

1 SPECIAL SESSION OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
2 OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE
3 IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY

4 IN THE MATTER OF:
5 Ceremony of Investiture

6 of Superior Court No. 301
7 HON. CARL GOLDSTEIN Public Building
8 Wilmington, Delaware

9 As an Associate Judge November 29, 1990
10 of the Superior Court 2:00 o'clock p.m.

11 PRESIDING: HON. HENRY duPONT RIDGELY, President Judge
12 Superior Court of Delaware

13 SITTING: HON. ANDREW D. CHRISTIE
14 Chief Justice Supreme Court

15 PRESENT: HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE, Governor
16 State of Delaware

17 MICHAEL J. RICH, ESQ.
18 President, Delaware Bar Association

19 SHELDON SANDLER, ESQ.

20 HON. LEONARD L. WILLIAMS
21 Municipal Court - City of Wilmington

22 And Others.
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1 PRESIDENT JUDGE RIDGELY: First I want to
2 thank Governor Michael Castle who's here and the
3 Delaware Assembly for making this happy occasion
4 possible.

5 Today the Honorable Carl Goldstein, a Judge
6 of the Municipal Court for the City of Wilmington,
7 will become a Judge of the Superior Court of
8 Delaware.

9 Carl's family is here and I would like to
10 recognize several of them. They include his wife
11 Judith and son Joshua, who is five. Carl's daughter
12 Katie is one and a half, who is not here for
13 logistical reasons, we understand. Carl's father,
14 Henry Goldstein, is with us, so is Carl's
15 stepmother, Pauline. Carl's brother Richard and
16 wife Audrey are also with us.

17 To each of you and all of your other
18 special guests, a very warm and special welcome.

19 Carl Goldstein was born near Chester,
20 Pennsylvania, where he grew up and attended public
21 schools. He went to undergraduate and law school at
22 the University of Pennsylvania. Two other sitting
23 judges of the Superior Court have -- also have their
law degrees from the University of Pennsylvania.

1 While he was in college, Carl's parents
2 moved to Wilmington and his ties to Delaware
3 developed and he decided to stay here. In 1964 he
4 was admitted to the Delaware bar that year.

5 For six years Carl was in private practice
6 with the firm of Keil & Keil, and he also served for
7 the last two of those years as assistant city
8 solicitor for the City of Wilmington.

9 Carl is specially qualified to join us on
10 the Superior Court. He has served as a Municipal
11 Court Judge from 1970 until today. Others will tell
12 you more about his distinguished legal career.

13 Beyond his work life, Carl's special
14 interest is traditional American folk music. He
15 helped found the Brandywine Friends of Folk Music,
16 and through this activity he met his wife Judith, an
17 associate professor of anthropology -- that's the
18 study of insects, by the way -- at the University of
19 Delaware. I understand she's also a fiddler.

20 Carl has a record collection, by the way,
21 of over four thousand albums and this -- and his
22 knowledge of music ultimately led to his being a
23 host of a Saturday morning folk music program on

1 WXDE, the University of Delaware radio station, for
2 the past thirteen years.

3 Carl brings a keen legal intellect to the
4 Superior Court, and I know he will be a
5 distinguished member of this Court. But first we
6 must have Carl sworn in as a Superior Court Judge.
7 That will be done by Chief Justice Andrew D.
8 Christie.

9 Carl's wife Judith and son Joshua will hold
10 the Bible, and following the swearing in the robe
11 will be put on Judge Goldstein by the Honorable
12 Bernard Balick and Honorable Albert J. Stiftel.

13 Please stand while the oath is being
14 administered.

15 JUSTICE CHRISTIE: Do we have the
16 commission?

17 Judge Goldstein, are you ready to take the
18 solemn oath as an Associate Judge of the Superior
19 Court of the State of Delaware?

