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## **Local Attorney Brian Holeman to be sworn in as Superior Court Judge**

**WHAT:** Investiture of Judge-designate Brian Holeman

**WHERE:** Third-floor atrium of the Moultrie Courthouse, 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W.

**WHEN:** Friday, February 13 at 4:00pm

**WHO:** Chief Judge Rufus G. King III, presiding  
Judge Melvin R. Wright, administering oath of office  
Judge designate Brian Holeman

**BACKGROUND:** Brian Holeman is a native of Durham, North Carolina. He is a 1975 graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy. He attended college at Princeton University, where he was awarded the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1979. He received his law degree from The University of Michigan Law School in 1982.

During the years 1982 through 1987, Mr. Holeman was a member of the Los Angeles law firm of Spray, Gould & Bowers and held a senior supervisory position in the insurance industry. Thus began Mr. Holeman's training and expertise in insurance defense and insurance coverage analysis. This professional development continued in 1988 and 1989 when, as a member of the Philadelphia defense firm of Bennett, Bricklin & Saltzburg, Mr. Holeman practiced in the areas of civil and products liability litigation.

Upon relocating to the District of Columbia in 1989, Mr. Holeman became a member of the law firm of Montedonico & Mason, Chartered, later Montedonico, Hamilton, Altman & Nash, P.C., specializing in medical professional liability defense litigation. He continued this work in 1992 through 1997 while a member of Wharton, Levin, Ehrmantraut, Klein & Nash, P.A., rising to the position of shareholder in 1995.

In 1998, after having spent his entire career in defense of individuals and institutions, Mr. Holeman joined Eaton & McClellan as a partner, serving both its District of Columbia and Philadelphia offices, representing plaintiffs in medical malpractice and wrongful death cases. He remained of counsel to the Philadelphia office of that firm until the time of his judicial appointment.

Mr. Holeman was a solo practitioner from 1999 through 2002. He represented plaintiffs in civil, medical malpractice, contract and employment litigation while also handling a limited number of defense cases. During this period, he began service as counsel to The Prince George's County Citizen Complaint Oversight Panel, that independent county agency the mission of which is to strengthen procedures for handling, and to provide citizen participation in, complaints of alleged police misconduct.

In January 2003, Mr. Holeman became co-founder and Managing Director of Wells & Holeman, LLC, a civil litigation firm. Among the firm's clients was the Prince George's County Board Of Education and, at the time of his judicial appointment, Mr. Holeman was a member of the collective bargaining team, which represented the Board Of Education in its labor negotiations with four employee unions.

Mr. Holeman sits on the Law Day Scholarship Committee of the Washington Bar Association. He is a member of Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ, serving as a deacon and a member of the Church Growth and Development Steering Committee. Nationally, in the United Church of Christ, Mr. Holeman is a member of both the Executive Council and the Board of Directors of the Office of General Ministries.

Mr. Holeman is married to Susan Elizabeth Dunnings, Deputy General Counsel for Employee Relations of National Public Radio. They have one son, Jonathan Taylor Holeman, who will turn 2 years of age in March and is already a jazz aficionado and an outstanding athlete in his Gymboree class.

Mr. Holeman is privileged to be the son of Ms. Joan Holeman of Durham, North Carolina, whom he credits with instilling all of those favorable qualities that resulted in his judicial appointment.