGinley, the sister of Judge Ostroski, offered remarks.

Prior to being nominated, Judge Ostroski had served as a Commissioner of the Family Court since October 2009. And prior to that time she worked in private practice and in various roles for the Family Court, including as a contract attorney for both the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program and the Indigent Parents in Child Support Proceedings. Judge Ostroski also worked as a Civil Commitment Attorney for the Superior Court and as a Due Process Hearing Officer for the Delaware Department of Education.

Judge Ostroski is a 1986 graduate of St. Mark's High School in Wilmington, Delaware and a 1990 graduate of the University of Delaware, where she received her Bachelor of Arts in psychology. She received her law degree from Widener University School of Law in 1993.

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