20 JUDGE GOLDSTEIN: I am.

21 JUSTICE CHRISTIE: It's somewhat lengthy.
22 Will you repeat after me.

23 I, Carl Goldstein --

1 JUDGE GOLDSTEIN: I, Carl Goldstein --

2 JUSTICE CHRISTIE: -- do proudly swear --

3 JUDGE GOLDSTEIN: -- do proudly swear --

4 JUSTICE CHRISTIE: -- to carry out the
5 responsibilities of the office --

6 JUDGE GOLDSTEIN: -- to carry out the
7 responsibilities of the office --

8 JUSTICE CHRISTIE: -- of Associate Justice
9 -- Associate Judge of the Supreme Court -- of the
10 Superior Court of the State of Delaware --

11 JUDGE GOLDSTEIN: -- Associate Judge of the
12 Superior Court of the State of Delaware --

13 JUSTICE CHRISTIE: -- in and for New Castle
14 County --

15 JUDGE GOLDSTEIN: -- in and for New Castle
16 County --

17 JUSTICE CHRISTIE: -- to the best of my
18 ability --

19 JUDGE GOLDSTEIN: -- to the best of my
20 ability --

21 JUSTICE CHRISTIE: -- freely acknowledging
22 that the powers of this office --

23 JUDGE GOLDSTEIN: -- freely acknowledging

1 that the powers of this office --

2 JUSTICE CHRISTIE: -- flow from the people

3 --

4 JUDGE GOLDSTEIN: -- flow from the people

5 --

6 JUSTICE CHRISTIE: -- I'm privileged to
7 represent.

8 JUDGE GOLDSTEIN: -- I'm privileged to
9 represent.

10 JUSTICE CHRISTIE: I further swear --

11 JUDGE GOLDSTEIN: I further swear --

12 JUSTICE CHRISTIE: -- always to place the
13 public interest --

14 JUDGE GOLDSTEIN: -- always to place the
15 public interest --

16 JUSTICE CHRISTIE: -- above any special or
17 personal interest --

18 JUDGE GOLDSTEIN: -- above any special or
19 personal interest --

20 JUSTICE CHRISTIE: -- and to respect the
21 right of future generations --

22 JUDGE GOLDSTEIN: -- and to respect the
23 right of future generations --

1 JUSTICE CHRISTIE: -- to share the rich,
2 historical and natural heritage --

3 JUDGE GOLDSTEIN: -- to share the rich,
4 historical and natural heritage --

5 JUSTICE CHRISTIE: -- of Delaware.

6 JUDGE GOLDSTEIN: -- in Delaware.

7 JUSTICE CHRISTIE: In so doing, I will
8 uphold and defend --

9 JUDGE GOLDSTEIN: In so doing, I will
10 uphold and defend --

11 JUSTICE CHRISTIE: -- the constitution of
12 my country --

13 JUDGE GOLDSTEIN: -- the constitution of my
14 country --

15 JUSTICE CHRISTIE: -- and my State --

16 JUDGE GOLDSTEIN: -- and my State --

17 JUSTICE CHRISTIE: -- so help me God.

18 JUDGE GOLDSTEIN: -- so help me God.

19 JUSTICE CHRISTIE: Congratulations, sir.

20 JUDGE GOLDSTEIN: Thank you, Chief Justice.

21 JUSTICE CHRISTIE: It's a great privilege
22 to have administered the oath of such a promising
23 new member of the Superior Court.

1 JUDGE GOLDSTEIN: Thank you.

2 PRESIDENT JUDGE RIDGELY: Thank you, Chief
3 Justice Christie.

4 (Pause.)

5 PRESIDENT JUDGE RIDGELY: Please join us on
6 the bench.

7 Please be seated.

8 Carl, we all welcome you to the Superior
9 Court.

10 I will now call upon the Honorable Michael
11 N. Castle, Governor of the State of Delaware, for
12 his remarks.

13 Governor Castle.

14 GOVERNOR CASTLE: Thank you very much,
15 President Judge Ridgely and Chief Justice and Judge
16 Balick and our newest Judge, Carl Goldstein, and all
17 the other Judges who are here.

