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Trenton, NJ - Governor Chris Christie today appointed all new members to the Judicial Advisory Panel, one week after he accepted resignations of prior members of the panel, which screens and makes recommendations of Superior Court judges for the Governor and his advisors to consider for appointment.

The new chairman of the seven-member Judicial Advisory Panel will be former Supreme Court Justice Peter G. Verniero.

"I'm honored that the Governor has asked me to take on this role with the panel, which will provide an important review of future nominees to the Superior Court," Verniero said. "I look forward to working with my colleagues on the panel, all of whom come with considerable judicial or legal experience in New Jersey."

"Having this panel in place is good for the judiciary of our state and helpful to me in selecting high-quality judges," Governor Christie said. "I wanted to act quickly to fill the panel with qualified individuals of high integrity and reputation so that the panel would have no interruption in performing its function."

The other members of the panel are:

- Rosemary Alito, an attorney specializing in labor and employment law with the firm K&L Gates, and chairman of the Editorial Board of the New Jersey Law Journal.
- Richard J. Badolato, the immediate past president of the New Jersey State Bar Association.
- John J. Degnan, Vice Chairman and Chief Operating Officer for The Chubb Corporation, a former New Jersey Attorney General and Chief Counsel under Governor Brendan T. Byrne.
- Harriet Derman, a former Superior Court Judge and Chief of Staff and Chief Counsel to Governor Christie Todd Whitman.
- W. Cary Edwards, former Attorney General of New Jersey and Chief Counsel to Governor Thomas H. Kean.
- Bette E. Uhrmacher, a former Superior Court Judge in Monmouth County.

Governor Christie today signed an Executive Order which amends an EO of the Corzine administration on the membership of the Judiciary Advisory Panel. Governor Christie's EO requires at least three of the panel members to be former judges, with all members being attorneys admitted to practice in New Jersey.

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