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**The Honorable Ferris W. Wharton Takes the Oath of Office for
Judge of the Superior Court of Delaware.**

The Honorable Judge Wharton was sworn in for his first term as Judge of the Superior Court of Delaware on Friday, July 11, 2014 at 11 a.m. in Courtroom 8B of the New Castle County Courthouse. Participants in the ceremony included James T. Vaughn, Jr., President Judge of the Superior Court, who administered the Oath of Office, members of Judge Wharton's family who assisted with the robing and led the Pledge of Allegiance, as well as Lt. Governor Matthew Denn, State Prosecutor Kathleen Jennings, and Public Defender Brendan O'Neill who made remarks.

Judge Wharton served as an Assistant Public Defender from 2007 until his appointment to the Superior Court. Prior to that, he was of counsel to the firm of Fox Rothschild LLP, and an Assistant United States Attorney from 2003 to 2006. Judge Wharton served with the Delaware Department of Justice from 1980 to 2003 as Chief Deputy Attorney General, State Prosecutor, Chief Prosecutor for Kent County, Chief Prosecutor for New Castle County, as well as head of the Department's Rape Response Unit, Drug Unit, and Felony Trial Unit. Judge Wharton was also a member of the Board of Bar Examiners from 1991 to 1999, and from 2007 until his appointment to the Bench. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Judge Wharton is a graduate of Mt. Pleasant High School. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Delaware in 1974, and his law degree from the University of Illinois College of Law in 1978.

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