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Governor Swears in Mroz as Chief Counsel

Gov. Christie Whitman today swore in Richard S. Mroz, of Haddonfield as Chief Counsel. Mroz most recently served as special counsel to the Governor.

" I am extremely pleased that Rick has agreed to serve as chief counsel," said Gov. Whitman. "His strong legal background, make him an outstanding representative for my administration."

Mroz, 37, joined the Whitman administration in 1994 as the director of the authorities unit. The unit represents the Governor on the various boards, authorities and commissions of which she is a member. He was named Special Counsel to the Governor in November, 1997.

Mroz has been involved in numerous Whitman administration initiatives and projects. He coordinated the state's involvement in the redevelopment of Atlantic City and the Camden Waterfront. He worked with Wildwood officials to make the construction of a convention center there a reality. On behalf of the Governor, Mroz worked with Port Authority of NY and NJ officials to develop a strategy for the sale of the World Trade Center and other non- transportation related assets, so the agency could return its focus to being the key economic development tool in the metropolitan region.

Prior to joining the administration, Mroz was county counsel for Camden County. From 1987 to 1991, he was associated with the law firm of Cahill, Wilinski and Cahill in Haddonfield.

Mroz is a 1983 graduate of the University of Delaware. He received his law degree from Villanova University School of Law in 1986, and then served as a clerk to Camden County Superior Court Assignment Judge I.V. DiMartino.

Mroz is married to the former Dr. Lynne Odorisio. They have one daughter, Julia.