

Motion

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
)	
Ceremony of Investiture)	July 23, 1982
)	
of)	Superior Courtroom No. 1
)	Public Building
HON. JOSHUA W. MARTIN, III)	Wilmington, Delaware
)	
As an Associate Judge of)	4:30 o'clock p.m.
)	
the Superior Court)	

PRESIDING: HON. ALBERT J. STIFTEL, PRESIDENT JUDGE
SUPERIOR COURT OF DELAWARE

SITTING: HON. DANIEL L. HERRMANN, CHIEF JUSTICE
SUPREME COURT OF DELAWARE

HON. ROBERT C. O'HARA, ASSOCIATE JUDGE
SUPERIOR COURT OF DELAWARE

PRESENT: HON. PIERRE S. duPONT, IV, GOVERNOR
STATE OF DELAWARE

HON. HERMAN M. HOLLOWAY, SENATOR
STATE OF DELAWARE

HON. JAMES T. GILES, ASSOCIATE JUDGE
U. S. DISTRICT COURT

E. NORMAN VEASEY, ESQUIRE, PRESIDENT
DELAWARE BAR ASSOCIATION

And others.

Friday, July 23, 1982
4:30 o'clock p.m.
Courtroom No. 8

(The Bailiff opened the Court.)

PRESIDENT JUDGE STIFTEL: Welcome to the Special Session of the Superior Court.

Please remain standing for the special invocation by Reverend David B. Nickerson.

REVEREND NICKERSON: Let us pray in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Oh Lord, our God, if ever we needed Thy wisdom and Thy guidance, it is now, as Thy servant Joshua Martin begins a new career direction. May he remember that Thou art concerned about what will be said and done in his Court, that he must have clear conscience before Thee and that he need not fear any man.

Lord Jesus, we pray that Thou will bless Thy servant Joshua, his family, friends and colleagues. Thou knowest them, their needs, their motives, their fears and their hope. Father, put Thine arms around them to give them strength, and speak to them to give them wisdom greater than their own.

May Thy servant Joshua Martin hear Thy voice and seek Thy guidance in all his deliberations as a new member of the Superior Court of the State of Delaware.

We ask it all in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PRESIDENT JUDGE STIFTEL: Please be seated.

The Superior Court is one of the top constitutional courts of the State of Delaware. It is an interesting and exciting court. For the information of the people who are here who know little about the jurisdiction of the Superior Court, this is the Court that tries the murders, the rapes, the robberies, and all State felonies. It is the Court where the important jury civil cases are tried. Nearly all the appeals from the statutory courts and from the Justices of the Peace are decided on the record or tried all over again in this Court. Matters on appeal from the Industrial Accident Board, the Unemployment Compensation Commission and most of the commissions and boards come to this Court for review and decision.

Because it is such an important court, care has always been exercised by the appointing authority in the selection process. We have had outstanding Judges who

have served this Court with distinction and whose names continue to be memorialized long after they have served and passed away.

Today, Joshua Martin joins this great Court.

Until recently, he was Chairman of the Public Service Commission, a quasi-judicial agency. He comes to us directly from one of Delaware's largest corporations, where I understand he had a bright future and was highly regarded.

His background in law, business and public life should help him to become an excellent jurist. We are very happy to have him join us.

I now call on the gentleman who made this event possible, Governor Pierre S. duPont, IV.

Governor duPont.

GOVERNOR DUPONT: Judge Stiftel, Chief Justice Herrmann, distinguished members of the Bench and Bar, Senator Holloway, ladies and gentlemen: When Your Honor said you were going to introduce the man who made all this possible, I thought I was going to meet Mr. Martin's father, but apparently that was at some other point on the program. I suppose, indirectly, or at least last in

the long chain of events, that I have had some small responsibility in Joshua Martin's being here today.

You have heard me before, at other swearings in of members of the Judiciary, comment upon the very uncomfortable role that a governor plays. Under the Constitution, the Governor is given authority to make the selection of judicial nominees, which are then sent to the Senate for their advice and consent. It sounds easy on paper. In practice, it is very difficult. There are usually many candidates. There are many pressures from the community to make this appointment or that appointment, but the most difficult thing of all is the fact that once it is done, it is done. It is then in the lap of the Senators, at best, a chancy proposition.

