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Judge B. Theodore Bozonelis Appointed Assignment Judge in Morris, Sussex

Chief Justice Deborah T. Poritz today announced the appointment of Superior Court Judge B. Theodore Bozonelis as the Assignment Judge of Vicinage 10, Morris and Sussex Counties, effective February 27, 2003. Judge Bozonelis currently serves as presiding judge of the Criminal Division in the vicinage. He will fill the vacancy that will be created by the retirement of Assignment Judge Reginald Stanton.

"Judge Bozonelis is a proven leader. The litigants, lawyers and Judiciary personnel of Morris and Sussex Counties will benefit greatly from his dedication, his enthusiasm, and his management experience," said the Chief Justice.

Judge Bozonelis was appointed to the bench by Gov. Jim Florio in 1990 and was reappointed with tenure by Gov. Christie Whitman in 1997. Prior to his appointment, he was in private practice and served as assistant Morris County counsel. Before that he worked as an assistant U.S. attorney for the District of New Jersey. He holds a B.A. from Rutgers University and a J.D. from George Washington University.

After initially serving in the Family Division of the Superior Court in Morris County, Judge Bozonelis was made presiding judge of that division before working in both the Civil and Criminal Divisions in the vicinage. He was appointed presiding judge of the Criminal Division in 1997.

Since 1998, Judge Bozonelis has served as the primary Superior Court judge to hear appeals to tier assignments for sex offenders who are required to register under Megan's Law. In addition to his work on the bench, he has served on several Supreme Court committees, including the Family Practice Committee, the Library Budget Committee, and the Judicial Education Committee. He also chaired the Morris County Domestic Violence Task Force Committee and in recent years has served as a trainer for new judges.

"I am honored to be following in the footsteps of Judge Stanton, and I will do my best to maintain the traditions he has established and to serve the citizens of Morris and Sussex Counties," said Judge Bozonelis.

Judge Bozonelis and his wife, Helen, have resided in Morris County for more than 30 years. They have two children, Justin, an investment banker, and Lia, who works for a major entertainment corporation. In his free time the judge enjoys golf, tennis and music.

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