

Chief Justice Chase T. Rogers

Excerpts from Her Remarks at the Attorney Swearing in Ceremony

Friday, November 4, 2016

GOOD MORNING. ON BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES ON THE SUPREME COURT, IT IS A PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU TO THIS CEREMONY, WHICH CELEBRATES YOUR ENTRANCE INTO THE LEGAL COMMUNITY.

I AM ALSO GRATEFUL TO MONTE FRANK, PRESIDENT OF THE CONNECTICUT BAR ASSOCIATION, AND THE BAR ASSOCIATION LEADERS FOR THEIR ONGOING COMMITMENT TO THIS EVENT. FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO THANK JUSTICE PETER T. ZARELLA, WHO CAME UP WITH THE IDEA OF HOSTING A STATEWIDE SWEARING IN CEREMONY IN 2001 AND HAS PARTICIPATED IN 31 CEREMONIES SINCE THAT DATE. HE IS COMMITTED TO MAKING EACH CEREMONY A MEANINGFUL EVENT FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS AND WE APPRECIATE HIS CONTINUED EFFORTS OVER THE YEARS TO MAKE THE SWEARING IN CEREMONY SUCH A SPECIAL EVENT.

AS WAS ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY, JUSTICE ZARELLA IS RETIRING FROM THE BENCH THIS DECEMBER FOLLOWING A LENGTHY AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE BRANCH AND TO THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO

RECOGNIZE HIS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE JURISPRUDENCE
OF THIS STATE AND THANK HIM FOR HIS DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT.
WE ARE GOING TO MISS HIM. IN HONOR OF HIS LEAVING, HE WILL BE
SHAKING ALL OF THE ADMITTEES HANDS TODAY. PLEASE JOIN ME IN A
ROUND OF APPLAUSE.