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**Supreme Court Administrator William S. Montgomery to Retire**  
**Awarded Order of the First State**

On Aug. 31, 2019, Delaware Supreme Court Administrator William S. Montgomery will retire from the Court after five years of service. On Wednesday, in recognition of his 40 years of distinguished public service to the citizens of Delaware in state and city government along with his work for many charitable organizations, he was awarded the Order of the First State by Governor John S. Carney.

“Bill Montgomery should remind every Delawarean that there are truly outstanding people of great skill and integrity who devote themselves every day to serving the public,” said Delaware Supreme Court Chief Justice Leo E. Strine, Jr. “In a series of incredibly important posts, Bill has distinguished himself as a skilled and caring leader, and brings to life what it really means to be a citizen of a republican democracy. It has been an honor for all of us on the Supreme Court to call him a colleague and friend. Bill has done an outstanding job making a strong institution even stronger and better equipped to deliver on the promise of justice for all. Kudos to Governor Carney for recognizing such an amazing public servant with this high honor,” he said.

“Bill’s career in public service in Delaware spans four decades,” said Governor John Carney. “He got his start as a social worker in 1979, served three terms as Mayor Baker’s Chief of Staff in Wilmington, and, as Court Administrator, has helped lead our world-class judiciary alongside Chief Justice Strine. Bill has committed his career to serving the people of Delaware. On behalf of Delawareans all across our state, I am pleased to recognize his dedicated service and present the Order of the First State to Bill Montgomery.”

Bill was presented with the Order of the First State by Delaware Secretary of State Jeffrey Bullock at a brief, surprise ceremony on August 28.

Before becoming Court Administrator for the Delaware Supreme Court in November 2014, Bill worked as the Executive Director for the Delaware Zoo for two years, starting in 2013. At the same time, he worked as a senior adviser with Econosult Solutions Inc., a Philadelphia-based firm which provides business and public policymakers with economic consulting services and analyses across a broad range of subject areas.

Bill, however, may be best known to people from his time serving as the Chief of Staff to Wilmington Mayor James Baker from 2001 through 2012. Before working for Mayor Baker, Bill was Legislative Staff Director for the Wilmington City Council from 1985 to 1995.

His career in public service for the state began in 1979 when he worked as a social worker for the Delaware Division of Economic Services. From there he went on to join the Delaware Division of Child Protective Services in 1982 as a Volunteer Coordinator, and moved over to the Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families in 1983 as a Child Abuse Prevention Specialist until 1985.

After leaving to work for the Wilmington City Council for several years, he returned to state service as the Director of Legislative Council for the Delaware General Assembly from 1995 until 2001.

In addition to this work for Wilmington and the state, Bill has a long history of community service, working as a member, board member, officer, or trustee for a wide range of community, civic, and service organizations including St. Francis Hospital, the Grand Opera House, the Delaware Theater Company, the Delaware Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, the National Association of Colored People (NAACP) Wilmington Branch, the National Organization for Women (NOW), the Wilmington Arts Commission, and the Coalition on Volunteerism, Inc.

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