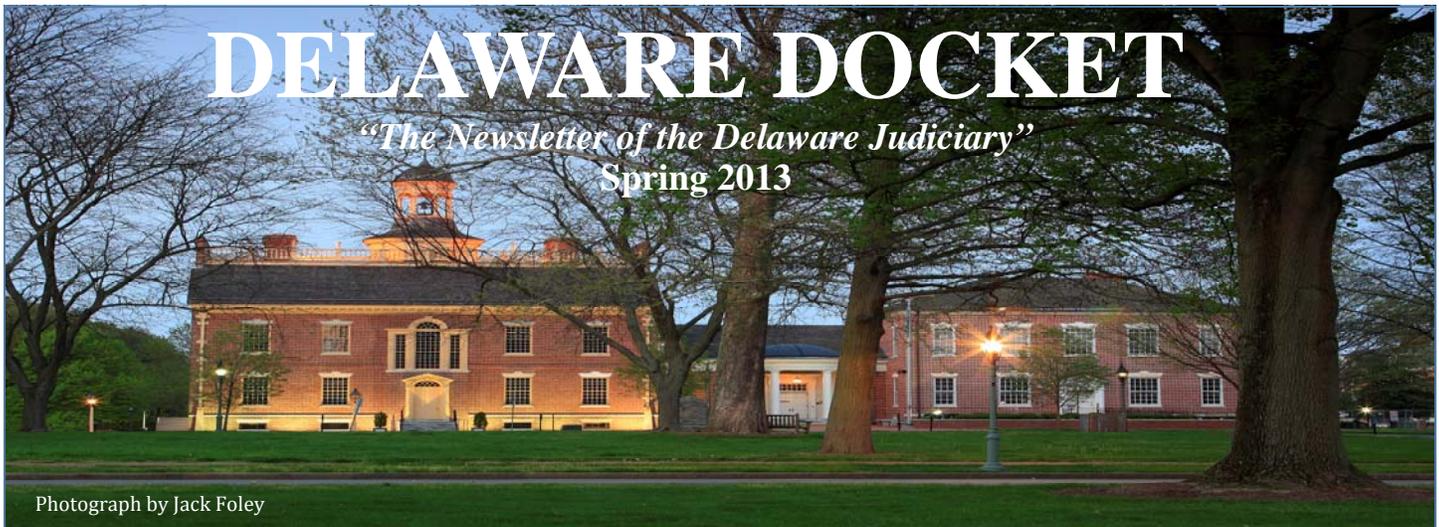


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Delaware Courts and Others Unite to Face Courthouse Tragedy

February 11, 2013 was one of the most difficult days in the history of the Delaware Judiciary. The events that occurred on the morning of February 11 – the tragic shooting in the lobby of the New Castle County Courthouse (NCCCH) in Wilmington – cost two victims their lives, injured two Capitol Police officers, and represented a direct attack, not only on the victims, but also on the justice system. At the beginning of the courthouse day, which is the busiest time for jurors, litigants, court employees and others to enter the NCCCH, the former father-in-law of a litigant entered the lobby and shot and killed his former daughter-in-law and her friend as they entered the lobby to attend a child support hearing. Capitol Police officers in charge of courthouse security succeeded in securing the courthouse entrance, but not before two officers were hit in the chest by the gunman's bullets. Luckily, neither of the officers' injuries were fatal, thanks to their bulletproof vests. The gunman took his own life at the entrance doors after being wounded by Capitol Police gunfire.

Directly following the shooting, emergency procedures went into effect. First responders, including police from all state and local agencies, and court security officers, reacted immediately and began the process of searching and securing the courthouse. Security officers gathered employees to ensure their safety, interviewed those who witnessed the shootings, and then evacuated the courthouse. The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) staff, in coordination with Chief Justice Myron T. Steele and the Courts' Operational Policy Committee, consisting of a judicial representa-

tive from each court in that building, led the emergency response activities for the courts.

