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**IN CITY COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 19, 2015**

**ELECTION OF CHIEF JUDGE  
OF THE PROVIDENCE MUNICIPAL COURT**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE** calls for Nominations for the Office of Chief Judge of Providence Municipal Court for the Term 2015-2019.

**COUNCILMAN JACKSON** nominates **JUDGE FRANK CAPRIO** and this nomination is Seconded by **COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI** and **THE ENTIRE CITY COUNCIL**.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE** calls for further Nominations and there being none, on motion of **COUNCILMAN JACKSON**, Seconded by **COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI** and the **ENTIRE CITY COUNCIL**, it is voted that Nominations be closed and the Clerk is directed to cast One Ballot for **JUDGE FRANK CAPRIO**.

The Clerk casts one ballot as directed.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE** thereupon declares **JUDGE FRANK CAPRIO** duly Elected Chief Judge of Providence Municipal Court for the ensuing term of Four Years ending on the first Monday in January, 2019.

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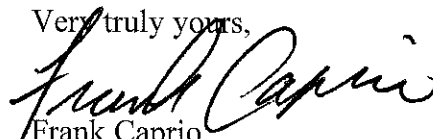
February 10, 2015

The Honorable John J. Igliazzi  
Chairman, Finance Committee  
Providence City Council  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Councilman Igliazzi and Members of the Finance Committee:

I respectfully request your endorsement for the position of Chief Judge of the Providence Municipal Court. It has been a high honor for me to serve in this capacity and I have endeavored to maintain the fairness, impartiality and dignity of the Court. Accordingly, thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

  
Frank Caprio  
Chief Justice

FC:drc

## JUDGE FRANK CAPRIO

\*Chief Judge of the Municipal Court of Providence, Rhode Island.

\*Senior Partner, Caprio & Caprio Law Firm, Providence, Rhode Island.

Born: November 24, 1936, Providence, Rhode Island

Family: Mother and father immigrated to Providence in 1912; father was a fruit peddler and milkman; mother was a housewife and community affairs activist; two brothers. Is married to Joyce (Tibaldi) Caprio (over 40 years) - five children [Frank T., David, Marissa, John and Paul] and seven grandchildren.

Home: Providence, Rhode Island

### Education:

Providence Public Schools

Providence College A.B. 1958

Rhode Island College 1959

(Education Certificate)

Suffolk University Law School (Boston, MA) J.D. 1965

National Judicial College - Reno, Nevada

\*Awarded Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree - Suffolk

University School of Law - 1991

\*Awarded Honorary Doctor of Civil Law Degree - Providence College - 2008

### Professional Achievements and Affiliations:

\*Chief Judge of the Municipal Court of City of Providence;

\*Special Counsel, Cookson America, Inc. (largest division of Fortune International 100 Company)

\*Principal Owner, Coast Guard House Restaurant, Narragansett, Rhode Island and Casey's Restaurant, Wakefield, Rhode Island

\*Fellow, The Rhode Island Bar Foundation;

- \*Member, American Judges Association;
- \*Judicial College attendee, 1988;
- \*Member of the American Bar Association;
- \*Legal Counsel to the Providence Redevelopment Agency, 5 years;
- \*Assistant Legal Counsel, R.I. Department of Transportation, 10 years;
- \*Member, Judge Thomas Paolino Zoning Commission (Rezoned the entire City of Providence);

#### Public and Community Service:

- \*Chairman, Board of Governors for Higher Education for the State of Rhode Island 1993 - 2011;
- \*Chairman, Providence College National Alumni Fund for 1997 & 1998;
- \*Founded the Antonio "Tup" Caprio Scholarship Fund at Suffolk University Law School;
- \*Providence City Council, 1962-1968
- \*Chairman Committee on Urban Renewal, Redevelopment and Planning, Providence City Council;
- \*Deputy Majority Leader Providence City Council, 1964-1970;
- \*Guest Lecturer on Rhode Island Government, American University, 1987;
- \*Co-Chair, the Aurora Scholarship Foundation (supports college scholarships for needy and meritorious students);
- \*Former Board of Directors of the Federal Hill House United Fund Agency providing assistance to the elderly and the underprivileged needy of Providence);
- \*Juvenile Court Judge the "Nickerson House" (community service agency serving youth, the homeless and indigent);
- \*Fellow, the Rhode Island Food Bank;
- \*Co-Chair, the Rhode Island Statute of Liberty Foundation (raising substantial sums for the restoration of the Statute of Liberty and Ellis Island);
- \*Chair, of the Aurora Olympic Committee for the United States Olympic Team;

#### Honors:

- \*Man of the Year, 1988, United Italian Americans Assoc. (A national association recognizing commitment, achievement, and

contribution to community service through philanthropy.)

\*Verazzano Award for Outstanding Contributions to R.I.

\*Honoree for significant contributions to troubled youth from Christian Brothers Ocean Tides Program - 1991

\*Honoree, Boys Town of Italy, for significant contribution

\*Central High School Alumnus of the Year 1996.