18 I think the last time I was in this
19 building -- I don't get here as frequently as I used
20 to -- was at the going-away party for Judge Stiftel.
21 And I remember that he had a brand-new red car and
22 they gave him a hat and pair of sunglasses and he
23 went off into the sunset. And the door opened and

1 the first person that walked through was Judge
2 Stiftel. It surprised me a little bit.

3 You're always welcome, sir, and you are
4 devoted to the judiciary as anybody we've had in the
5 State. We're delighted to have you back.

6 I have a lot of faults as I stand here.
7 The prospect of selecting judges is difficult as
8 anything that I do as Governor, probably because I
9 practiced with almost everybody who is a candidate,
10 although some of the younger people who are coming
11 along are not known to me. Generally the ones who
12 are in the group for which I select are those with
13 whom I've practiced before. And for that reason, it
14 is very difficult because you're choosing among
15 friends. And quite candidly, you're choosing among
16 people who I respect in almost each and every single
17 case. And for that reason, it's not a very
18 pleasurable task.

19 As the attorneys who work with me tell you,
20 I am delighted to put it off to make my task a
21 little bit easier, but it never is. It's always
22 difficult. In the long run, we're choosing among
23 the very best and, indeed, I think in this case

1 we're able to choose among the very best.

2 It's been said that those who toil in the
3 vineyards will be rewarded someday. And I will say
4 twenty years in Municipal Court is toiling in the
5 vineyards. Most in this courtroom have. I have
6 seen the good days and the bad days in that court
7 from my own experience, and I can suggest that our
8 Honoree here today, as well as Judge Williams and
9 other Judges in that court, have done a remarkable
10 job, and I am delighted to be able to reward you,
11 Judge, with what some would consider perhaps to be a
12 promotion.

13 I don't know how you look at it, but in
14 some ways it must be at least different -- let's put
15 it that way -- in terms of what you will be doing
16 now.

17 You did an extraordinary job there and you
18 did it for many years after a fruitful and bountiful
19 education, and you came to Superior Court as well
20 prepared to handle the task, which will be before
21 you as any Judge who's come before that court,
22 perhaps ever. For that reason, we're very
23 thankful.

1 I'm thankful for the judiciary in this
2 State. I'm proud that in the six years that I have
3 been Governor of this State, we've been able to make
4 changes, additions, whatever, because of
5 retirements, whatever it might be, to the Court.
6 And we've lost some very good people, but we've also
7 gained some extraordinarily good people. For that
8 reason, we can be thankful.

9 I had the occasion this morning to go to
10 Fort Dix to see our Army reservists who'd gone there
11 for their training and to be briefed by the Generals
12 and various people there. And it gave me some sense
13 in the change in this world as it keeps turning and
14 as things keep happening out there on the
15 international scene as well as on the local scene.

16 One of the areas I think we can offer are
17 the Courts of the State of Delaware. The world
18 changes, events happen. It seems to me that here in
19 the State of Delaware we've had one constant, and
20 that is our Judges. And our Courts have always been
21 solid as any you're going to find in the entire
22 United States of America.

23 I don't particularly enjoy the process of

1 selecting judges and I'd love to pass it off to
2 somebody else if I could, I suppose. I think it is
3 the best of all worlds, elected Judges. And the way
4 it happens in other states doesn't turn out the
5 judiciary we have here. We can be proud, each
6 citizen of Delaware, of the Judges who we have and,
7 Judge Goldstein, we can be proud of you.

8 You may wonder why you were selected, and I
9 should tell you another story that some of you may
10 not know. And that is sometimes, as some of the
11 Judges here know, there's a little bit of a tussle
12 with the General Assembly State Senate in terms of
13 the process. And as I was going through your
14 resume, I found out Judge Goldstein teaches in the
15 Department of Agriculture at the University of
16 Delaware. Thurmond Adams is the head of the
17 committee that review this. I said, that's it.
18 He's going to be able to make it through and, by
19 God, you did.

20 And, Judy, with all due respect, I think it
21 had more to do with your husband than it did you. I
22 found that out after the fact when I found out your
23 background as well.

