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**The Honorable Mary S. Much takes the Oath of Office as a
Judge of the Delaware Family Court**

The Honorable Mary S. Much was publicly sworn in for her first term as a Judge of the Family Court of the State of Delaware at 3:30 p.m. on May 2, 2017 in Courtroom 8B of the Leonard L. Williams Justice Center in Wilmington (formerly known as the New Castle County Courthouse). Judge Much replaces the Honorable Aida Wasserstein, who retired from the bench earlier this year.

Family Court Chief Judge Michael K. Newell welcomed the audience to the investiture and administered the Oath of Office while Judge Much's sister-in-law, Michele M. Lank, held the Bible. Mandell J. Much Jr. and Mandell J. Much III then assisted the Judge in donning her robe.

Mary Catherine A. Barthelme, a friend of Judge Much, led the invocation.

Following the Oath of Office, the Honorable Andrea Rocanelli and Antoinette E. Silvestri, CRNP, of the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia offered remarks.

Prior to her appointment, Judge Much served as a Family Court Commissioner since 2006 and had also previously served as a Family Court Commissioner from 1994 to 1999 and as a Master/ Director of Support in Family Court from 1992 to 1994.

From 1999 to 2006, Judge Much served in the Office of Disciplinary Counsel of the Supreme Court of the State of Delaware and served as a Deputy Attorney General from 1989 to 1992.

Judge Much is a 1977 graduate of Wilmington Friends School and received her bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Villanova University in 1981 and her law degree from The Delaware Law School of Widener University in 1988.

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