

Press Release

Today I notified Governor Kelly A. Ayotte that I am resigning my post as Chief Justice of the New Hampshire Supreme Court effective immediately.

Over the past ten months there have been a number of questions regarding the handling of a personnel matter within the judicial branch. That matter was complex and evolving.

Thereafter, the Judicial Conduct Committee began its own investigation into this matter. At all times I cooperated fully with their investigation.

I acknowledge that I fell short in my duties regarding that personnel matter and I take full responsibility for my shortcomings.

To maintain the integrity of the judicial branch and to avoid the protracted and disruptive spectacle a public hearing would cause to the judicial branch and its dedicated employees, I have agreed to resign my position. It is my sincere hope that the judicial branch can move forward without further distraction and do the critical work for the citizens of New Hampshire.

To have served as Chief Justice of the New Hampshire Supreme Court has been a professional honor and privilege.

Gordon J. MacDonald