1 The job that you're undertaking is not
2 easy. Any of these ladies and gentlemen here can
3 tell you that any of us who practice before you can
4 tell you that, nor it is unimportant. The decisions
5 which are made in these courts are of vital
6 significance to the freedom of some people, to the
7 civil rights of other people, to the monetary
8 benefit of some people. And for that reason,
9 responsibilities of a Judge in this very
10 distinguished Court are vitally important.

11 I've not known any Judge who's ever
12 undertaken this lightly and I know you will not,
13 either. I know you'll do a good job. I wish you
14 the very best for many years to come. Thank you.

15 (Applause.)

16 PRESIDENT JUDGE RIDGELY: The next speaker
17 will be Michael J. Rich, Esquire, President of the
18 Delaware Bar Association.

19 Mr. Rich.

20 MR. RICH: With all due respect, I have to
21 lower the microphone.

22 President Judge Ridgely, Chief Justice
23 Christie, Judge Goldstein, Governor Castle, Members

1 of the Judiciary and friends. Although the State of
2 Delaware ratified the Federal Bill of Rights on
3 January 28th, 1790, our sister states were still in
4 the process of ratifying those same amendments at
5 this point in time two hundred years. In fact, the
6 Bill of Rights was not finally ratified until
7 December 15th, 1791.

8 However, next week, from December 3rd until
9 December 6th, an originally-signed copy of the Bill
10 of Rights will be on display in Dover at the Air
11 Force Base as part of a two-year national tour.

12 The relationship between the Bill of Rights
13 and the investiture of a Judge is significant when
14 one considers the judicial duties formerly performed
15 by Judge Goldstein in the Municipal Court and those
16 duties that he will perform during his tenure on the
17 Superior Court.

18 Whether the issue is eminent domain, the
19 right to counsel or search and seizure, the strength
20 of the Bill of Rights is what it means to those
21 individuals who come before our courts. What it may
22 mean to those citizens and how those relate to it
23 will turn on how it is applied by the various courts

1 throughout the country.

2 It has been regularly recognized that in
3 the eyes of the public, special jurisdiction courts,
4 such as the Municipal Court, may have more influence
5 on people's lives than the general jurisdiction or
6 appellate courts. This is the function of the
7 numbers of people appearing in and the types of
8 cases heard by those courts.

9 To most of our citizens, their evaluation
10 of whether or not the Bill of Rights works for them
11 will be determined by their experiences in such a
12 Court, because in a courtroom, any parties
13 unrepresented, the Judge becomes the manifestation
14 of those liberties guaranteed by the Bill of Rights.

15 The respect and fairness shown to
16 defendants in that and similar courts is the
17 building block for the respect that our citizens
18 have in the higher courts. Likewise, in the
19 Superior Court, our citizens look for and expect
20 that same fair treatment.

21 Judge Goldstein's background in dealing
22 with unrepresented defendants and crowded dockets
23 will stand him in good stead as he begins this new

1 challenge in his judicial career. The issues he
2 will face may be more complex, but his decision will
3 still personally affect the individuals who come
4 before him.

5 In the same manner that the decisions under
6 the Bill of Rights are decided based on the evolving
7 President, the judiciary also evolves by the shared
8 experiences among the Judges who serve on that
9 Court.

10 By linking the overlapping terms of our
11 Superior Court Judges, there's a common experience
12 in this Court which traces itself back to colonial
13 times and the ratification of the Bill of Rights.
14 It is that experience that binds each judicial
15 generation to the next.

16 Your Honor, on behalf of Delaware's
17 lawyers, I'm pleased to extend to you the bars. We
18 wish you well and continued success in this next
19 phase of your career.

20 (Applause.)

