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GOVERNOR SWEARS IN JANICE MITCHELL MINTZ AS COMMISSIONER OF PERSONNEL

Gov. Christie Whitman today presided over the ceremonial swearing-in of Janice Mitchell Mintz, of Pennington, as Commissioner of the Department of Personnel and heralded Mintz's commitment to reforming New Jersey's civil service system.

Mintz took the oath of office in front of family, friends and colleagues during a ceremony in the Governor's Outer Office at the State House.

"Through her four years of service in my administration, Janice has shown great energy, enthusiasm and integrity," said Gov. Whitman. "I am proud to have Janice serving as a member of my cabinet, helping to manage services regulations for nearly 200,000 state, county and local civil service employees."

"For years, state, county and municipal officials have been asking for major changes in our civil service system. In my State of the State address in January, I promised to make reform a reality," said Gov. Whitman. "New Jersey needs far-reaching civil service reform to make our governments as efficient and responsive as they can be. And to get this job done, I turned to Janice Mintz."

"I am honored by the confidence that the Governor has placed in me. I pledge to the Governor and the citizens of New Jersey to bring integrity, professionalism, and a strong work ethic to my position as Commissioner of Personnel," Mintz said.

Mintz served as senior associate counsel to Gov. Whitman from 1994 to 1995. In 1995 she was named as Gov. Whitman's deputy chief of staff. In July of 1996, she was named first assistant attorney general. She previously served as assistant counsel for Gov. Thomas Kean and was an attorney in private practice for the law firm of Saul, Ewing, Remick and Saul in Philadelphia. She is a graduate of the University of Delaware and Temple University Law School. She and her husband have two children.

As Personnel Commissioner, Mintz will oversee some 440 department employees and an annual appropriation of \$25 million. The department regulates nearly 200,000 civil service workers in the state.