Following the shooting, there was an outpouring of support and offers of assistance to the courts from all segments of the community, including Governor Jack Markell and his staff, legislators, and many others, during that day and the days that followed. The AOC communicated critical information to NCCCH staff and the public through email, website postings, and press releases. Counseling services were made available for the approximately 650 employees working in the NCCCH and members of the public directly affected by the shootings, by phone (24 hours a day) or in person off-site the day immediately following the shootings, and on-site when the courthouse reopened. Tremendous efforts were made by all to ensure that the courthouse lobby and security were ready for court employees to return to the courthouse on February 13, 2013. That day, with employees in attendance and very limited access to the building by the public, allowed the court employees time to attend a briefing with Chief Justice Steele and to meet with victims' assistance/crisis counselors located in the NCCCH. Over 200 employees, and several members of the public, took advantage of the opportunity to meet with counselors that day. The next day, Thursday, February 14, 2013, the NCCCH was reopened to the public and full operations resumed.

In his remarks to the court employees on February 13, the Chief Justice addressed the difficulty of balancing the goals of security and



access to justice, and spoke of future efforts to “look thoughtfully at the lessons we take away from this tragedy and apply them to our mission.” He spoke of the heroism of the Capitol Police officers who “kept what was a very tragic event from being catastrophic,” and of the importance of security training, including active shooter training, which occurs regularly at the NCCCH. He expressed his appreciation for the employees of the Judicial Branch, who displayed tremendous professionalism and resilience against adversity, including their “awe-inspiring” calm execution of the evacuation order, “their patience in the hours after the event waiting for the ‘all clear’ sign before they could return home to loved ones,” and “willingness to come back to the courthouse to perform their important work.” He concluded: “Sadly, these types of acts of violence are no longer infrequent events. As the National Center for State Courts reported on February 12, 2013, the NCCCH shooting was at the least the sixth violent attack either in or directly outside a courthouse across the nation in the last 18 months. The seventh incident, involving a shooting outside a courthouse in South Carolina, occurred on Wednesday, February 13, 2013. All of us in the court and justice communities must make sure that we have procedures and structures in place to prevent, whenever possible, and manage, when necessary, horrific events like what occurred in the New Castle County Courthouse in Delaware.”



Banner hung in the lobby signed by judges and court staff thanking the Capitol Police for their courageous actions on Monday, February 11, 2013.

“These attacks could ‘easily have shaken our system to its core because it attacked the center of our justice system – our courts’. It is through our preparatory actions (while hoping that an event like this will never occur), and our reactions after a tragic event like this one, that those in the courts and state government come together to demonstrate our commitment to justice.”

Chief Justice Myron T. Steele

SECURITY TRAINING EXERCISE AT THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Members of Capitol Police and security personnel at the New Castle County Courthouse will be participating in a Homeland Security Tabletop Exercise Program (Wilmington) in June 2013. This will provide an excellent opportunity for law enforcement, first responders, court security officers, homeland security and the U S Marshal’s Service to participate in a joint Active Shooter training exercise.

The training exercise will focus on:

- Command, control and coordination in response to an active shooter incident
- Notification and emergency communications capabilities during an emergency
- Public information coordination and dissemination activities during an active shooter incident
- Evacuation procedures
- Communication protocols during an active shooter event in downtown Wilmington
- Development of a lockdown procedure for buildings

The program will be hosted by Delaware Emergency Management Agency and the City of Wilmington’s Office of Emergency Management.

