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Distinguished jurist, eminent scholar, and accomplished court executive, Chief Judge Seitz was the pride of Delaware long before his tenure on the United States Court of Appeals even commenced. Our admiration for his many achievements has been amplified by the warm affection felt for him by the members of the Delaware Bar. Judge Seitz had already established a brilliant reputation in our own Delaware Court of Chancery prior to his elevation to the Federal Court of Appeals in 1966. During his long service on the Delaware Court (1946-1966), his distinguished opinions in all areas, but most especially in the fields of corporation law and civil rights, created an unsurpassed legacy. That service as Vice Chancellor and as Chancellor in this state, where he was the youngest appointee to the State Judiciary in over 100 years, would have made him a preeminent figure in Delaware's legal history even if he had gone no further. Now he has added to those achievements by his outstanding work on the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Chief Judge Seitz's service to the cause of justice and his talent for developing new ways of improving the availability of justice for all people has never been confined to the courtroom. He was Chairman of the Delaware State Bar Association Committee which recommended the creation of the Legal Aid Society of Delaware, a new idea at the time. For many years he was a trustee and a treasurer of that organization, a forerunner of the Community Legal Aid Society, Inc., which today continues to provide legal service to those unable to afford needed professional guidance. And he was a very active participant in the creation of the Delaware Lawyers Reference Bureau which, for the first time, provided an organized plan for locating an attorney for a person otherwise unable to find one.

That tradition of service continues even today, despite the crushing burdens of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Chief Judge Seitz is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the American Judicature Society, a nationwide organization dedicated to the improvement of the administration of justice.

Delaware lawyers join with jurists, attorneys and citizens every-

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where in applauding Chief Judge Seitz's distinguished tenure as the leader of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.