After that, for 12 years your nominee will serve as a member of the Bench. Who knows what he will do in those 12 years, what decisions he will make, what conclusions he will come to.

All the Governor can do is try to pick, at the beginning, a man of honor, of integrity, of ability and of sensitivity, and hope that from that moment on it all goes well.

I don't know an individual in government in Delaware in whom I have more confidence. Joshua Martin has performed what I think is the single most difficult task in Delaware government already. Everyone in this room has benefited or suffered, depending on your point of view, under electricity rates and telephone rates that Mr. Martin has had an opportunity to set. The job of Chairmanship of the Public Service Commission is a difficult, abrasive, cantankerous and high pressure one which he did with more ability than I have ever seen it done. Furthermore, he came out smiling and looking just as young as when he went in, so he must be all right.

Joshua's nomination takes on some very special significance. We can see there are many members of the minority community with us today. It is unfortunate, I think, that he is known as the first minority individual to become a member of the Constitutional Court, but it is a fact. In my judgment, it is long overdue. It is something I have worked towards for the past six years. It is overdue because we have a heritage in this Country of fairness and equity. If you just go to the last line of the Pledge of Allegiance, "with liberty and justice for

all," you recognize that we are dedicated to liberty and justice and due process for all.

The perception of that right is just as important as its exercise, and as long as there are not members of all segments of this community, all walks of life, all areas of the State, all sections and races and political representation on the Judicial Courts of this State, there is not going to be a perception of liberty and justice for all.

It is a great pleasure for me to make these brief remarks on behalf of a man who I have a tremendous amount of confidence in. He is a fair individual. He's thoughtful, and I am confident he is going to be one of the most able members of the Judiciary that Delaware has ever seen. I say that in some trepidation with various members of the Bench sitting here before me.

Joshua Martin is a first-class person and is going to be a first-class member of the Bench.

I wish you well. My congratulations and God's speed.

PRESIDENT JUDGE STIFTEL: Thank you very much, Governor.

I will now call on Chief Justice Herrmann, Daniel Herrmann, for his remarks and to administer the Oath of Office to the new Judge. I will then call upon Superior Court Judge Robert C. O'Hara, who will speak for this Court, followed by E. Norman Veasey, Esquire, President of the Delaware Bar Association; then State Senator Herman M. Holloway, and then Judge James T. Giles of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, a good friend of Mr. Martin; and finally, the new Judge, himself.

When the Oath of Office is being administered by the Chief Justice, I respectfully request that all the audience stand. Mrs. Martin will hold a Bible for the administration of the oath.

I now call on the Chief Justice, Chief Justice Herrmann, please.

CHIEF JUSTICE HERRMANN: Judge Stiftel, Your Excellency, Governor duPont, members of the Delaware Bench and Bar, members of the General Assembly, and other guests, ladies and gentlemen: We assemble here today to engage in and to witness a very important event, the investiture of a new member of our State Judiciary.

I know it is even a privilege to participate in that solemn occasion. It is a most solemn occasion.

No greater honor may come to a fellow citizen; no more serious responsibility may be undertaken by a fellow citizen; and no more sacred duty may be entrusted to a fellow citizen than the honor and the responsibility and the duty of sitting in judgment of his or her fellow citizens.

From this day forward, Joshua W. Martin, III, will be so honored and so burdened and so entrusted.

From this day forward, too, he becomes an equal guardian, with us, of the time-honored, high ethical and professional standards of which the Judiciary of this State may be so justly proud and which we so jealously defend, and which he will so jealously defend.

And it is an especially important event when the investiture of a new member of the Superior Court of our State, our State trial Court of general jurisdiction, the Court in which matters of life and death are decided, in which the essential right to trial by jury is preserved, and the Court in which many of the most important disputes of our citizens are determined and in which their most

sacred rights and liberties are at stake.

