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**The Honorable Karen Valihura Takes the Oath of Office for
Justice of the Supreme Court of Delaware.**

The Honorable Karen Valihura was sworn in for her first term as Justice of the Supreme Court of Delaware on Friday, July 25, 2014 at 11 a.m. in Courtroom 8B of the New Castle County Courthouse. Chief Justice Leo E. Strine, Jr., administered the oath of office and remarks were made by Governor Jack A. Markell and Edward P. Welch, Esquire, head of the Wilmington office of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP.

Prior to her appointment to the Supreme Court, Justice Valihura was a partner at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP, where she practiced law since 1989. Her practice in complex commercial and corporate issues included federal and state securities fraud claims, mergers and acquisitions, and fiduciary duties of directors. Due to her preeminence in the field, Justice Valihura has been consistently selected for inclusion in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* and *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Justice Valihura serves on the Advisory Board of the John L. Weinberg Center for Corporate Governance and served two terms as a member of the Delaware Supreme Court's Permanent Ethics Advisory Committee on Delaware Rules for Professional Conduct. Additionally, Justice Valihura served her community as a member of the Board of Directors for the Delaware Special Olympics for eighteen years and as a member of the Delaware Bar Foundation for eight years.

Justice Valihura received her undergraduate degree from Washington and Jefferson College in 1985, and her law degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. She was admitted to the Delaware Bar in 1989.

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