

Re-elect  
Judge Henry 'Chip' Schireson  
November 4, 2003

Dear Neighbor:

In my 19 years as district justice in Lower Merion Township I have decided thousands of civil and criminal cases. Elected three times as the nominee of both Democrats and Republicans, I have presided over a truly non-political court. My district covers Villanova, Rosemont, Gladwyne, Bala Cynwyd, Penn Valley, Belmont Hills, and parts of Bryn Mawr and Wynnewood.

During my tenure our court has been transformed into one of the most efficient and effective in Pennsylvania. Utilizing my background as a teacher, newspaper reporter, and trial prosecutor, I have developed programs and procedures to resolve cases, punish criminals, and give youthful offenders the second chance they deserve. My record of successful innovation has been acclaimed by lawyers, prosecutors and other judges, and I am often consulted regarding the operation of our court system.

In recognition of my record of achievement, in 1998 the Supreme Court appointed me to the Judicial Council of Pennsylvania where I represent all of the Commonwealth's 571 District Justices. In 2003 the Supreme Court appointed me to chair a statewide committee evaluating the security of our courts in the wake of 9/11.

Please vote on November 4th to maintain the high standards I have set as your district justice in our great Lower Merion community.

Chip

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## Recognized and Respected for his Independence

Judge Schireson was appointed by Pennsylvania Supreme Court in 1998 to the Judicial Council of PA, serving as the representative of all 550 of Pennsylvania's District Justices.

In the aftermath of 9/11 the District Justice Security and Emergence Preparedness Committee was created, and the Supreme Court appointed our Lower Merion Judge to Chair it.

Judge Schireson was the former President of Montgomery County Special Court of Judges Association, the official association of all 30 District Justices in Montgomery County.



## Dedicated to our Community

As a lifelong LM resident Chip Schireson has always been involved in LM Township and as a judge for the last 19 years he continues to work in the community to help better the place he has lived and raised his family.

Chip is dedicated to helping our kids. As a former public school teacher Chip Schireson realized that we need to do more to reach out to juvenile offenders. Over 16 years ago Judge Schireson developed an award-winning community service program for youthful offenders, assigning them to do



community service rather than paying a fine and giving them a record. Many communities and judges have copied this program.

Chip has given many hours speaking to children in our schools, churches, and synagogues.

He served as a member of the Lower Merion Advisory Council on Alcohol and drugs.



Judge Schireson swearing in Lower Merion police officers.

## Qualified

Chip Schireson was elected District Justice 3 times by both Republicans and Democrats.

He presides over one of the busiest courts in Pennsylvania, and has always balanced fairness and compassion while not allowing backlogs of cases to tie up the court.

As a former Assistant District Attorney Judge Schireson headed a special unit to prosecute crimes against women. As a judge he is sensitive to issues of domestic abuse.

