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Governor Names Mroz to be Chief Counsel

Gov. Christie Whitman today announced the appointment of Richard S. Mroz, of Haddonfield as chief counsel. Mroz has been serving as special counsel to the Governor.

"Rick Mroz has been a valuable member of my staff, since the beginning of this administration, and I am extremely pleased that he will continue to advise me as chief counsel," said Gov. Whitman. "Rick's strong legal background, his ability to get things done, and his reputation as a consensus-builder will make him an effective chief counsel."

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 assests, 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 Countdy Superior Court Assignment Judge I.V. DIMartino.

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