

other things that have led to our litigious society make the workload on the Superior Court enormous.

When Judge Johnston came to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, it had a backlog. It's now completely current.

And at the present time, as she assumes this responsibility, she leaves behind her successful management of over 400 disciplinary cases every year.

As a member of the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, she learned to make prompt, well-reasoned decisions. She also learned to cooperate with the Bench, the Bar, her staff, and the public. She instilled trust and confidence in laypeople who came to her to have recourse for what they thought was unethical conduct. She will instill the same trust and confidence in the rule of law and the administration of justice as a member of the Superior Court.

Judicial service is a calling. And throughout her career, Judge Johnston has responded to the call of being a professional.

I mentioned Justice O'Connor and Justice

Ginsburg who make opportunities available for people like Judge Johnston. Judge Johnston didn't take that for granted. She wanted to make opportunities available for other people. And she did that, in part, through cheering the women in the Law Section of the Bar.

She also knew that part of public service is a responsibility to help the less fortunate, in particular to provide access to justice for indigents. For two years, she served as part of a special blue-ribbon project, through the federal court system, and provided service, at no cost for indigents, in the United States District Court and the Third Circuit Court of Appeals.

Another professional interest of Judge Johnston is the Richard Rodney American Inn of Court, a group of people who have dedicated themselves to ethics, legal excellence, professionalism, and civility.

It probably doesn't surprise you to know that two of the most ardent national supporters of the American Inn of Court are Justice O'Connor and Justice Ginsburg. And by participating in the

Richard Rodney American Inn of Court, Judge Johnston joins a majority of her colleagues on the Superior Court equally dedicated to those same principles.

But judicial service is also a public trust. And if you're going to discharge the public trust, you need a sense of community. Certainly Judge Johnston has that sense of community through her presidency of Children and Families First, her work at the Friends School, her work in her own civic association. But you just can't serve the community or have a sense of community. You really need to have respect for the human dignity of each individual if you're going to be a successful Superior Court judge. Judge Johnston has that. She is an active member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church where she served as a lay leader, a trustee, a Sunday schoolteacher, and a member of the choir.

Now, judges need balance if they're going to be able to put their awesome responsibilities in perspective, and they do that with other activities. Judge Johnston, like Justice O'Connor, gives some balance to her life by playing golf.

And, Chief Justice, you will probably

recall, when Justice O'Connor came to Delaware to play golf with you and Senator Biden, Justice O'Connor beat you both single-handedly. Now, that's something that I don't recommend early in your judicial career.

(Laughter.)

JUDGE JOHNSTON: I couldn't if I could.

JUSTICE HOLLAND: Similarly, you've heard a lot about Judge Johnston's interest in music. That's something that she and Justice Ginsburg have in common as a way to relax after an arduous day. But speaking of music reminds me of an additional quality that we're looking for in judicial officers, and that's humility.

You've heard that Judge Johnston probably could have pursued a professional career in music. She didn't. And indicative of her humility is, despite her talents as an organist, she makes them available on a substitute basis for her church. But probably the greatest balance for any judge comes from your family. And Judge Johnston gets that from her daughters, Ellen and Amy, and her husband, Bill. It's really your family that gives meaning and

perspective to life. And Judge Johnston has certainly been able to keep her life in perspective. After becoming a partner in an extremely prestigious law firm, she decided she would voluntarily like to devote more time to her family. And she put her professional career aside and her own personal advancement for the benefit of her family. For four years, she supported them. And I know that she could count on her family for support as she enters judicial service.

Like Justice O'Connor and Justice Ginsburg, Judge Johnston also enjoys literature. In particular, Shakespeare. And you can't mention Shakespeare to a group of lawyers without talking about that phrase from Henry VI, Part II, "Kill all the lawyers."

(Laughter.)

Well, lawyers are proud of that, because lawyers continue reading the play. And what they know is that that was really Dick the Butcher speaking during Kate's Rebellion when he was trying provoke anarchy. And he wanted to kill all the lawyers, and he wanted to burn down the inns of court

in London, because he knew that for anarchy to prevail, you had to eliminate judges and lawyers who were dedicated to the rule of law and the administration of justice.

Well, this year we mark the 25th anniversary of the Judicial Nominating Commission, a commission who's charged with making judicial selections based on merit. It's clear that Judge Johnston merits this appointment. She is a person of intelligence and integrity, ethics, energy, courage, character, and charisma.