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JUDICIAL BRANCH IDENTIFIES SECURITY PRIORITIES



In April 2013, following a thorough review of security measures in place at the New Castle County Courthouse (NCCCH), as well as all Delaware courthouses statewide, Chief Justice Myron T. Steele submitted a list of key security priorities, and a budget request supporting implementation of those priorities, to the other branches of government. The security priority recommendations were developed by the Judicial Branch in consultation with security experts, including the U.S. Marshal Service, the Office of Safety and Homeland Security, and others, to ensure that the best possible security measures are in place in Delaware courthouses and to formulate recommendations on security enhancements moving forward. Those recommendations focused on:

- Additional security staffing, the first priority, to address long-standing inadequacies in courthouse security staffing,
- Improvements to the configuration of the NCCCH lobby geared towards controlling the traffic flow and enhancing security surveillance capacities,
- Review and enhancement of security-related court policies and procedures, and organizational structures, to address each courthouse's security needs and to promote statewide consistency,
- Installation of additional security equipment, including cameras, intrusion devices, and ballistic security barriers statewide to expand surveillance capacity and augment the ability to access forensic records of security threats,
- Structural improvements to further enhance courthouse security statewide, and
- Enhancements to security training for courthouse employees and security officers.

In his remarks released on April 16, 2013, the Chief Justice noted that a number of security initiatives are already in process, such as the review of court security policies and procedures, employee training for safety and emergency procedures, and emergency employee notification enhancements. Examples include the creation and distribution of the NCCCH Safety and Emergency Procedures booklet, work on a similar booklet for personnel in other courthouses, development of computer-based training highlighting those procedures, and installation of additional ballistics materials at key locations. Acknowledging that the funding needed to accomplish the security changes to our courthouses is "considerable," the Chief Justice addressed the importance of identifying all key security priorities and seeking funding from all viable sources to complete those improvements.

The tragic events which occurred on February 11, 2013 at the New Castle County Courthouse have changed our view of courts and security permanently. We have been forced to face the reality that security is never guaranteed. In today's world, violence can occur anywhere – whether at a courthouse or on the street. We can, however, use the heartbreaking acts of violence that occurred on February 11th as a catalyst to enhance security at our courts. On February 11th, we were fortunate that the quick and heroic actions of the Capitol Police officers on duty at the time prevented a breach of the security perimeter at the courthouse, saving many additional lives and keeping a very tragic event from becoming catastrophic. As we move forward, our focus must be on taking the actions necessary to protect those who work in, and access, our courts, which, in turn, serve to safeguard the rights of our citizens.

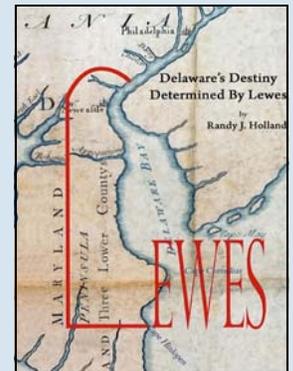
Chief Justice Myron T. Steele



DELAWARE JUDICIARY RECOGNIZED

Supreme Court Chief Justice Myron T. Steele, Court of Chancery Chancellor Leo E. Strine Jr., and Vice Chancellor J. Travis Laster have been named among the 500 leading lawyers in America. *Lawdragon*, an industry publication published its list of the 500 leading lawyers in America, based on 25,000 nominations out of the more than 1.1 million lawyers in the United States. Chief Justice Steele, Chancellor Strine, and Vice Chancellor Laster were selected based upon their important work affecting corporate law in America. In selecting Chief Justice Steele, *Lawdragon* reported that he is “a judicial role model for his unflinching commitment to his state’s outstanding judiciary, which he played no small part in raising to its rare level of excellence.” *Lawdragon* called Chancellor Strine “a brilliant overseer of Corporate America’s litigation since becoming Chancellor,” and for Vice Chancellor Laster, they noted that “he is emerging as one of the nation’s sharpest legal minds.”