It is for these reasons, and because I am confident that Joshua W. Martin, III will serve honorably and well as a member of one of the high courts of our State, that I now deem it a privilege to administer to him his Oath of Office.

May I ask the Judge-to-be and the Judges to join me at that side of the Bench.

CHIEF JUSTICE HERRMANN: Joshua W. Martin, are you prepared to take your office of Associate Member of the Superior Court of the State of Delaware?

JUDGE MARTIN: I am.

CHIEF JUSTICE HERRMANN: Please repeat after me:
I, Joshua W. Martin, III . . .

JUDGE MARTIN: I, Joshua W. Martin, III . . .

CHIEF JUSTICE HERRMANN: . . . do solemnly swear . . .

JUDGE MARTIN: . . . do solemnly swear . . .

CHIEF JUSTICE HERRMANN: . . . that I will support the Constitution of the United States . . .

JUDGE MARTIN: . . . that I will support the Constitution of the United States . . .

CHIEF JUSTICE HERRMANN: . . . and the Constitu-
tion of the State of Delaware . . .

JUDGE MARTIN: . . . and the Constitution of the
State of Delaware . . .

CHIEF JUSTICE HERRMANN: . . . and that I will
faithfully discharge . . .

JUDGE MARTIN: . . . and that I will faithfully
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CHIEF JUSTICE HERRMANN: . . . the duties of . . .

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CHIEF JUSTICE HERRMANN: . . . the Office of . . .

JUDGE MARTIN: . . . the office of . . .

CHIEF JUSTICE HERRMANN: . . . Associate Judge
of the Superior Court of the State of Delaware . . .

JUDGE MARTIN: . . . Associate Judge of the
Superior Court of the State of Delaware . . .

CHIEF JUSTICE HERRMANN: . . . according to the
best of my ability . . .

JUDGE MARTIN: . . . according to the best of
my ability . . .

CHIEF JUSTICE HERRMANN: . . . so help me God.

JUDGE MARTIN: . . . so help me God.

CHIEF JUSTICE HERRMANN: You may kiss your wife.

(Thereupon, Judge Joshua W. Martin, III was robed by Superior Court President Judge Albert J. Stiftel and United States District Court Judge James T. Giles.)

JUDGE STIFTEL: Be seated, please.

Thank you, Chief Justice Herrmann.

I will now call on Judge Robert C. O'Hara to speak for the Superior Court.

JUDGE O'HARA: President Judge Stiftel, Chief Justice, Governor duPont, and other and distinguished guests, family and friends of Judge Martin:

I am delighted to have been asked to participate in this memorable session and to be able to express a few thoughts on behalf of all of the Superior Court Judges.

The Judges of Superior Court meet together regularly on a monthly basis to consider matters of concern involving the Court. We particularly look forward to the monthly meeting at about this time of year because it has become traditional to hold the meeting at the summer cottage of Judge and Mattie Walsh in Lewes, Delaware. It is an occasion which affords us the opportunity to include wives and family in a social get-together after the business of the

day has been concluded. This year, just two weeks ago, the meeting was enhanced and enlivened by having with us the newest member of our larger family, Lloyd Martin. Most of us were meeting Mrs. Martin for the first time and were utterly charmed by her. We look forward, with great anticipation, to getting to see her more frequently in the future and are grateful to her husband for having the foresight to include her in his family, in the first place.

As to Judge Martin, who has spent considerable time with us in recent weeks, we Judges have spent considerable time in recent weeks doing a careful and judicial evaluation of the personality characteristics of our new colleague.

He has demonstrated a keen interest in all aspects of the position he will be holding, an energetic approach to a job which requires much energy, and an appreciation of the impact he will have on the lives of the litigants who will be appearing before him. Although he is obviously serious about the demands of the job facing him, he comes equipped with an absolutely necessary trait, keen sense of humor. We believe that Judge Martin brings with him a full measure of such characteristics and that they will serve

him well as he presides as our newest Superior Court Judge.