And I'd like to conclude my remarks where I began, with a reference to the Constitution, which really is the basis for our rule of law.

You recall as the Constitutional Convention closed in Philadelphia, Benjamin Franklin was looking at the sun on the back of George Washington's chair, and he wasn't sure whether it was setting or rising, and he concluded that it was rising. Well, I reach the same conclusion today. There's a rising sun over the administration of justice and the rule of law on the Superior Court, and today that sun is shining on Judge Mary Johnston.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT JUDGE RIDGELY: Thank you very much, Justice Holland.

Our next speaker is Andrea Rocanelli, Esquire, of the Office of Disciplinary Counsel.

MS. ROCANELLI: May it please the Court, Chief Justice Veasey, Justice Holland, president Judge Ridgely, distinguished members of the State Judiciary, honored guests, fellow members of the Bar, family and friends of the Honorable Mary Miller Johnston.

I am honored and flattered to speak at this important occasion. I'm glad I didn't have to start by asking permission to approach the bench to fix Mary's sash. I saw that she did that as soon as she had everyone step away from her and was able to do that on her own.

As you've already heard, Mary is now embarking on the third phase of a distinguished legal career.

First, she achieved the success of partnership, in private practice, at the firm of Morris, James, Hitchens & Williams.

Then, with Amy and Ellen, Mary went undercover as a stay-at-home mom.

After several years at home, Mary was re-called from inactive status by the Supreme Court. They needed her to act as the Staff Attorney during Gayle Lafferty's maternity leave, Gayle's second maternity leave. And when Gayle returned to the court as Staff Attorney, Mary was appointed to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel. I joined the ODC about six months later. And since my very first day at the ODC, Mary has been my mentor and my friend.

Under Mary's leadership, the Delaware disciplinary system has been transformed.

With Mary's focus on intervention and education, and with the support of the Court, and additional resources in the form of an unprecedented third and fourth attorney at the ODC, Mary Much and Michael McGinniss, the ODC had the resources to focus more on the prevention of the disciplinary problems.

Today, as a result of Mary's vision, disciplinary prosecution indicates a failure of the system, not the end goal.

ODC attorneys are now a resource to be

utilized and not taskmasters to be avoided.

Mary demonstrated compassion to those attorneys who needed help and assistance while protecting the public and strictly enforcing the rules where the attorneys just didn't get it.

I could not even begin to state the extent to which Mary has been an influence in my life. She is my role model. I've depended on her personally and professionally.

When Mary was first appointed Chief Disciplinary Counsel, she went out of her way to tell me that she would not be my supervisor. That may very well have been true in the very strictest sense, but Mary supervised at the ODC by setting a standard by which we could measure ourselves and for which we could reach. She managed by example. Perhaps more importantly, the lawyers at ODC are friends. We are parents, as you've heard, as well as lawyers. We are all engaged in the ethic struggle for balance between family life and professional career. We all struggle as parents to set boundaries and guidelines and household rules.

The four lawyers at ODC have nine children

between us, ranging in age from a four-year-old, in pre-K, through Ellen, who is a high-school junior. It was they who made the task of disciplining attorneys comparatively easy every day.

(Laughter.)

Most days, you can find the ODC lawyers engaged in serious lunchtime conversations. Our lunchtime discussions always started with a discussion of the work issues of the day. They were always interesting and informative. But in the interest of balance, and because we had problems to solve and needed specific strategies before we returned home at the end of the day, we always turned to the issues of home life and the challenges presented by our children. And this is not even to mention our spouses, siblings, parents, and extended families. No topic was sacred.

(Laughter.)

It is only fair to say that it was typically easier to come up with solutions for the issues that we face at ODC.

Since we are discussing lunch, I want to take this opportunity to fully disclose to Mary's new

colleagues on the Superior Court, unlike Judge Cooch, who is a direct descendent of Cesar Rodney, President Judge Ridgely, who is a descendent of --

JUSTICE HOLLAND: Nicholas Ridgely.

MS. ROCANELLI: -- thank you, Nicholas Ridgely, thank you, Your Honor, who signed the Constitution on behalf of The First State, Mary comes from a long and illustrious line of utensil-lickers.

(Laughter.)

