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## **Gov. Christie Whitman Submits Notices of Intention to Nominate Derman and Jackson for Appointment as Superior Court Judges**

Gov. Christie Whitman today submitted to the New Jersey Senate notices of intention to nominate Harriet E. Derman, of Metuchen, and James L. Jackson, of Atlantic City, for appointment as Superior Court judges.

Derman, who is currently Chief of Staff, has served in three key posts in the Whitman Administration. From February 1994 to April 1996, Derman was Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs. She was Chief Counsel from May, 1996 to July 1996 when she was appointed Chief of Staff.

Derman, who co-chairs the Governor's Transition Team, was a member of the General Assembly from 1992 to 1994. She served as Majority Whip in 1994. Derman received her undergraduate degree from New York University and her law degree cum laude from Seton Hall University. She also received a master's degree in tax law from New York University.

Derman, former president of the Middlesex County Bar Association, is a member of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel.

Jackson currently is a sole practitioner whose practice includes real estate transactions, landlord-tenant matters, wills, estates, probate, matrimonial and family matters, small businesses and incorporation and municipal court. He also maintains a practice in civil litigation, which includes personal injury and contract litigation.

He has also served as condemnation commissioner in matters involving the use of eminent domain in Atlantic County and served as administrator of the estates of decedents where conflicts existed between heirs and where decedents died without known heirs. Jackson graduated from North Carolina Central University and Rutgers University School of Law, Newark.

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