I would like to mention, by way of an aside, that Judge Martin will be housed for the next few months in an office between Judge Walsh and myself. Naturally, we will be helping him get acclimated to his new job as best we can. If by any chance, therefore, Judge Martin should make some mistake in the days immediately before us, don't blame Judge Martin, blame the "Irish Mafia."

Judge Martin, we are pleased and proud to include you in our group, confident that you will do an outstanding job. As they say in the Navy, "Welcome aboard."

PRESIDENT JUDGE STIFTEL: E. Norman Veasey, Esquire, President of the Delaware Bar Association, will now say a few words to us.

Mr. Veasey.

MR. VEASEY: President Judge Stiftel, Chief Justice Herrmann, Governor duPont, Judge Martin, family of Judge Martin, distinguished members of the Bench and Bar, and fellow citizens:

It is a high honor to be invited to address the Court and my friends on this historic occasion and to express, on behalf of the Delaware State Bar Association,

our warmest greetings and congratulations to His Honor, Judge Martin, and to Mrs. Martin and your family.

I did not compare notes with Judge Stiftel or the Chief Justice about the importance of this Court, but I find that what I am about to say has been said much more eloquently by those two jurists. Lawyers are told, when they come prepared for oral argument and the Court takes away the argument that they want to make, they have to shift their ground and answer the Court's question and address that. Today, however, I am going to stick to my remarks, and perhaps it won't be too repetitive.

This is the Court of the highest public visibility, and perhaps it is not the Court where the majority of our citizens most often see justice dispensed. No doubt, more people see the inside of the Family Court, the Justice of the Peace Court or the Municipal Court. I say this is the Court of highest visibility in the minds of the public, not only because there is a considerable public contact by jurors, and witnesses, and lawyers and litigants with this Court as a court of general jurisdiction. Even more significantly, the vast majority of our citizens have never seen the inside of this Court, and, intending no

disrespect, perhaps they hope they never will. Nonetheless, they hear and they read in the news media where events of significance in the trial of cases and in the handling of opinions and appellate decisions by this Court are reported. These cases range from serious felonies to traumatic personal injury cases to significant business cases involving millions of dollars.

Litigants, and witnesses and jurors approach the Bar of this Court with the highest respect, perhaps with a little awe. Lawyers, too, ranging from the greenest fledgling to the most seasoned litigator, prepare for their appearances in this Court with the thoroughness and determination to excel on behalf of their clients because they are here, by definition, on an important matter.

Lay persons are often anxious to tell their friends and us lawyers, with a sense of pride and accomplishment, that they have just completed a tour of duty on the jury panel of this Court.

The respect for this Court runs not only to the institution, but to the individual judges of this Court, for whom our citizens have a profound and genuine respect. Delaware, it is said, is lucky because its Bench and Bar

have the highest quality and integrity. That is true, but only partly so. It is more than just plain luck. It is an achievement for which many people have worked over the years and continue to work to protect. Governor duPont and past Governors have placed quality and honesty above politics and expediency in making their appointments to this and the other Constitutional Courts and other courts of this State. Our citizens have demanded it, and we have come to expect it, and I hope we never take it for granted.

My friends from other states tell me that it is a refreshing change to litigate in the State of Delaware because of the honesty and integrity of our Judges and because of the business-like approach to the administration of justice.

Today, we join together on one of those joyous occasions when we celebrate our common dedication to quality judicial appointments. Judge Martin richly deserves this appointment because of his qualifications as a lawyer and as a citizen. He brings to the Bench professional skills honed to a precise cutting edge by his scholarly and practical legal background in handling of complex business matters and his superb performance, to which Governor

duPont has alluded, in his quasi-judicial role as Chairman of the Public Service Commission. He has distinguished himself in all of these roles. Moreover, he has continually been a solid and contributing member of this community, respected by all.

We are here, and delighted to be here, to welcome Judge Martin, whose qualifications on the merits add luster to this distinguished Court. His appointment continues a tradition of judicial appointments of persons with the highest credentials. The Bar of this Court is honored to extend its congratulations to Governor duPont on a superb appointment and to Judge Martin and to your family on a well-deserved new career.