JUDGE JOHNSTON: Mother, you ought to stand up.

MS. ROCANELLI: And she did blame you every day.

So be forewarned, Your Honors of the Superior Court, you should politely decline Mary's offer to lend you the silverware for upcoming events.

As for my opinion of Mary's ability to face the challenges of the Superior Court bench, I sincerely believe that Governor Minner's appointment of Mary Johnston will be long remembered as a decision which shaped the future of jurisprudence in Delaware and, likely, nationally.

I have no doubt but that Mary will

distinguish herself as eminently fair, reasonable, and open-minded.

This is a great day for the people of the State of Delaware.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT JUDGE RIDGELY: Thank you very much, Ms. Rocanelli.

Our next speaker is a brave man, William D. Johnston, Esquire, will now speak.

(Applause.)

MR. JOHNSTON: Thank you, Your Honor.

May it please the Court, president Judge Ridgely, Chief Justice Veasey, Justice Holland, Resident Judge Cooch, Judge Johnston, other distinguished members of the Delaware Bench and Bar, distinguished elected officials, distinguished family, and friends and all.

It is my pleasure to be here today, to say the least. It is a great day.

Judge Johnston gave me permission to refer to her as "Mary" solely for the purpose of this proceeding.

(Laughter.)

She also told me that I could say whatever I wanted to say in 30 seconds or less, so that concludes my remarks.

(Laughter.)

JUDGE JOHNSTON: That was more than 30 seconds.

MR. JOHNSTON: If, at the risk of civil and criminal conspiracy, if I may elaborate just a bit.

I'm humbled to serve today as the family spokesperson at this wonderful occasion. And I'm particularly humbled because under the presence of our family matriarch, Mary's grandmother, Ethel Tower, Grandmother Tower traveled here from Indiana with Mary's mother, the utensil-licker. I'm not sure if that happened while you were driving.

(Laughter.)

Grandmother Tower is a youthful, a very youthful 98 years of age.

(Applause.)

She is, I'm sure, about to hear from Willard Scott. In the meantime, she is an inspiration to all of us. Unlike Mary's grandmother and mother and

brothers and sisters and other relatives in the room today, I've only known Mary for a little over 22 years.

In fact, Chief Justice, 22 years ago, this evening, Halloween, was when we had our first date.

CHIEF JUSTICE VEASEY: Oh, that explains a lot. I was wondering.

(Laughter.)

MR. JOHNSTON: We were in law school. And actually, believe it or not, Mary was dressed very much like she is now: all in black, no red sash, a witch's hat. And I think it was a good choice today, much better.

(Laughter.)

22 years may not seem like a real long association, but I think it's probably fair to say that I am not objective, particularly objective about Mary.

So I thought maybe, if you will indulge me, what I might do is share with you some of what others had said in reacting to the good news of her appointment to the Delaware Superior Court. And what

they said was: She is smart. She is hard-working. She's a good listener. She's a quick study. She is decisive. She is firm but fair-minded. She is a team player. She is a good mentor and a good mentee. She's a conciliator and an intervener. She has a strong moral compass, and she has a great sense of humor. And I, of course, agree with all of that. But I would presume to add just a few characteristics, if I may, and some have been touched on gracefully today previously.

The first is commitment, an unwavering commitment to family and friends, and likewise, a commitment to the church and to the community. And I have to think of Mary's talent and discipline and steady nerves as an experienced professional musician. I also have to thank you for not continuing to practice. And I understand your practice, when you were growing up, was getting up about 5:30 in the morning and practicing piano. And perhaps it's just too obvious for me to comment on these qualities. But I think of her extensive experience in civil litigation as an associate and a partner with one of the finest law firms in Delaware:

Morris, James, Hitchens & Williams. And I think of her long-time interest and extensive experience in the area of criminal law. That interest has been touched on going back to law-school days, and law-school classes, and Law Review writing and editing. And that experience reflected in her participation as a volunteer attorney in the Federal District Court's Blue-Ribbon Panel.

And finally, I think about her commitment to public service, serving as Staff Attorney with the Delaware Supreme Court, serving as Deputy Disciplinary Counsel, and then Chief Disciplinary Counsel.

What you may not know about Mary is that she is also an expert in serial killers.

(Laughter.)

She has read virtually every serial-killer book ever published and probably some still to be published. And you have to trust me on this: She has seen many, many unsolved crimes.

