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Justice Henry duPont Ridgely Elected to
The American Law Institute

Justice Henry duPont Ridgely of the Delaware Supreme Court has recently been elected to The American Law Institute (ALI). The American Law Institute is the leading independent organization in the United States producing scholarly work to clarify, modernize, and otherwise improve the law. The Institute, (made up of lawyers, judges, and law professors) drafts, discusses, revises, and publishes Restatements of the Law, model statutes, and principles of law that are influential in the courts and legislatures, as well as in legal scholarship and education.

The Institute was founded in 1923 following a study conducted by a group of prominent American judges, lawyers, and teachers known as "The Committee on the Establishment of a Permanent Organization for the Improvement of the Law." ALI's incorporators included Chief Justice and former President William Howard Taft, future Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes, and former Secretary of State Elihu Root. Judges Benjamin N. Cardozo and Learned Hand were among its early leaders.

Justice Ridgely was appointed a Justice of the Supreme Court of Delaware on July 22, 2004. From 1984 until his appointment as a Justice, he served as general jurisdiction trial judge on the Superior Court of Delaware. From 1990 until 2004, he was the President Judge of the Superior Court of Delaware.

Justice Ridgely received his B.S. in Business Administration from Syracuse University in 1971, his J.D. from The Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law in 1973, and his LL.M. in Corporation Law from George Washington University National Law Center in 1974. Before being appointed to the bench, he was a partner in the firm of Ridgely and Ridgely in Dover, Delaware.

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