21 PRESIDENT JUDGE RIDGELY: Thank you, Mike.

22 Sheldon Sandler, Esquire, will now speak to
23 us.

1 Mr. Sandler.

2 MR. SANDLER: Members of the Bench, very
3 imposing jury over here, Governor Castle, friends
4 and family of Judge Goldstein, I first want to take
5 just a minute to commend Governor Castle for not
6 only this judicial appointment, which is certainly a
7 fine one, but for the judicial appointments that he
8 has made throughout his tenure as Governor. I think
9 that everyone here will agree that you have really
10 done a wonderful job of selecting -- and a difficult
11 process of selecting at a time when the bench has
12 been expanding. And I think that the examples that
13 are present here today really, really do serve as
14 good examples of your quality in your selection
15 process, and I think as members of the Delaware Bar
16 we all appreciate that.

17 I'm asked here to speak as a friend of
18 Judge Goldstein's. We attended law school together.
19 I was in my first year when he was in his third year
20 and we shared a floor of the dormitory at the law
21 school. In fact, we became good friends at that
22 time and remained good friends ever since then.

23 Point of fact. He may not remember this,

1 but Judge Goldstein got me my first job. The
2 process of hiring was a lot less rigid and
3 complicated as it is now. I came down one day,
4 asked if there were any lawyers looking for young
5 associates, and he got on the phone and he called
6 the then-president of the Bar Association, the late,
7 beloved Joe Flanzer, and he reeled off three or four
8 names, and I walked in and got several job offers.
9 So I owe my -- actually by being here in a very
10 direct way to Judge Goldstein.

11 As I thought about what I wanted to say
12 today, it occurred to me I'm probably the most
13 poorly equipped person in the room to talk about
14 Judge Goldstein's judicial capabilities because I've
15 never appeared before him. I've heard from others
16 about his fairness and his sense of humor on the
17 bench and his patience, which is certainly something
18 needed in Municipal Court. But all this, of course,
19 is second-hand and I really am not prepared to vouch
20 for that other than second-hand.

21 But Judge Goldstein and I did spend a good
22 deal of time together during law school. And I can
23 tell you a little bit about his early years, and I

1 thought I would do that to the extent that Judge
2 Ridgely has not already stole most of what I was
3 already going to say.

4 Early on Judge Goldstein exhibited the
5 insatiable, intellectual curiosity that everybody
6 knows continues to this day. He had a wide variety
7 of interests at that time and he got me involved in
8 some of those interests. In fact, every Tuesday
9 night during that first year of my law school, Judge
10 Goldstein and I went to the Second Fret Coffee House
11 to something known as a hootenanny. It's a name
12 that passed from common usage. But he and I did
13 that, and a great deal of the remainder of our time
14 we spent studying together. He was studying the
15 guitar and I was studying the banjo.

16 Nevertheless, despite these extra-
17 curricular activities, Judge Goldstein was a fine
18 student. He was actually an honor student at the
19 University of Pennsylvania in the political science
20 program, but jobs were hard to come by at that time.
21 And when he graduated or went through that third
22 year of law school, things were tough.

23 I remember in particular one interview that

1 he had with a Philadelphia law firm that appeared to
2 have been set up maybe a couple of days after
3 William Penn set foot in America, and he had
4 interviewed with this firm. And a few days later,
5 very few, he received a letter from the law firm,
6 and it said -- and I am only paraphrasing a little
7 bit -- we have not yet determined our needs for next
8 year, but we know we don't want you. I think a lot
9 of us have actually gotten letters like that.

10 Judge Goldstein recovered from that
11 disappointment and came to Wilmington and as Judge
12 Ridgely mentioned, got a job at a firm in town, Keil
13 & Keil, and he established himself rapidly as an up
14 and coming young lawyer doing primarily civil work
15 at that time.

16 I remember him trying cases in Superior
17 Court, Court of Chancery, one before Chancellor
18 Marvel that was remembered ever afterward. It was
19 quite a battle.