We had a particularly memorable wedding anniversary trip several years ago where we found ourselves driving together for a number of hours, and

we listened to a book on tape on serial killers.

(Laughter.)

We then topped that off with a tape that I just wasn't aware of, and that is *The Actual Confessions of Henry Lee Lucas*.

By the way, the library does want that tape back.

(Laughter.)

For all of these reasons, we, as Mary's family, know that she is truly called to this very important position that she now occupies. We know that she is indeed joining the best state court judiciary in the nation, with all due respect to Indiana, and other states represented here. And we know that she, and her outstanding colleagues, will continue to do everything they can to ensure that the fair and efficient administration of justice takes place for all Delawareans.

And, Mary, we know that you, in the words of Prophet Micah, will act justly, and you will love mercy, and you will walk humbly.

And with that, Your Honor, with love and pride, and some continuing fear of being held in

contempt, I offer you the family's hardest congratulations, and I yield to you for the last word.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT JUDGE RIDGELY: Thank you, Bill. There's no need to post bail or anything.

(Laughter.)

It's now my pleasure to call upon our new Judge, Superior Court Judge Mary M. Johnston, for her to read.

(Applause.)

JUDGE JOHNSTON: Thank you, President Judge Ridgely, Chief Justice Veasey, Justice Holland, Resident Judge Cooch, others members of the Judiciary, Treasurer Markell, other elected officials, members of the Bar, colleagues, family and friends.

At the beginning, I have to say that they always put me last on the CLE programs, since I was the only one standing between somebody and lunch. And I am now standing between you and the party that Andrea Rocanelli planned. And we will get there a little late. So what I want to do is, I want you to,

as soon as you leave here, go straight over to the Bar Center, because it will be a real reception.

And also, one other thing, Judge Holland, you had no way of knowing this, but there are actually three people on this bench who are descendents of the signers. I am a direct descendent of John Adams.

(Applause.)

JUSTICE HOLLAND: I will definitely work that into a new speech.

(Laughter.)

JUDGE JOHNSTON: He was a pretty cantankerous kind of fellow, too.

I'm deeply grateful to Governor Minner for the profound honor and privilege of this opportunity to serve the people of the State of Delaware as an associate judge of the Superior Court.

It is, however, with very mixed feelings I am here today following the tragic and untimely loss of our colleague and our friend, Judge Haile Alford. Judge Alford's professional contributions to the administration of justice, as well as her mentoring, her wit, wisdom, loyalty, humor, warmth, and

compassion are sorely missed. Judge Alford's passing has left a void that cannot easily be filled. And I know that all of us extend our great and deepest sympathies to Judge Alford's family. Although I cannot replace Judge Alford, I have confidence that I'll join the court second to none.

As you heard several people here, the Superior Court has been repeatedly recognized as "the" premiere court in the United States of general jurisdiction. Now, I cannot imagine being more warmly welcomed than I have been by my fellow 18 Superior Court judges. All I have to do is mention that I have an issue about some proceeding and, within minutes, literally, within minutes, I have about half a dozen draft orders or memos or bench book sections. This is a court that is committed to seeing that justice is served. And it's also a court where there's a great deal of collegiality, and we have a lot of fun, too. I cannot overstate how grateful I am to court secretaries, my law clerk, and other staff. Somehow Sharon Agnew, and her extremely knowledgeable prothonotary staff, as well as our bailiffs, manage their overwhelming jobs with very

underwhelming resources. Many thanks and continuing thanks to all.

Now, Grandmother has already been introduced to you. She has been a role model for her four children, 14 grandchildren, and 30 great grandchildren, we counted up last night.

Grandmother began as a teacher in a one-room schoolhouse. After raising her family, she chose to teach at an inner-city school. Before it was mainstream practice, Grandmother identified underprivileged children with learning disabilities. And that was before anyone had even coined the phrase "learning disabilities."

Without the assistance of professional consultants or experts, Grandmother developed techniques and taught these children the skills they needed to overcome their learning differences.

I have been blessed to have known all four of my grandparents well. Ethel and James H. Tower and Lucy and Lester Miller all passed their strong values onto their children and grandchildren. Public service is expected, not optional. They taught us that there is right and there is wrong. You have to

figure out which is which and do the right thing, period.

