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## **Superior Court Judge Carol E. Higbee Appointed to Appellate Division**

Superior Court Judge Carol E. Higbee will move to the Appellate Division effective Aug. 1, Chief Justice Stuart Rabner announced today.

The Appellate Division of the Superior Court is New Jersey's intermediate appellate court. The 32 Appellate Division judges hear appeals from decisions of the trial courts, the Tax Court and state administrative agencies. The Appellate Division generally decides between 6,000 and 6,500 appeals and about 8,500 motions each year.

Judge Higbee was appointed to the bench by Gov. James Florio and took her oath of office on Feb. 19, 1993. She served on the civil bench in Atlantic County for 21 years and was named presiding judge of the civil division in 2005. While on the bench, Judge Higbee has overseen multi-county litigation involving thousands of plaintiffs seeking damages for harm caused by a number of pharmaceutical products. She has served as chair of the Conference of Civil Presiding Judges and has been a member of Judicial Council. She also was chair of the Model Civil Jury Charge Committee.

Before taking her judicial oath, Judge Higbee was a civil trial attorney specializing in medical malpractice, product liability and personal injury cases. She holds a bachelor of arts degree from Temple University and a law degree from the Beasley School of Law at Temple University. Judge Higbee is married and has two children, Daniel Higbee and Susan Chihi, and one granddaughter, Ana Higbee. She lives in Absecon with her husband Scott.

“I love the law and have been fortunate to work with so many wonderful people throughout my judicial career. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the public as an appellate judge, and I look forward to the new challenges that await,” said Judge Higbee.

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