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Justice Henry duPont Ridgely
installed as Fellow of
National Conference of State Trial Judges

The National Conference of State Trial Judges installed Justice Henry duPont Ridgely as a Fellow at its annual meeting in San Francisco on August 7, 2010. Judge Gary B. Randall of Nebraska, who chairs the Conference, stated that the formal status of Fellow acknowledged appreciation for Justice Ridgely's service to the Conference and his "extraordinary contribution to General Jurisdiction Trial Judges everywhere."

Justice Ridgely was Chair-elect of the National Conference of State Trial Judges at the time of his appointment to the Delaware Supreme Court. Three American Bar Association Standards Relating to Court Organization or Relating to Trial Courts were adopted by the ABA House of Delegates based upon the work of ABA Committees Justice Ridgely chaired or co-chaired. The ABA standards address best practices in establishing and operating drug treatment courts, electronic filing, and court automation.

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 a 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. Before being appointed to the bench, he was a partner in the firm of Ridgely and Ridgely in Dover, 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 Law School in 1974. He received an Honorary Doctor of Laws from Widener University School of Law in 2010.

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