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The Court today announced that William K. Suter, longtime Clerk of the U.S. Supreme Court, will retire after 22 years of service. He will continue to serve through the end of the Court's term before stepping down on August 31, 2013.

Mr. Suter joined the Court in 1991 as the 19th person to serve as Clerk. He was a career Army Judge Advocate, retiring as a Major General, before coming to the Court. Mr. Suter previously served in numerous positions of responsibility around the world, including Appellate Judge, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate of the U. S. Army Vietnam, Staff Judge Advocate of the 101st Airborne Division, Commandant of the JAG School, and the Assistant Judge Advocate General of the Army. He joined the Army in 1962, marking 50 years of public service this past year.

"My colleagues and I are grateful to Bill Suter for his exceptional service to the Court," said Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr. "His retirement later this year will mark the completion of an exemplary career of public service in both military and civilian life."

Mr. Suter, 75, is a graduate of Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, and the Tulane University School of Law in New Orleans, Louisiana.