Justice Randy J. Holland of the **Delaware Supreme Court** recently published a Delaware Heritage Press book, *Delaware’s Destiny Determined By Lewes*, through the efforts of the Delaware Heritage Commission. The book tells the story of the protracted lawsuit between William Penn and Lord Baltimore in the English courts during the late 17th and early 18th centuries over the ownership of what is now the State of Delaware. As the title of the book suggests, it was the 1631 Dutch settlement of Lewes that ultimately won the case for William Penn. That courtroom victory is why Delaware is now a separate state and not part of Maryland. **Justice Holland** gave the keynote address at the eighth annual summit of the Taiwan Corporate Governance Association that was held in Taipei, Taiwan last fall. He also met with Hau-Min Rai, the Chief Justice of Taiwan’s Constitutional Court. Justice Holland presented the Chief Justice with a copy of his recent book on Delaware Corporation Law that is only published in Chinese. One hundred signed copies of Justice Holland’s book were distributed to the judges in Taiwan for use as a reference. While Justice Holland was in Taipei, he also made presentations at the Taiwan Stock Exchange and at the prestigious National Taiwan University’s Law School and Business School. The subjects of his various speeches were executive compensation, director’s fiduciary duties, corporate governance, and corporate compliance responsibilities.



Superior Court Judge William L. Witham, Jr. recently co-authored an article in a collection of articles published in the 2012 State Defense Force Monograph Series. *Reserve Force Trials, Trauma and Transitions: Examining the Modern Deployed Reserve Force Mental Health Support Needs. Another Avenue to Treatment: The Veterans Court.* The article discusses the success of alternative “problem-solving” courts, in this specific case, the Veterans Mental Health Courts. In 2011, Delaware established the very first statewide Veterans Court in the country that is both a diversion and a probation court. No other court with this expansive capability exists in the United States. The Court has achieved success due to the cooperation of the Delaware Attorney General’s Office, the Office of the Public Defender, the Veterans Administration and resource agencies of the State of Delaware.

Superior Court Judge William C. Carpenter Jr. has been appointed to the American Bar Association (ABA) Board of Governors Committee on Planning, Evaluation and Programming (PEP). Judge Carpenter, who is Chair of the National Conference of State Trial Judges and on the Executive Committee of the Section Officers Conference of the ABA, will serve as that group’s liaison to the Committee. The PEP is one of three governing committees established by the ABA Board of Governors and oversees the Association’s programming and strategic planning.

Superior Court Judge Jan R. Jurden completed *Current Issues in the Law*, April 8-11, 2013, with the National Judicial College in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. *Current Issues in the Law* offers the latest legal updates on many areas of law including *Crawford*, evidence, discovery, social media and the courts, specialty courts, cultural competency and the courts, and current hot topics of law.

The **Superior Court of the State of Delaware** welcomes four new Judges in New Castle County: On December 7, 2012, the **Honorable Charles E. Butler** was sworn in as a **Superior Court** Judge. Prior to coming to Superior Court, Judge Butler was Delaware’s Chief Deputy Attorney General, and previously served as a prosecutor in the Delaware Department of Justice from 1985 to 1995, and was an Assistant District Attorney with the City of Philadelphia from 1983 to 1985. He also worked in private practice in the areas of commercial litigation and criminal defense.

The **Honorable Eric M. Davis** became a judge in the **Superior Court** on December 21, 2012. Prior to his appointment to the Superior Court, Judge Davis served as a Judge on the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware beginning in April 2010. Before that, he was a partner in the law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, in Wilmington.



The **Superior Court** sat in special session on March 8, 2013 in the New Castle County Courthouse for the investiture ceremony of the **Honorable Paul R. Wallace**. Judge Wallace began serving on the bench on January 25, 2013. Before coming to the bench, Judge Wallace served for more than two decades with the Delaware Department of Justice, handling cases at every level, state and federal, trial and appellate. Judge Wallace served as Delaware's Chief of Appeals from 2008 until his appointment to the Superior Court, and had previously served as the Chief Prosecutor for New Castle County.

