

# Governor selects two for judgeships

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## Circuit, District court vacancies filled

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A Glen Burnie lawyer and an Annapolis juvenile court master have been appointed by Gov. Parris N. Glendening to Anne Arundel County judgeships.

Ronald Silkworth was appointed to the Circuit Court and Nancy Davis-Loomis to the District Court.

Both appointments were announced Tuesday.

Silkworth fills the vacancy created when Judge Bruce C. Williams resigned in November. Davis-Loomis takes the slot created when Judge Clayton Greene Jr. was elevated to the Circuit Court bench in October.

Silkworth, 46, has been legislative chairman of the Anne Arundel County Bar Association and has been in private practice since 1976, handling domestic law, criminal law, personal injury, medical

malpractice and workers compensation cases. He is a graduate of the University of Baltimore law school.

Davis-Loomis, 48, is a former junior high school English teacher who served as an assistant county attorney for three years before she resigned in 1986 to go into private practice in Annapolis. She specialized in family law, adoption, education and land-use law before she was appointed to be a juvenile court master in 1994.

She also is a graduate of the University of Baltimore law school.

Davis-Loomis said that she was surprised by the appointment because she had not been interviewed by the governor since last year, when she applied for a Circuit Court vacancy that was eventually filled by Pamela Lee North.

"I wasn't optimistic. It seemed to me it was out of sight out of mind, so I was really surprised," she said.

Circuit judges earn \$93,500 and district judges earn \$86,500.

Both appointments were

praised by county lawyers.

P. Tyson Bennett, a former partner of Davis-Loomis, said that Davis-Loomis is a perfectionist and a "consummate professional" with the compassion needed for a good judge.

"She's a very good listener, which is important because that's one of the most important things for a good judge," he said.

T. Joseph Touhey said Silkworth is known among Glen Burnie lawyers as a versatile litigator who has handled a wide range of cases.

"He's done a lot of everything, and he's done it quite well," he said.

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