

APPENDIX

HONORABLE ANGELO G. SANTANIELLO
1924–2015

The Honorable Angelo G. Santaniello passed away on March 1, 2015, at the age of ninety. He was a longtime resident of New London, Connecticut, where he grew up, and served the Connecticut Judicial Branch for forty-four years.

Justice Santaniello was born in New London on May 28, 1924. He was a 1942 graduate of The Bulkeley School, a high school in New London. He received his B.A. degree from the College of the Holy Cross in 1946 and his J.D. and L.L.B. degrees from Georgetown University Law School in 1950. During World War II, he served in the United States Naval Reserve from 1943 through 1946.

Justice Santaniello was admitted to the Connecticut Bar in 1950. He was engaged in the private practice of law from 1950 through 1965. He began with the Judicial Branch as a Circuit Court judge in 1966, served as a judge for the Court of Common Pleas from 1971 through 1973, and then as a Superior Court judge from 1973 through 1985. As a Superior Court judge, he undertook the added responsibilities of the Chief Administrative Judge for Civil Matters from 1979 through 1982 and the Administrative Judge of the New London judicial district from 1978 until 1985. He was appointed to the Supreme Court as an associate justice in 1985.

After serving as an associate justice until 1987, Justice Santaniello was a senior associate justice from 1987 until 1994. During his time as a senior associate justice, Justice Santaniello developed a preargument conference program for Supreme Court and Appellate Court cases, through which parties sought to resolve their cases through settlement and to ultimately withdraw their appeals, thereby easing the caseload of those courts. He also oversaw the Supreme Court on Circuit program, pursuant to which the court heard appellate arguments at alternative locations, including colleges and law schools located within the state, where such sessions served as an educational tool for professors and students.

As an associate justice and senior associate justice, Justice Santaniello authored more than 100 majority opinions. At the beginning of Justice Santaniello's last term in which he heard arguments, then Chief Justice Ellen Ash Peters commented on his importance to the court: "Beyond his role

as an author of particular opinions . . . Justice Santaniello has always been an especially effective voice for sensitivity and moderation, whether he writes independently or concurs in the opinions of others. His singular contribution to the court has been his uncanny ability to create goodwill in the [court] conference room. In all our joint deliberations, he has gracefully and effectively strengthened our collegial capacity to resolve the controversial questions of our multifaceted agendas with the right blend of mutual respect and intellectual rigor.”

Following his retirement from the Supreme Court in 1994, Justice Santaniello served as a judge trial referee until 2010. During his tenure as a judge trial referee, he successfully mediated numerous civil lawsuits in the Superior Court through settlement.

Justice Santaniello was survived by his wife Kay, three children, Lisa, Maria and Gary, as well as six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.
