

# Governor Markell Nominates Jeffrey J. Clark to Superior Court of Kent County

*Governor also nominates Commissioners Mary M. McDonough and Susan P. Tussey for reappointments to the Court of Common Pleas and Family Court of New Castle County, respectively*

**Wilmington, DE** – Governor Markell today announced he has nominated Jeffrey J. Clark, a veteran of the United States Army and well-respected attorney with 18 years of legal experience, to serve on the Kent County Superior Court. If confirmed by the Delaware Senate, Clark will fill the vacancy left by Judge Jan Jurden, who was sworn in as President Judge of the Delaware Superior Court on February 16, 2015.

“Jeff Clark has served his country and his community, developing a reputation as a dedicated, focused attorney with the utmost professionalism and attention to detail,” said Governor Markell. “If he is confirmed by Senate, I believe Jeff will serve our state well as a Superior Court judge.”

Mr. Clark is a partner at Schmittinger & Rodriguez, P.A. In that capacity, he regularly litigates personal injury, criminal defense law and commercial cases. He also served as a legislative attorney for the Delaware State Senate for sixteen years and has served as a Commissioner on the Delaware Public Service Commission since 2005.

In addition to his professional work, Mr. Clark has taken an active role in his community. He was a member of the Smyrna School Board for 15 years, serving as its president for three terms. He is a member of the Kenton United Methodist Church, and served as director of the Smyrna Opera House for two years.

"I am honored and thankful that Governor Markell is nominating me for this office," said Clark. "If the Senate, after considering of my nomination, confirms me, I would look forward to serving the people of Kent County and the State."

Clark, 46, received a Bachelor of Sciences from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1990. He earned his law degree at Widener University School of Law and was admitted to the Delaware Bar in 1997. He resides with his family near Kenton.

In addition, Governor Markell today announced he has nominated the Honorable Mary M. McDonough for reappointment to the New Castle County Court of Common Pleas. A graduate of University of Delaware and New York University School of Law, Commissioner McDonough has served as a commissioner on the New Castle County Court of Common Pleas since 2004.

The Governor also announced his nomination of the Honorable Susan P. Tussey for reappointment to the New Castle County Family Court. A graduate of University of Delaware and Widener School of Law, Commissioner Tussey has served as a commissioner on the New Castle County Family Court since 2010.

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