Now, frankly, I have never found life to be quite that simple, but that's what my grandparents taught me, and that's what I'm going to try to do.

My parents, Doris and Harold Miller, were unfailingly supportive of all five of their children.

Throughout our childhood, both stood up for what they believed even when it was unpopular.

For example, as chief of surgery in our local hospital, Dad brought the first African-American physician into town.

(Pause.)

We just miss him today. He fought against racial redlining in the local real estate community.

And Mother was president of the school board, which was awkward when she handed out our diplomas. But her determination for what she knew what was best for the school cost her a re-election. Mother continues to be the calm in every storm. How many son-in-laws say about their mother-in-law, what my husband says about my mother, "If you can't get along with Doris, it's your fault."

(Laughter.)

One of the benefits of growing up in a big family, it keeps you humble. And any time I start to get too big for my britches, some brother or sister, or all four of them, set me straight. People are always surprised that we really don't compete with each other. We've always been so proud of each other's accomplishments, and I'm very happy they're here today. You can stand up, too.

(Relatives stand.)

(Applause.)

The greatest treasures of my life are our two daughters, Ellen and Amy. Ellen and Amy are excellent students, loyal friends, talented musicians and most of all, good people. Nobody keeps you honest like your own children. If you don't want the truth, you better not ask.

(Laughter.)

What I'm most proud of you girls for is that you stand up for what you believe. Even when you were little, you courageously, and usually respectfully, did not hesitate to challenge authority if you thought something needed to be changed. I

have seen you take heat for standing behind your principles. I have also seen you refuse to take part in unkind behavior. And I have been told by others, many times, that you've intervened when a classmate is being ostracized. You have clearly learned these things from your father.

(Laughter.)

Bill never backs off from support for what he feels is right. And he really doesn't care what his opponents do or say about him if there's an important principle at stake.

What I admire most about Bill is his preference to work behind the scenes. He does not want public credit for the countless times he has made something happen for the good of the community.

For example, I'll bet very few of you know that several years ago, as part of the Human Relations Commission, Bill organized a coalition to get families living in poverty out of the trailer park. The trailer park was in a deplorable condition. There were inadequate sanitary facilities and the children were playing in raw sewage. There were no basic utilities. But through hard work and

patience, Bill managed to re-locate these families.

As most of you know, to say that Bill is supportive of me is a monumental understatement. I only wish I were half as capable and talented enough that Bill tells people I am. You are my hero.

At the ripe old age of 24, I thought that I was going to be an old maid. Now, for some of you younger and more enlightened young women, just ask your parents what that archaic, ridiculous term means. But that's what I thought I was going to be. And then this knight, in shining armour, came along and rescued me from what I thought, at the time, was going to be an endless string of astonishing dreadful blind dates.

No person can become a good lawyer without good mentors. I have been incredibly fortunate to have had many different ones as a young lawyer. My first mentor was Barbara, now Judge, Crowell. Barbara was the first woman at Morris James, and I was the second. The women in the law section began meeting in our offices every month in the main conference room filled with female attorneys and even a few nursing babies. I think that was something of

culture shock to the men. They even joked about me being invaded by the communists. Barbara taught me to keep my sense of humor. She showed me that nothing surmounts differences like proving oneself through professional excellence.

My senior partner, Henry Herndon, insisted that Morris James embrace diversity. Through his leadership, the firm's ambiance was quintessentially collegial. Henry's favorite word is "collegiality." Henry exemplified professionalism, the hallmark of Delaware lawyers. He was a tough taskmaster, and probably tougher on himself. By example, he showed us when the court calls to ask for your service, you say "Yes," and "What else can I do?"

Ed McNally, and his ever-present red pen, taught me the difference between good legal writing and persuasive legal writing.

As a young associate, or even as a more experienced attorney, I would hand a brief that I thought was pretty darn good, and he'd proceed to bleed all over it with his red pen.

Ed was a master of careful, understated, and highly-effective writing.

Clark Collins offered me the opportunity to broaden my horizons by using my legal skills outside of private practice.

A dozen years ago, Clark asked me to join the Board of Directors of Children and Families First, the most comprehensive social service agency in Delaware. Clark walked the walk in giving back to the community. And he has even forgiven me, I hope, for stealing his superb secretary, Jane. I hope. It's official now.