20 After several years of private practice, he
21 caught the attention of the then-Wilmington City
22 Solicitor. I believe it was Victor Battaglia. And
23 Victor, as everybody knows, is very persuasive, and

1 he talked Judge Goldstein into joining his staff.
2 And he excelled in that position as an assistant
3 city solicitor. And when a position opened up on
4 the Wilmington Municipal Court, it seemed a natural
5 progression at the time for Judge Goldstein to be
6 selected for that position. And he's remained there
7 and served in great ways as a Municipal Court Judge
8 and has established the reputation that has now
9 brought him to what Governor Castle characterized as
10 a promotion, and I suspect all of us would agree
11 with that. Certainly it gives him an opportunity to
12 expand a variety of work that he does and to help
13 the citizens of Delaware to reach justice in a
14 variety of ways.

15 Besides being an excellent jurist, Judge
16 Goldstein has continued, as Judge Ridgely touched
17 upon, to indulge his intellectual curiosity, and he
18 became involved in interesting and unusual civic
19 activities. I thought I would mention a couple of
20 those.

21 About twenty years ago, Judge Goldstein and
22 I had a long talk with the late Mike Hudak and found
23 an organization called The Brandywine Friends of

1 Old-Time Music, which kind of followed up on our
2 interests in traditional music, and was designed to
3 promote and perpetuate you, the performance of
4 traditional country music, what's known as old-time
5 music, bluegrass, older forms of country music in
6 this area. And ever since the beginning of that
7 founding, Judge Goldstein has been the moving force
8 behind this organization.

9 Some of the other very, very active members
10 of Brandywine Friends are here, and they have done a
11 great deal to help the organization. But I think
12 everybody agrees that it's Judge Goldstein that is
13 the backbone of that organization. He keeps getting
14 reelected as chairman, despite a notable lack of
15 campaigning. And, in fact, he has achieved a
16 national reputation for his expertise in connection
17 with traditional music. He's been on programs and
18 is known throughout the country as a really expert
19 person in promoting and, in addition, playing
20 traditional music.

21 A few years ago, he, as again Judge Ridgely
22 mentioned, branched out even beyond the promoting of
23 the music and became a radio disk jockey, and you

1 can check it out for yourself. Every Saturday
2 morning from ten to twelve, on WXDR, 91.5 on your FM
3 dial, Judge Goldstein plays traditional American
4 music, and does just a thoroughly professional job
5 and has a great show. And lest it be said -- I'm
6 wandering off into irrelevancies -- I would suggest
7 to you that Judge Goldstein's activities, that I've
8 just reviewed, are not altogether irrelevant to his
9 performance on the bench, because Judge Goldstein,
10 through these activities, has demonstrated his
11 desire to meet with and talk with and his profound
12 respect for all kinds of people.

13 Judge Goldstein respects people not for
14 their book learning, but for their inherent
15 qualities. And I think people respond to him that
16 way.

17 If you walk through the camp grounds at the
18 Delaware Valley Bluegrass Festival Labor Day
19 weekend, you see people come up to Judge Goldstein
20 from all walks of life, and he has the ability to
21 relate to them in a very, very relaxed way. He
22 cares for them and they respond accordingly. And I
23 think that this characteristic has served him and

1 will continue to serve him well on the bench in the
2 Superior Court and will combine with his other fine
3 intellectual qualities to add additional luster to
4 the Delaware Superior Court.

5 So to his family, wife Judy -- it's correct
6 she's a fiddler and wonderful fiddler. I introduced
7 her to Carl because I thought our group needed a
8 fiddler, and things took off from there -- Son Josh,
9 Kate who's not here, and the rest of the family,
10 congratulations.

11 Judge Goldstein, I look forward to
12 continuing to hear second-hand about your fine
13 performance in Superior Court. Congratulations.

14 (Applause.)

15 PRESIDENT JUDGE RIDGELY: Thank you,
16 Sheldon.

17 Honorable Leonard L. Williams, Judge of the
18 Municipal Court for the City of Wilmington will now
19 address us.

20 Judge Williams.

21 JUDGE WILLIAMS: Chief Justice Christie,
22 Judge Ridgely, Governor Castle, Carl Goldstein, my
23 colleague, Carl's family, I take great pleasure in

1 participating in another one of these sessions. The
2 last one I participated in was for another Judge who
3 I had had some contact with and who is sitting over
4 here very happy that you're now the lowest guy on
5 the totem pole. And I understand if that happens,
6 you have to take the minutes in the Judges'
7 Conferences. So he's smiling and very happy to have
8 you come in behind him. He's kind of short and if
9 you want to push him a little bit, you might get him
10 to continue to do that.