\*Voted outstanding Alumnus of the Year by Providence College 1997.

\*Rhode Island Housing for Partners and Housing Award - 2001

\*First recipient of the Enrico Caruso Award from the Providence Opera for his major contributions to the arts 2003.

\*Whitney M. Young, Jr. award for dedicated and unselfish service to the youth of America from the Boy Scouts of America, 2003.

\*Distinguished Community Service award for Public and Community service from Federal Fill Commerce Committee. 2003

\*2004 Inducted into the Rhode Island Wrestling Hall of Fame

\*New England Board of Higher Education merit award, 2005.

\*The Urban League of Rhode Island Excellence Award - 2007

\*Lifetime Achievement award for efforts to promote diversity from the University of Rhode Island Multicultural Center.

\*Justinian Law Society - Distinguished Achievement Award - 2007.

\*Honored by Rhode Island Diabetes Society.

\*Big Brothers of RI - Outstanding Service Award.

\*President of R.I. Municipal Court Judges' Association

\*RI Board of Governors Higher Education Award for Commitment to Affordable and Accessible Education - 2011

\*Recognition of Excellence Award from The Urban League of RI

\*Piave Lodge #364 - Merit Award Recipient - 2012

\*Community College of Rhode Island, Changing Lives Celebration - awarded the Education Champion - 2012

\* RI Association for Justice - Citizen of the Year Award - 2013

#### Early Professional Background:

\*Former School Teacher, Hope High School, Providence, 1958-1965 (American Government)

\*Wrestling coach - Hope High School

\*Faculty adviser to the R. I. Model Legislature

\*Coordinator for United Nation's High School Tours for the

City of Providence high schools  
\*All State wrestler in high school

### BIOGRAPHY NARRATIVE - Judge Frank Caprio

A well-known judge and attorney, Judge Frank Caprio is from humble beginnings. His parents, Antonio and Filomena Caprio, sold fruit from a pushcart on Federal Hill. They were immigrants, out of thousands, who through hard work, devotion to family and love of their new country and community sought and found a new life in America. Their sense of responsibility, commitment to service and education took form in their actions.

With these values, Judge Caprio attended the Providence public schools, worked as a dishwasher and shined shoes. He graduated from Central High School where he was an all-state wrestler. He earned a Bachelor's degree from Providence College and began his professional career upon graduation, teaching American government at Hope High School. While teaching at Hope, coaching its wrestling team and starting a family of his own, Judge Caprio attended Suffolk University School of Law in Boston taking night classes. After graduation from law school, Judge Caprio began his distinguished legal career in 1965. Today he is the senior partner at Caprio and Caprio. Other attorneys at the firm include, among others, the Judge's cousin Anthony Caprio and two of his sons, Frank and David.

Judge Caprio's public service involvement has been exemplary. He was elected to the Providence City Council in 1962 and served until 1968. He was elected as a Delegate to the Rhode Island Constitutional Convention in 1975 and he has been elected as a Delegate to five Democratic National Conventions.

He has served as a Providence Municipal Court Judge since 1985. His Court may be the most well-known in Rhode Island due to the top-rated television show "Caught in Providence" which is produced by the Judge's brother Joseph Caprio. The show has run on ABC 6 for the past three years and on cable access for the past eight years.

He has lectured on government, law and ethics at Providence College, Brown University, Rhode Island College, American University and the University of Rhode Island.

The Judge doesn't just advocate for what he believes in, he acts. At Suffolk University School of Law, he founded the Antonio "Tup" Caprio Scholarship Fund. This scholarship, named for the Judge's father, a man of only a fifth grade education but much wisdom and perseverance, is for Rhode Island students who are committed to improving access to legal services in our urban core neighborhoods. He has also established scholarships at Providence College and for graduates of Central High School named in honor of his dad. His interest in helping youth is evident from the numerous community and educational activities he has led including the Boys Town of Italy, the Nickerson House Juvenile Court and Rhode Island Food Bank. Judge Caprio was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Law by his alma mater Suffolk University School of Law in 1991. At Providence College, the Judge has chaired national capital campaigns at various times.

The Judge was first appointed to the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education in 1993 by Governor Sundlun and re-appointed by Governor Almond twice. In 2002, he was appointed chairman of the RI Board of Governors by Governor Donald Carcieri and served as Chairman until 2010. On the Board of Governors he has previously chaired the Facilities Committee. His focus during the last decade on improving the dormitories, class buildings and physical plant at our state institutions has been widely praised. He is committed to keeping our public colleges affordable and accessible for all Rhode Islanders, especially the new immigrants to our state.

Judge Caprio and his wife of 48 years, Joyce Tibaldi Caprio, have five children -Frank T. Caprio, Esquire, David Caprio, Esquire, Marissa Caprio, John Caprio, and Paul Caprio. They also have seven grandchildren.