When I had been with Morris James for about six months, Chancellor Grover Brown joined us straight from off the bench. And I persuaded Henry that I was the best choice as an associate to work closely with Grover. As I recall, I don't think poor Grover had any say-so in the matter. As a result, I wiggled my way into some of the most interesting cases during that exciting period of hostile takeovers.

One particular trip to New York, I tagged along with Grover, who was known for his common sense and clear, concise reasoning. We were in a roomful of mostly New York lawyers who were a like a bunch of

yapping dogs. Everybody was yelling and arguing what needed to be done. And after an hour or so, somebody said, "Grover, what do you think?" And it was exactly like that old E. F. Hutton commercial. When E. F. Hutton talks, and the room goes silent. You could have heard a pin drop. Then Grover, with his distinctive Delaware accent, reckoning how to get control of the situation, gave his brief and wise advice, and that was how the case was handled. Needless to say, our client prevailed. Grover demonstrated that every case is important. Both as chancellor and as a lawyer, he gives just as much thought and effort to evaluating a small family farm to a high-profile, Fortune-500 merger. His opinions are equitable in the best sense of the word, clearly written, and do not decide matters which are peripheral to the essential issue. As a judge, that is the example that I hope to follow.

During my tenure with the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, I have had the rare privilege of appearing on a regular basis before the best state Supreme Court in the country. I wish every Delaware citizen could see this court in action.

Chief Justice Veasey, Justice Walsh, Justice Hartnett, Justice Holland, Justice Berger, Justice Steele, and now Justice Jacobs, who I have appeared before in Chancery, all appropriately demand thorough preparation and put attorneys through their paces. I have often been on the receiving end of some tough questioning. And believe it or not, the Court has not always agreed that my position is the only conceivable resolution. However, as a Superior Court judge, I have not been reversed.

(Laughter.)

Give it time. The Supreme Court sets the example for the highest standards of professionalism and respect for the rights of litigants. Regardless of any attorney's ability, the court ensures all issues are addressed and that justice is done. As a Superior Court judge, I will endeavor to follow this example, as well.

The past seven years in the Office of Disciplinary Counsel has been the most professionally rewarding of my life. Andy, Mike, Mary, Margo, you have all worked so hard to make the disciplinary system run efficient, fair, tough, and compassionate.

The work you do is so important. We have always worked as a team. I know you will continue to work as a team. There really is no boss in that office. It is a team. It is a team effort. You are consummate professionals. You're truly good people.

Well, there's almost nothing I like better than a good movie. And my favorite is not *Silence of the Lambs*, contrary to popular belief, although I like that one, too. My very favorite is *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Atticus Finch is the embodiment of what is best in the legal profession. To paraphrase Atticus, "Our courts are the great levelers. Equal justice is not an abstract ideal. It is a living, working reality."

As Bill mentioned, as the Bible teaches us, what is required of us is this: to do justice, to show mercy, and walk humbly with your God.

With the good advice and assistance of my judicial colleagues, the support of my family and friends, and the help of God, I promise you, I will do my very best to see justice is served.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT JUDGE RIDGELY: Please remain standing.

Mary, again, on behalf of the entire Court, welcome. We are so proud you have joined us. We look forward to working with you very much.

JUDGE JOHNSTON: Thank you.

PRESIDENT JUDGE RIDGELY: Reverend Dr. Baker will now give the benediction.

Reverend Baker.

REVEREND BAKER: Judge Johnston, Your Honors, let us pray.

Loving God, you have promised us strength for the weak and rest for the laborers. You have promised us life for the way and grace for all trials. Help from above and unfailing sympathy, in your undying unfailing love. Oh, God, help Mary and all of us gathered here today to continue in that promise. Thanks to you, Oh, God, amen.

THE AUDIENCE: Amen.

PRESIDENT JUDGE RIDGELY: Thank you, Reverend Baker.

This concludes the Special Session of the Superior Court of Delaware.

At the conclusion of the session, you're welcome to greet our new judge at a reception at the Bar Center, which is 301 North Market Street. And we are going to have, I think, an unprecedented walking out of the court today by Edgar J. Smith, Jr. That is Bill Johnston's uncle. And since we never done that before, we are going to wait until you start, and then I'll ask the judges in the jury box to go first, and then we will step down from the bench.

Please proceed.

(Special Session concluded.)