



## Virginia's Chief Justice will not Seek Third Term

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Chief Justice Leroy Hassell has announced that he will not seek a third term as the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia. At the expiration of his term in January 2011, the justices of the court will select a new chief. Justice Hassell will continue as an associate justice on the court. Until 2002, the chief justice was selected based upon tenure and would serve as chief as long as the justice wished. In 2002, the court decided to elect the chief justice from among all of the justices to serve for a term of four years. Justice Hassell will have completed two terms when he steps down in January at the end of his current term.