JUDGE STIFTEL: Thank you, Mr. Veasey.

I now call on Senator Herman M. Holloway of the Delaware State Senate.

SENATOR HOLLOWAY: Judge Stiftel, Chief Justice Herrmann, Reverend Clergy, members of the Delaware State Supreme Court, other members of the Delaware Judiciary, Governor duPont, members of the Delaware Bar Association, ladies and gentlemen:

Today in Delaware, our nation's First State moves

into another chapter of American Democracy's History of Reconstruction. This event, the swearing in of a black man as a Superior Court Judge, is a modern version of reconstruction in the lives of Afro-Americans, and in Delaware in general.

This action, in a broad sense, is far removed from the confines of political card shuffling for the sake of image making. The swearing in of Joshua W. Martin, III as a Superior Court Judge is the continual rebuilding of the deserving image of this State and the role of an important minority group.

To Joshua W. Martin -- Judge Martin, sworn in as the first black Judge of the Superior Court, selected on the basis of his educational and/or professional development, his background and his personal achievements -- I say to the Judge that black concerned citizens in Delaware are extremely proud of who you are, what you are, and what you will stand for, in the history of the First State. In the years that I have been privileged to serve in the Delaware State Senate, I have voted to confirm every Judge who presently serves on the State's Judiciary.

There are a few Judges in our State who serve

today that I have had the opportunity to vote for their confirmations on more than one occasion. In my very limited contact with those who are charged with the administration of justice in the State of Delaware, I have developed a profound respect for all of them, as I have become more aware of their important and awesome responsibilities within a free society.

I have become a firm believer of the often repeated statement of the late Charles L. Terry, former Governor of the State of Delaware, former Chief Justice of Delaware's Supreme Court, "That the Delaware Judiciary is in fact the envy of the nation, that Delaware is indeed ahead of the nation in the trend to appoint to the Bench able and competent men and women of unquestionable integrity, where they can grow and develop in the Judiciary."

I thank God for letting the light of human progress shine upon this State's image as one leading in a new modern period of human reconstruction. I am delighted to have been invited to share and participate with all of you on this highly significant occasion. I offer to Judge Martin, his wife and family my very best wishes for good health, a good tenure, for God's riches blessings, as you

join other members of the Delaware Judiciary.

Let me conclude by expressing deep, warm and sincere appreciation to the Governor of the great State of Delaware, the Honorable Pierre S. duPont, IV. Governor, you provided me with an opportunity, as a member of the Delaware State Senate, to fulfill a dream, a wish, a yearning, to someday vote to affirm the appointment of a member of my race as a Judge above the level of the lower courts to which blacks were customarily appointed. Much more important however, is the fact that Judge Martin's appointment represents racial progress for all black citizens, and of equal importance, the appointment of Judge Martin represents community progress for all Delawareans.

I thank you.

PRESIDENT JUDGE STIFTEL: Thank you.

Now Judge James T. Giles of the United States District Court, Philadelphia, will say a few words.

JUDGE GILES: President Judge Stiftel, Chief Justice Herrmann, Governor duPont, distinguished members of the Judiciary, Reverend Clergy, members of the Bar, and other guests, friends, Judge Martin and Mrs. Martin:

It is an extraordinary opportunity and privilege

to have been invited to speak today on this occasion in this distinguished Court.

I have known Joshua Martin for about 15 years. He has been a true friend. He is the godparent of my son. I can say to you, confidently, that, as your fellow Judge and friend, Joshua Martin will add to the warm collegiality which I am sure you already enjoy.

Josh is a man of integrity, fidelity, dedication and spirit. Though chosen from among many other qualified candidates for this high calling, it is important to note that he also chose to serve, and he will serve with distinction and he will merit the honor and respect symbolized by his robe. His legal credentials have been justly found by the various judicial screening committees to qualify him to preside as a Judge in this Court. It is comforting to know that the use of his legal skills will always be tempered by an intrinsic sense of justice and fairness. He is a devoted, caring husband and father. His wife, Lloyd, and his daughters, Tory and Alexis, will certainly strengthen him with their constant love and support.

