

ANNOUNCEMENT

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2016 Judicial Branch Employee of the Year **Lafferty Recognized by Gov. Carney**

Delaware Supreme Court Chief Staff Attorney Gayle P. Lafferty was recognized by Delaware Gov. John Carney on May 8, 2017 at the Governor's annual Delaware Award for Excellence and Commitment in State Service breakfast ceremony.

The event, held at Delaware State University, acts as a kick-off for Public Service Recognition Week, and honors state employees who render public service in an exemplary manner. At the ceremony the Governor also recognized individuals for acts of heroism and teams of state employees for their work.

Gayle Lafferty, the 2016 Judicial Branch Employee of the Year, was one of only 28 individuals from across all branches of state government nominated for the Governor's Award for Excellence. She was cited for her efforts over the past year on a number of projects including her work on launching an intranet site for the Delaware Supreme Court that for the first time created a single, shared electronic repository for forms, guidelines, calendars, and other useful information for the Justices and staff of the Supreme Court.

Gayle has worked for the Supreme Court for more than 20 years and supervises a staff of attorneys who assist the Court in its work. Gayle prepares drafts, makes scheduling recommendations, and responds to numerous inquiries from within and outside the Court. Gayle also serves as counsel to the Chief Justice, assisting him with matters of policy arising from the Chief Justice's role as head of the Supreme Court and other courts of this State.

Delaware Supreme Court Justice James T. Vaughn Jr. was one of the guest speakers at the Monday ceremony along with State Rep. Stephanie T. Boulden and keynote speaker Gov. John Carney.

As a nominee, Gayle Lafferty received a signed certificate from the Governor's office.

Gayle was also the Delaware Supreme Court's employee of the year. Other Judicial Branch Employees of the Year for 2016 included: Jennifer Figueira, Coordinator of Court Interpreters Program in the Administrative Office of the Courts; Davina Mifflin, Senior Accountant in Superior Court; Carla Robinson, Court Security Officer I in Family Court; Carol Lemieux, Judicial Operations Manager in the Court of Common Pleas; and all the Court 11 Clerks with the Justice of the Peace Court: Robin Bundy, Crystal Colclough, Crystal Thomas, Laurie Gravell, Janay Barron, Carly Juno, Charene Harris, Clare Messick, Andrea Flores, and Debbie Hall.

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