11 I have worked with Carl over the last
12 twenty years as a fellow Judge. And I'm a hybrid,
13 so to speak, because I don't sit as a Judge on a
14 full-time basis and my general time is basically
15 once or twice a week. But I can say that over the
16 past twenty years there hasn't been a day that if he
17 was in the building -- and we do share an office --
18 that our relationship did not involve some kind of
19 friendly discussion about whatever was bothering him
20 or me or whatever there may be going on. And that's
21 something I'm going to miss very, very dearly.

22 I said to him when he did this -- and I am
23 not -- there's some things I can't share with you,

1 he'll be staying around a little longer.

2 And some of the times where he's had me to
3 cover him -- and I want to mention to you, also,
4 that even the days that I sit and he would not have
5 to be on the bench, he still comes to the courthouse
6 and hangs around the office for a while, unless he's
7 satisfied things are in order and he may leave early
8 that day. He doesn't stay away, even the day he's
9 not assigned to be on the bench.

10 He's had a lot of experience. And even
11 though the Municipal Court is not one of the heavy,
12 intellectual requirements that are involved, it is a
13 job. Sometimes to do this every day for twenty
14 years, because on occasion we have some very
15 interesting things, but a lot of it's somewhat
16 mundane and it takes a special kind of person to be
17 able to do that on a daily basis and still maintain
18 their sense of whatever. Carl has done that.

19 I think one of the things that anyone who
20 knows him very well recognizes is that he's a fairly
21 calm guy. He's been able to work in his own fun
22 kind of things and still maintain a very real sense
23 of levels.

1 And as a member of the judiciary, I think
2 that is one thing that I've noticed among my fellow
3 jurists, that those of us who tend to maintain our
4 balance and not get carried away as to the fact that
5 we're judges, tend to do better than those of us who
6 are trying to make impacts, because cases will come,
7 decisions will come, just being able to be prepared
8 to do the job when it comes your time to write the
9 decision or make the impact that's in front of you.
10 Carl's that kind of a guy.

11 To his family and to Carl, as a friend who
12 -- and I don't think we're losing him, to be very
13 honest with you, because I probably won't be able to
14 try a case in front of him because of our
15 relationship, but just like a certain little judge
16 who I've known for several years calls me two or
17 three times a week, I think we'll still remain close
18 and we won't miss each other that much.

19 One of the great things about what happened
20 is that he's going to get Joyce back, who I think is
21 a wonderful lady, as his secretary and that's going
22 to make all of us happy. And I think the Superior
23 Court is getting a great guy who will do a great

1 job. God bless him and congratulations to the
2 family and everything else. Thank you.

3 (Applause.)

4 PRESIDENT JUDGE RIDGELY: Thank you, Judge
5 Williams.

6 Now, I have the privilege of calling upon
7 our newest Superior Court Judge, the Honorable
8 Goldstein.

9 JUDGE GOLDSTEIN: President Judge Ridgely,
10 Chief Justice, fellow members of the bench, bar,
11 family and friends, it's very special for me that
12 you all were able to be here and share this day with
13 me and I appreciate that. I'd like to use this
14 opportunity just for a few brief remarks, because I
15 want to thank a number of people.

16 I want to thank Governor Castle, the State
17 Legislature and the people of the State for this
18 opportunity to serve on this distinguished Court.
19 I've known most of the members of the Superior Court
20 for some time as a fellow member of the judiciary,
21 and I respect each and every one them. And this is
22 a wonderful Court to be a part of and I am looking
23 forward to every minute and every day here.

