

SUPREME COURT

No. 2007-08

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Chief Justice pursuant to Section 8-15-2 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island it is hereby ordered as follows:

The Rhode Island General Assembly recently enacted widespread reforms to the process of magistrate selection, rights, duties, terms, and conditions of service. These reforms were intended to increase uniformity and consistency among magistrates serving in each of the courts in the unified judicial system.

Since judges and other public officials are required to take an oath and file an engagement of office prior to exercising any of the duties of his or her office pursuant to sections 8-3-1, 8-8-8, and 36-1-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, similarly, all magistrates shall be required to take an oath of office and file a written engagement prior to undertaking their duties.

Therefore, any magistrate appointed or reappointed subsequent to the enactment of P.L. 2007, ch.73, Article 3, §§ 4, 5, 6, 7, 9 and 10, effective June 21, 2007, and P.L. 2007, ch. 73, Article 3, § 8 effective August 1, 2007, shall subscribe in duplicate and take an engagement of office in accordance with § 8-3-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws. The oath shall be administered by the Appointing Authority upon written notice to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. A copy of the engagement shall be filed with the Chief Justice, and with the office of the Secretary of State.

