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## Ivelisse Torres Sworn-In as State Public Defender By Gov. Christie Whitman

Gov. Christie Whitman today swore in Ivelisse Torres as Public Defender for the State of New Jersey.

"Ivy Torres is highly respected by her peers for her respect of the law and her commitment to ensuring fair treatment for all under the law," Whitman said.

Torres, of Shrewsbury, brings to the office of public defender experience as a trial lawyer from 28 years of service in public defenders' offices in Camden, Union and Ocean County.

Torres was Deputy Public Defender in the Ocean County Office of Public Defender from 1993 until her appointment as State Public Defender. She also served as a senior trial attorney and first assistant public defender in the Ocean County Public Defender's Office, as a trial attorney and law guardian in the Camden County Public Defenders Office and as a senior trial attorney in the Union County Public Defenders Office.

The Office of Public Defender provides state-wide legal services in criminal matters for indigent adults and juveniles. The agency also represents victims of child abuse in family court matters and mental patients in commitment hearings. A dispute settlement unit in the office provides alternative dispute resolution services in complex public interest and commercial disputes.

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