1 I would like to thank the State and City of
2 Wilmington for the opportunity to serve on the
3 Municipal Court for these last twenty years.
4 There's something rather unique and urgent about a
5 City criminal court that I don't think you find
6 elsewhere in our system. I'm going to miss that and
7 I am going to miss the people of that Court; Judge
8 Williams, the staff, the clerks, the public
9 defenders and the prosecutors down there. It's kind
10 of a family.

11 There's a huge caseload, but the same
12 Judges, clerks and staff process those cases, and to
13 be with those people for twenty years is kind of
14 special and I am going to miss that.

15 It's also kind of an indication where you
16 get to thank people that you sometimes don't thank
17 enough, you take for granted, perhaps.

18 My father is here with my stepmother,
19 Pauline, from Florida. They flew in especially for
20 this and that means a great deal to me. My father
21 and my late mother, during very difficult times in
22 their life, saw to it that each of their children,
23 four brothers, had a good education and it was an

1 extremely difficult period. And I just want him to
2 know that I am thinking of that as I'm sitting here
3 today.

4 I want to thank my wonderful wife Judy and
5 great son Josh helping out today, holding the Bible,
6 and participating in the ceremony. Our one and a
7 half-year-old daughter, Kate, couldn't be here.
8 She's supposed to be taking a nap now, but she's
9 probably continuing her ongoing remodeling of our
10 house, if I know her.

11 I want to just close with these brief
12 remarks and I thought one or two things might be
13 appropriate, some insight into a very sophisticated
14 point of jurisprudence, or perhaps an anecdote about
15 Municipal Court. Unfortunately for you, I chose the
16 later.

17 There are many, many stories in Municipal
18 Court, two of them kind of rose to the surface. The
19 one that I decided not to tell you happened about
20 ten years ago and it involved a driving-under-the-
21 influence defendant who, unfortunately for him, had
22 admitted that he consumed about two six-packs of
23 beer just prior to his being stopped. He was being

1 prosecuted by Bernie O'Donnell and defended by Jack
2 Hyland of the Public Defender's Office.

3 The defense was that he also had a very
4 large meal at about the same time. There was no
5 Breathalyzer or chemical test given, so they were
6 trying to show that food had an impact on the
7 alcohol and didn't affect his driving.

8 Well, after a very long cross-examination,
9 Mr. O'Donnell finally came to the defendant's meal
10 and he said, Was this lunch or dinner, and the
11 defendant said, Lunch.

12 He then said, Was it a sandwich or sub?

13 There had been some controversy about that.
14 He said, A sub.

15 He said, Was it a cheese sub, ham sub or
16 Italian sub?

17 And the defendant said, Italian sub.

18 And he asked, was it a large or small?

19 And with that, Jack Hyland sprang to his
20 feet and yelled pickles or peppers. That's the
21 story I thought was not appropriate to tell you, so
22 I didn't tell that to you.

23 The one thing I'm going to tell you about

1 happened about two years later. A defendant who had
2 been before the Court with amazing regularity on
3 petty offenses for nearly every week of my tenure
4 there. After about fifteen years standing before
5 me, once again, and I guess I was a little less than
6 patient with him when I asked him why is it that you
7 come before me in Municipal Court every week of
8 every month of every year now?

9 He looked at me very pathetically and said,
10 Your Honor, I can't help if it you don't get a
11 promotion.

12 (Applause.)

13 JUDGE GOLDSTEIN: I finally got that
14 promotion. And while I probably won't be seeing
15 much of him up here, I think they do have a few
16 other things they want me to help out with.

17 I want to thank everybody who participated
18 in the ceremony today, all of you coming and sharing
19 this with me. It's meant a great deal to me. Thank
20 you very much.

21 (Applause.)

22 PRESIDENT JUDGE RIDGELY: Thank you, Carl.
23 Again, welcome to the Superior Court.

1 These special proceedings are about to end.
2 I want to thank all of you for coming on behalf of
3 judiciary.

4 There will be a reception in the lobby on
5 the first floor where you will have an opportunity
6 to stay and greet our new Superior Court Judge.
7 Please do so.

8 The Court is now adjourned.
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