

## **Susan Hoffman Takes Oath As Hunterdon Surrogate For Eighth Time**

Surrogate Susan Hoffman, re-elected by Hunterdon County's voters in November for an eighth term as Judge of the Surrogate Court, had the oath of office administered by Superior Court Judge Michael O'Neill, at the Hunterdon County Re-organization Meeting on January 7<sup>th</sup>.

Surrogate Hoffman stated, "My motto has always been to help, not hinder whatever process you are involved with in the Surrogate's Court, whether it be adoption, guardianship, probate or administration. I shall continue to keep ahead of the changes in the law, so I can convey these changes to the public. I look forward to serving the residents of Hunterdon County for the next five years."

Ms. Hoffman, New Jersey's longest tenured Judge of the Surrogate Court, is recognized for her office being first in the state to embrace the internet, bringing technological innovation that makes information and documentation more convenient for those in need the Surrogate's services.

The continued expanding use of technology allows Ms. 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.

Ms. Hoffman also 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 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 Court website.