

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

The Supreme Court having five members, one judge of the Appellate Division temporarily assigned to the Court, and one vacancy at the start of the 2012-2013 court term; and

The Court having addressed a significant number of matters during the 2011-2012 term when it resolved 1,148 petitions for certification, 596 motions, and 115 disciplinary and character matters; heard arguments in 90 appeals and 30 attorney and judicial disciplinary matters; and filed 98 majority, per curiam, concurring, and dissenting opinions; and

There being no reason to anticipate a material reduction in the workload of the Court during the 2012-2013 term; and

Judge Dorothea O'C Wefing, having been assigned temporarily to the Supreme Court on June 10, 2011 and facing mandatory retirement on October 28, 2012, having waived her continued assignment to the Court effective October 1, 2012;

It is, therefore, necessary to assign two judges to serve temporarily in the Supreme Court to address the Court's substantial workload with a full complement of seven individuals; and

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, pursuant to the authority set forth in Article VI, section II, paragraph 1 of the New Jersey Constitution and Rule 2:13-2(a), that Judges Ariel A. Rodriguez and Mary Catherine Cuff, Presiding Judges of the Appellate Division who are senior in service, shall be assigned temporarily to the Supreme Court to participate in new matters presented for the Court's consideration; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, to minimize disruption to the Appellate Division, the temporary assignment of Judges Rodriguez and Cuff shall be effective October 1, 2012, and shall continue until further Order; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Judge Wefing shall continue to participate in matters presented to the Court prior to October 1, 2012 except for appeals that are argued in September 2012, because those matters are unlikely to be resolved before her mandatory retirement.



Chief Justice

Dated: September 4, 2012