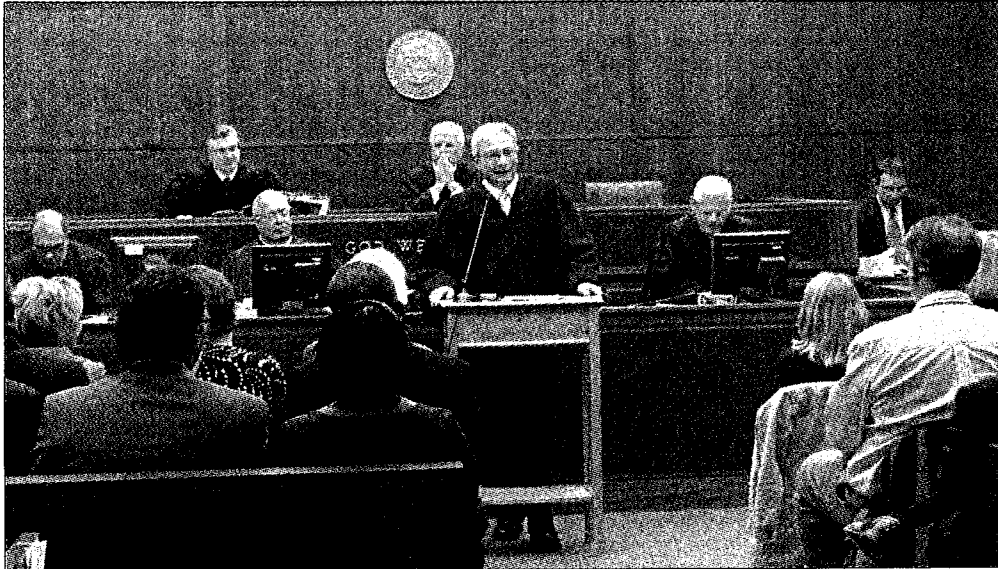


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State Supreme Court Justice Alexander Renzi speaks at his swearing-in ceremony Monday afternoon at the Hall of Justice. Seated behind him, left to right are Monroe County Surrogate's Court Judge Edmund Calvaruso; Monroe County Judge John L. DeMarco; Justice Kenneth Fisher; Seventh Judicial District Administrative Judge Thomas Van Strydonck and Justice Francis Affronti.

Renzi, DeMarco sworn

BY ELIZABETH STULL

Seventh Judicial District Judge Thomas Van Strydonck served as master of ceremonies Monday afternoon, when the oath of office was administered to New York State Supreme Court Justice Alexander R. Renzi and Monroe County Judge John L. DeMarco.

Members of the bench and bar filled the ceremonial courtroom on the fourth floor of the Hall of Justice to overflowing, and many attended an informal reception in the fifth-floor hallway, following the ceremony.

State Supreme Court Justice Kenneth R. Fisher administered the oath to Justice Renzi, and Monroe County Surrogate's Court Judge Edmund Calvaruso administered the oath to Judge DeMarco.

In a departure from the planned program, Justice Renzi returned the favor by swearing in Justice Fisher, who was re-elected to the bench in November.

Justice Francis A. Affronti offered brief remarks about Justice Renzi, who had served as

an acting state justice for five years. Justice Affronti said the state trial court represents "the next chapter" in Justice Renzi's judicial career.

Attorney Joseph Damelio spoke about Judge DeMarco, whom he first met when they both interned with the Monroe County District Attorney's Office in the early 1980s.

Judge DeMarco, a former Irondequoit Town Justice, has been a partner in the Rochester office of Phillips Lytle LLP for the past decade.

Both newly-elected judges expressed relief that they could step out of politics for the next several years. Judge DeMarco was elected to a 10-year term on the county court, and Justice Renzi will serve a 14-year term.

The judges thanked Republican, Conservative and Independence party leaders in each of the eight counties of the Seventh Judicial District, as well as campaign supporters and voters.

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