

Appellate Division  
Supreme Court of the State of New York  
Second Judicial Department  
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201



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June 29, 2015

Hon. A. Gail Prudenti  
Chief Administrative Judge  
of the State of New York  
25 Beaver Street  
New York, NY 10004

Dear Judge Prudenti

This letter will serve to formally advise you that I have filed my Application for Service Retirement with the Office of the New York State Comptroller. After over 33 years of public service dating back to 1973, with some interruptions while in the private sector, I have declared the effective date of my retirement to be August 1, 2015. With the term of the Appellate Division having concluded last week, I shall work assiduously to complete my writing before the effective date of my retirement.

It has been my great privilege and pleasure to have served as a member of the judiciary of the State of New York for over twenty years. Most particularly my greater than eleven years of service in the Appellate Division have been the most rewarding and stimulating years of my professional life. I had the great privilege of serving under three outstanding Presiding Justices, including yourself, the Hon. William Mastro and now the Hon. Randall T. Eng. Of course, I am most grateful for the many years we served the people of the State of New York as colleagues in the Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department (as we fondly say - "second to none"). I shall be forever thankful for the kind and gracious guidance you offered to me as a newly minted member of our Court. You gave me the opportunity to spread my wings, allowed me to fall, picked me and set me on my way and I became a better judge for it.

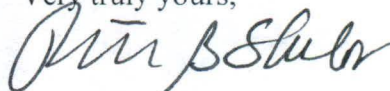
As you know, I have been offered, and have accepted, a wonderful opportunity to return to the practice of law. I am thankful and, I dare say 'lucky', that I am in good health and that I am young enough to return to the practice of law where I hope to make a long and valuable contribution to the continued growth and development of one of Long Island's premier law firms. In addition, I was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Bar Association of Nassau

County. My return to the practice of law will allow me to make greater contributions to the bar association than I would be permitted to make under the limitations of judicial office. I hope to take advantage of that opportunity as well.

I am grateful that the bulk of my career in the judiciary has been under your leadership as either Chief Administrative Judge or Presiding Justice and all the more appreciative of the fact that over the years we grew to be friends and not mere colleagues. You have made many great contributions to the judiciary and the law in our state. I had the first-hand privilege of being witness to your many accomplishments. It was truly my honor to have served with a person whom I greatly admire and respect. Please accept my sincere and eternal thanks for all you have done for me and the positive mark you have left on my life.

Faith and I pray that the lord of all will bless you and Robert with the many years of health and happiness that you so richly deserve.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jim Schultz".