Having been a star physics student at Case Institute of Technology, of Case Western Reserve University,

after graduation, one of Josh's goals was to earn a Ph.D. in physics. While employed at the DuPont Company, he worked in its Research and Development Division. He also set out on the road towards earning that Ph.D. from Drexel University. Somewhere along the way the law beckoned and he followed. I suppose that, despite his love for physics, he knew he had an even greater love for people. No doubt, Lloyd had a lot to do with this emerging sense of humanity. Through the law, Josh hoped to use his scientific knowledge and talents to improve the lives of the oppressed and the downtrodden. He dared to become a patent attorney at a time when black patent attorneys were truly few and far between.

Josh persevered and achieved. At Rutgers Law School, he was an outstanding scholar and contributor to the life of that school and the community. A member of the dean's list, he was the recipient of various academic awards. In addition, he received the coveted Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., award for outstanding community service as a legal intern in a minority economic development corporation located in Camden.

After graduation, he joined the Hercules

Corporation as a patent attorney. He was promoted to senior patent attorney in 1978, responsible for supervision of patent litigation across this Country.

However, his sense of public service did not end with law school. For four years, between May, 1978 and May, 1982, he served this State as a member of its utility regulatory agency, the Public Service Commission. For the last three, he served as its Chairman. Yet, he found time to participate in numerous community activities; among them, the Board of Directors of the Better Business Bureau and the Board of Trustees of Goldey Beacom College.

Josh is a fine pianist and, if you ask him, an even better vocalist. He used to be a church organist. A sports enthusiast, he talks a good game of tennis.

His scientific curiosity is evidenced by his career. He does have that keen sense of humor that helps him and those about him to keep the world in perspective, to recognize the serious and appreciate the light. He is patient, a serious listener and an articulate, effective and experienced communicator.

Just as a fine athlete has balance in muscles and movement, Judge Martin has great balance in every essential

quality that predicts excellence in the discharge of his judicial duties. In short order, I am sure he will be well known and respected as a strong and steady contributor to the life and work of this great Court.

God bless you, Judge Martin and God bless this Court.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT JUDGE STIFTEL: I now call on the new Judge, Judge Martin.

JUDGE MARTIN: Thank you very much.

Judge Stiftel, Chief Justice Herrmann, Governor duPont, members of the Judiciary, members of the Bar, Reverend Clergy, my family and guests:

First of all, let me catch my breath. I am very, very appreciative and respectful of the honor that has been paid to me today, not only by my appointment to the Superior Court of the State of Delaware but also by the wonderful things that so many of its members had to say about me.

I recognize the awesome responsibility and the calling of this position, but I feel very strongly that, with the grace of God, I will be up to it, and I am

willing to commit all of my resources to doing the job that has to be done.

So many of you out there have had such a positive role in my development I would never attempt to identify each of you. You know who you are. I am talking about people who were involved in my development as an elementary and high school student, who are present today, college classmates, business adversaries, people in the community, people I talked to, my neighbors, on whose property I probably trespassed on more than one occasion, and many more people have been involved in my development. Thank you again.

But I will point out one person I would like to identify as having had such a crucial role, which you all recognize in my being here today, and that is Governor duPont. The confidence and faith he showed in my ability and the kind of things I wanted to do when I joined the Public Service Commission and became its Chairman, and now with my appointment to the Superior Court, represents one of the outstanding things to happen, and I am indeed appreciative of that confidence, and I can assure him, as I can assure each of you, that I will do everything in my

power to make sure his faith is well founded.

