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TRIBUTE TO JUDGE COLLINS J. SEITZ

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IT is a pleasure and honor for me to be part of this tribute to Judge Collins J. Seitz of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. For nearly fifty years on the bench, and almost thirty years of this service to the federal judiciary, Judge Seitz has distinguished himself as an exemplary jurist who has handled difficult issues with skill, grace and wisdom.

Quite apart from the impressive legacy of Judge Seitz's judicial opinions, however, is his commitment to the effective administration of the federal judiciary. He served as a member of the Judicial Conference of the United States from 1971 until 1986, and on the Executive Committee of the Conference for a part of that time. He was responsible for the decision of the Third Circuit to publish operating procedures and distribute them to the bar, and to create a Lawyers Advisory Committee. Since taking senior status in 1989, Judge Seitz has continued his tradition of service to the judiciary, not only hearing cases and lending his judicial expertise to his colleagues, but also, since 1987, presiding as Judge of the United States Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court of Review.

Judge Seitz's career, spreading over thirty years on the federal bench and an additional twenty on the state bench, is in the very best tradition of the federal judiciary.

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