

**STATEMENT OF SUPERIOR COURT CHIEF JUSTICE BARBARA J. ROUSE
REGARDING JUDGE KATHE TUTTMAN**

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The following statement was released today by Chief Justice Barbara J. Rouse:

Judge Kathe Tuttmann came to the bench after a distinguished 18-year career as a state prosecutor. Today, unfortunately, she is living every judge's nightmare: that a principled decision based on the law and the information provided to her was followed by tragic events over which she had no control. All in the judicial community and thoughtful people everywhere are deeply saddened by those events. At the same time, the bar, her colleagues, and the legal community all hold Judge Tuttmann in high regard as she continues her work of producing fair, reasoned, thoughtful, and difficult decisions that faithfully apply the law to the facts before her.