When giving some thought to the type of comments I would make today, I decided it wouldn't make a lot of sense to talk about my background, legal training, what have you, and that kind of thing. I thought I would share something else with you which I think is very, very important, and that is the kind of person that I think I am, the kind of person represented by my appointment to the Superior Court Bench. So, very briefly, I am going to share a little bit of that with you, and I am going to start with two people who have been mentioned earlier, my mother and father. I would suggest to you that if you haven't met them already, that, if you have a chance, you might go over and just speak with them during the reception. They are really two outstanding people, and I say that not only as a child would say about his parents, but because we have had such a pattern of communication in our family that has been so important. We communicate no less than once a week. We always have, and we communicate on many different planes, and it has been so important to me to have their support and their backing in the kinds of things that I have wanted to do. My mother was the one who very aggressively

pushed me to do many different things that had never been tried before, that many people suggested could not be attained, and always, there was my father saying that, even though you are going to do it, make sure that you take with you some compassion, intellect and most importantly, too, common sense, and I have to thank him for that.

In addition, I would like to mention that my sister Elizabeth is here. There are only two of us in our family, and she, although a professional in her own right, has also been very, very helpful and very supportive. It is amazing how I have been influenced by the women in my life who make very simple suggestions, which I follow and then think all that was my success. When I think back about it, I find out that is where the success really came from. She has been so supportive, so helpful, and I can only recommend to you that she is a super person, and I am happy to have her support in this continuing endeavor.

Now, there are two ladies that give me great pleasure to talk about. You might have seen them. They just completed their tenure on the Public Service Commission, my daughters, Tory Martin and Alexis Martin. I have to indicate to you that very often they were the screening

mechanism between irate customers and myself. They handled it very well. I haven't had too many adverse comments, and now that that period of their life is over, we are moving on to other things. They have been very helpful, supportive, very communicative in what it is I am intending to do, and I am so happy to have them here today so they can be a part of this. I hope that, as we move toward teaching by example, I will do in my life that which will have a very, very positive effect on them.

And finally, my wife -- It is interesting that we are just subsequent to the occasion of having celebrated our 15th wedding anniversary. In those 15 years, as I reflect on them, I have come to appreciate more and more what a driving force she is. I have come to appreciate how many times she plants that little seed and all of a sudden I take it and cross the goal line and I am very excited about the touchdown. I forget who designed the play. She has been so very supportive and has promised to continue to be, never pushing herself in the role of doing things I should be doing, although professional in her own life, but providing the kind of support that is so absolutely necessary. I have to indicate that one of the particular traits

that she has is, recognizing when things start to slow down a little bit, to say, "Let's get on with the business of getting it done," and that is so very, very important.

With those members of my immediate family and my larger family that are here, and all my friends, I have shared with you very, very briefly what I feel I bring to bear, in terms of the responsibilities of this position. I had a philosophy professor who talked about being a three hundred-sixty-degree man. That is a very important concept, but I think, if we are fair with ourselves, we recognize it is very difficult for one person to complete all of the circle without having a complement. My family, who represent that complement, are the additional sector that becomes so necessary for me to have the compassion, understanding and common sense to do the job that I am going to be required to do in this position and I am so very thankful for it.

I can only finally assure you that I am very happy for this opportunity to be involved in, as our Chief Justice has so aptly put it, the highest public service of all, the administration of justice, and I thank each and every one of you for coming today.

PRESIDENT JUDGE STIFTEL: I would like to see Judge Martin's family. Would they please stand so that we can all see them, and the sister can come down.

How about some applause.

Will the rest of you please stand.

Reverend David B. Nickerson will now give the benediction.

REVEREND NICKERSON: Let us pray.

Father, God, we thank you that Thou hast matched Thy servant with this hour. We pray Thee to give to Thy servant Joshua Martin Thy Holy Spirit. Let things of eternal significance happen in his office. From this auspicious occasion, may there flow light, joy and power that will remain with him until the night shall bring Thy whispered benediction, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Now may the peace of God and the love of God which passes human understanding rest and abide with us forever. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, amen.

PRESIDENT JUDGE STIFTEL: Thank you.

These proceedings are now at an end. After a brief pause for official photographs, you may come forward

to greet Judge Martin and his lovely wife, Lloyd, and their two daughters, Victoria Leslie, eleven, and Alexis Diane, five, and the rest of his family.

Thank you very much for being here. A brief reception will follow in the lobby on the first floor.

Court is recessed.

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(Thereupon, the Investiture Proceedings were concluded at 5:24 o'clock p.m.)

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