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Ralph V. Martin, retired Superior Court Judge serving Passaic County, has been appointed Chairman of the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission.

Appointed to the Commission in late December by Governor Christine Todd Whitman to fill the term vacated by former United States Attorney Michael Chertoff, Martin replaces William H. Eldridge, who will continue serving on the Commission.

As a superior Court Judge, the new Chairman was involved in all divisions of the Court, with the bulk of his service occurring in the Civil Division.

Martin said: "First and foremost, on behalf of the Commission and the people of New Jersey, I want to express my appreciation to outgoing Chairman Eldridge for the job he did in leading the Commission these past couple of years."

Martin continued: "I'm delighted to have the opportunity to serve the people of New Jersey as Chairman of this distinguished Commission."

Martin, who was admitted to the New Jersey and United States District Court in 1958 and the United States Supreme Court in 1963, is a member of the Passaic County and State of New Jersey Bar Associations.

"This responsibility has been given to me at a very challenging time in the Commission's history," said Martin. "I believe that my experience as a lawyer and judge will serve me well on this quasi-judicial body and enable me to contribute to the work of the Commission."

Martin, who is Counsel to a law firm in Wayne, New Jersey, is a veteran of the United States Army wherein he served as a Nuclear Guided Missile Officer from 1951 to 1955 (14th Ordnance Battalion). His wife, the former Ida K. Kuiphoff, and he have four sons.

Martin said: "as Chairman I plan to lead the Commission in the same tradition of neutrality that the people of New Jersey have come to expect and deserve. The Commission will continue to fulfill its important role in the electoral process with commonsense and responsibility."

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