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Whitman Statement at Retirement of Justice Garibaldi

NJ Gov. Christie Whitman today accepted notice of the retirement of Marie L. Garibaldi as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey. Justice Garibaldi has served on New Jersey's highest court since November of 1982, and was the first woman to be nominated to sit on the Supreme Court.

"Justice Garibaldi broke new ground as she became the first woman to serve on the New Jersey Supreme Court. She will not be remembered, however, simply for being among the first. Marie Garibaldi will be remembered for being among the best," Gov. Whitman said.

"Throughout her career, Marie Garibaldi has commanded the admiration and respect of everyone committed to the administration of justice. She was an active member of the Court whose more than 200 opinions were known for their clarity and the for the guidance they provided to lower courts," the Governor said.

"Her nationwide reputation for her work in alternative dispute resolution is a reflection not only of her groundbreaking work in this area, but of her belief that the success of our system of justice is measured by how responsive it is to the needs of the people who turn to our courts for help," the Governor added.

Justice Garibaldi's retirement is effective February 1, 2000.