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Judge Jack M. Sabatino Named to Appellate Division

Superior Court Judge Jack M. Sabatino has been named to the Appellate Division effective Mar. 1, today announced Chief Justice Deborah T. Poritz.

"Judge Sabatino possesses not only great intellect but also a passion for the law that distinguishes him among his peers," said Chief Justice Poritz. "I am confident that he will be an asset to the Appellate Division."

Judge Sabatino holds a B.A., summa cum laude, from Yale University and a J.D., cum laude, from Harvard Law School. He served as a judicial law clerk to the Hon. H. Curtis Meanor of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey and thereafter as the first law clerk of the Hon. Marie L. Garibaldi, associate justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

Judge Sabatino worked in private practice until 1989, when he became the State's assistant attorney general in charge of civil litigation. He then served as the director of the Division of Law before joining the faculty at Seton Hall Law School and, later, Rutgers Law School-Camden. He was nominated to the bench in 2001 by Gov. Christine Todd Whitman. First assigned to the Civil Division of Mercer County Superior Court, Judge Sabatino currently sits in the Family Part in that vicinage.

Judge Sabatino has served on the Supreme Court Civil Practice Committee as well as several other court committees. The judge continues to volunteer his time as an adjunct instructor at Rutgers-Camden, teaching evidence law and other subjects.

The Appellate Division of Superior Court is the state's intermediate appellate court. Appellate Division judges are named by the chief justice from among the judges of the Superior Court. The 35 appellate judges are assigned to one of eight parts; each case is heard by a two- or three-judge panel formed by members of one part.

"I am truly grateful for the confidence that the Chief Justice has reposed in me. I look forward to continuing to serve New Jersey's citizens in this new role with another fine group of dedicated judicial colleagues," said Judge Sabatino.

A Pennington resident, Judge Sabatino has two children, PJ and Julia.

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