

## **Robert D. Bernardi**

On June 23, 1999, after nomination by Governor Christine Todd Whitman, Robert D. Bernardi was confirmed by the New Jersey Senate and took the oath of office for his first term as Burlington County Prosecutor.

On December 1, 2005, Prosecutor Bernardi was nominated to serve a second five-year term by Governor Richard J. Codey. He was confirmed by the New Jersey Senate on December 15, 2005 and was administered his oath of office on December 18, 2005.

On November 10, 2011, Prosecutor Bernardi was nominated to serve a third five-year term by Governor Christopher J. Christie. He was confirmed by the New Jersey Senate on December 15, 2011 and was administered the oath of office on December 18, 2011.

Before assuming the responsibilities as the County's Chief Law Enforcement Officer, Mr. Bernardi focused on commercial and construction litigation as well as medical malpractice defense matters at the law firm of Parker, McCay in Marlton, NJ, where he was a shareholder.

He earned his law degree, with honors, from Chicago-Kent College of Law in 1974 and his Bachelors of Arts degree in Government from the University of Massachusetts in 1971.

He commenced his legal career serving a judicial clerkship under the Hon. Leon A. Wingate, Jr. (Ret.) and then served as an Assistant Prosecutor in Camden County from 1975-1986 before entering private practice. He has been recognized twice by the New Jersey Supreme Court as a certified criminal trial attorney and has argued before both the Appellate Division and New Jersey Supreme Court.

A member of the Burlington County Bar Association and the New Jersey State Bar Association, Mr. Bernardi is admitted to the New Jersey Bar and the United States District Court for New Jersey as well as the Supreme Court of the United States. Prosecutor Bernardi co-chairs the Burlington County Anti-Terrorism Task Force with Burlington County Sheriff Jean Stanfield.

Prosecutor Bernardi is a Commissioner of the New Jersey Police Training Commission and is a past President of the County Prosecutors Association of New Jersey (2003-04). Prosecutor Bernardi is also a member of the New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Criminal Practice. He previously served on the New Jersey Commission to Review Criminal Sentencing and is a member of the Local Executive Board of the New Jersey Regional Computer Forensic Laboratory.

In 2009, Prosecutor Bernardi was appointed by Governor Jon S. Corzine to serve as Chairman of the Governor's Firearms Task Force. In 2010 he was appointed by Governor Chris Christie to serve as a member of the County Prosecutor's Study Commission.

Prosecutor Bernardi oversees an annual budget of over \$10 million and more than 150 employees of the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office. He resides in Mount Laurel, New Jersey with his wife, Sandy, and his daughter, Nicole.