

## **County Surrogate Susan Hoffman Is Setting Records Beyond Just Her Years of Service**

New Jersey's longest serving Surrogate, Hunterdon County's Susan Hoffman, is setting records, and not just for her longevity in office that began in 1982.

Ms. Hoffman's court was the first in the state to embrace the internet to make information and documentation more convenient for those in need the Surrogate's services.

The continued expanding use of technology allows Hoffman to maintain the record setting smallest staff, with the lowest salary cost, of all the Surrogate courts in New Jersey, while also offering expanded office hours for residents. The Surrogate's Court is open for business, Monday through Friday from 7:45 am to 5:15 pm.

Freeholder John Lanza, liaison for the Surrogate's Court, stated, "A Surrogate has so many responsibilities, caring for the disabled, understanding how child support impacts estate funds, carefully administrating Guardianship and probating wills, just to name a few.

The complexities involved in Surrogate Court and being able to appoint the appropriate person to carry on the duties of a decedent, these are skills that Surrogate Hoffman takes seriously and executes carefully."

Ms. Hoffman, a lifelong Hunterdon County resident who resides in Kingwood, said, "Those citizens served by the Surrogate's Court come to us when there are difficult circumstances in their lives. We need to be compassionate, professional and caring in dealing with our constituents."

Ms. Hoffman established a volunteer guardian non-profit agency, One on One, Inc., an organization that recruits and trains guardians to be appointed for persons in the community who have no family members and may be vulnerable and in need strong advocacy.

Ms. Hoffman's knowledge of the intricacies of service in the Surrogate's Court, comes from long experience, that began as a member of the Surrogate's staff in 1976 and, prior to being elected Surrogate by the people of Hunterdon County, service as the County's Deputy Surrogate.

Ms. Hoffman's experience and professionalism has been recognized by her peers. She has served as President of the Constitutional Officers Association of New Jersey, an association organized to implement uniformity throughout the state and to support legislation that affects the public served by those offices.

Residents in need of the Surrogate Court's service can call 908-788-1156 or stop by during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 7:45am to 5:15pm, or [click here](#) for the Surrogate website.