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### **Gov. Whitman Selects Janice M. Mintz as New Personnel Commissioner Announces Three Appointments in Governor's Office**

Gov. Christie Whitman today named Janice Mitchell Mintz, of Pennington, as Acting Commissioner of the Department of Personnel and announced her intention to nominate Mintz as Commissioner of the department. She also announced the appointment of Wendy W. Rayner, of Montgomery Township, as the Chief Information Officer for the state, Richard S. Mroz, of Cherry Hill, as Special Counsel to the Governor, and Cynthia E. Covie, of Cherry Hill, as Director of the Governor's Authorities Unit.

"Janice Mintz has been a valued member of my administration since its first days. As my Deputy Chief of Staff and as the First Assistant Attorney General, she has distinguished herself by her clear thinking and commitment. I look forward to her serving in the Cabinet," Gov. Whitman 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 as First Assistant Attorney General. She previously served as Assistant Counsel for Gov. Thomas Kean and was in the private practice of law. She is a graduate of the University of Delaware and Temple University Law School. She and her husband have two children.

Rayner will serve in a newly-created position as the state's Chief Information Officer. In the post she will be responsible for overseeing the implementation of a comprehensive strategy for all information technology in state government. This coordinated policy will improve the delivery of services to citizens and businesses, increase the efficiency and effectiveness of government services and reduce costs.

Ms. Rayner currently serves as Chief of Operations at the Department of Environmental Protection where she is responsible for managing the overall administration of the DEP and the department's process improvement,

training and quality activities. She supervises the Office of Information Resources Management, the Office of Audit and the Office of the Training Advocate.

Rayner is a graduate of Columbia College and has one son.

Mroz, is an attorney who currently serves as Director of the Governor's Authorities Unit and is responsible for overseeing coordination of the activities of 47 of the state's independent authorities, boards and commissions. As Special Counsel to the Governor, he will provide advice and direction in long term planning for the state's largest and most complex authorities. Among those authorities are the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority, the Port Authority of NY/NJ, and the Delaware River Port Authorities.

Mroz is a graduate of the University of Delaware and Villanova Law School. He previously served as County Counsel for Camden County and was in the private practice of law. He and his wife have one child.

Covie, currently serves as Assistant Counsel in the Governor's office. She will replace Mroz as Director of the Authorities Unit where she will oversee coordination of the activities of 47 of the state's independent authorities, boards and commissions.

Before joining the Whitman Administration, she served as Assistant County Counsel in Camden County.

She is a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College and received her law degree from the Rutgers School of Law, in Camden.

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