Surrogate Sheppard confirmed for Superior Court

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TRENTON — The state Senate confirmed Marlene Sheppard for the Atlantic/Cape May Vicinage.

As a result of bail reform that went into effect in January, Surrogate Sheppard, who was appointed to the position last fall, faced a year-long backlog of cases.

Christina June 20, 2016, Sheppard was sworn in as the first female surrogate, and replaced W. Robert Hentges IV, who retired after serving for more than 40 years.

Before becoming surrogate, Sheppard served as vice-president of the Cape May County Bar Association and as a member of the District Court's family division.

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