The **Honorable Vivian L. Rapposelli** was sworn in as a member of the **Superior Court** on February 5, 2013. Prior to her appointment, she served as Cabinet Secretary for the Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families, was in private practice, and served as a commissioner for the Child Protection Accountability Commission, then on the Delaware Hispanic Commission, and on the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council. Judge Rapposelli was the 2009 Recipient of the Haskell/Wyeth Award by Delaware Futures, the 2010 Recipient of the Distinguished Hispanic Delawarean Award by the Latin American Community Center, and inducted into the Delaware Women's Hall of Fame in 2012.



Judge Vivian Rapposelli

On March 8, 2013, the **Court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware** sat in special session in the New Castle County Courthouse, for the investiture of the **Honorable Carl C. Danberg**. Judge Danberg served as the Commissioner in the Delaware Department of Corrections from February 2007 until his appointment to the Court of Common Pleas. Previously, he served in the Delaware Department of Justice as the Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General. Judge Danberg currently serves as a Lt. Colonel in the Judge Advocate General's Corp of the Delaware Army National Guard and as Adjunct Professor at the University of Delaware.

On February 8, 2013, the **Court of Common Pleas** sat in special session in the New Castle County Courthouse for the investiture of the **Honorable Robert H. Surles**. Judge Surles is the Military Judge for the Delaware Army National Guard and a veteran of the Iraqi War. In addition to his military duties, he served as a Deputy Attorney General in the Delaware Department of Justice from 1990 to 2012.

The **Family Court** recognizes and thanks the **Honorable Frederick Kenney** for over 37 years of service to the State of Delaware. Commissioner Kenney, who retired on June 30, 2012, began his judicial career as a Magistrate for the Justice of the Peace Court from 1975 – 1978. He joined the Family Court of the State of Delaware as a Master from 1978 until 1994 when he became a Family Court Commissioner. He served the Family Court in that capacity until his retirement in June. Leann Summa, Family Court Administrator, stated, "Commissioner Kenney's dedication and service to the families of Delaware is remarkable."

The **Justice of the Peace Court** recognizes **Judge Rosalind Toulson** for her more than 33 years of service to the Court at her retirement on April 19, 2013. Judge Toulson served six terms as a Justice of the Peace and helped to found the Delaware Truancy Court in New Castle County in 1996. Truancy Court was recognized nationally as the "2003 Program of the Year" by the International Association for Truancy and Dropout Prevention.

The **Justice of the Peace Court** thanks **Judge Marcealeate Ruffin**, who retired on February 1, 2013, for over 40 years of service with the State of Delaware. Before coming to the Justice of the Peace Court, Judge Ruffin was employed with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Division of Family Services.

"We appreciate Judge Toulson's and Judge Ruffin's dedication to the Justice of the Peace Court and we hope that they fully enjoy the leisure they have earned," stated Chief Magistrate Alan Davis.



THE FAMILY COURT WELCOMES JUDGE RYAN, AND COMMISSIONERS MAXWELL AND WILLIAMS

The Family Court of the State of Delaware welcomed Judge Paula T. Ryan, and Commissioners James J. Maxwell and Dawn M. Williams to the bench. Judge Ryan, Commissioner Maxwell, and Commissioner Williams were unanimously confirmed by the 147th General Assembly during a Special Session in December 2012.

Judge Ryan is a seasoned litigator having been with the Department of Justice since 1996 where she tried cases in Family Court, the Court of Common Pleas, and Superior Court. In 2007, Judge Ryan was appointed Chief Prosecutor of Sussex County and, in that capacity, supervised approximately 20 Deputy Attorney Generals in addition to prosecuting cases that included Earl Bradley, and Derrick Powell, convicted of capital murder for killing Georgetown Police Officer Chad Spicer. Family Court Chief Judge Chandlee Johnson Kuhn stated: "Judge Ryan's exemplary work ethic and experience already has been noted in her short time on the bench. She is a tremendous addition to our team." When asked what brought her to Family Court, Judge Ryan said "I applied for the position in Family Court, because I wanted to continue my public service to the children and families of Delaware, in a different capacity. In this transition, I have been very fortunate to have extremely helpful and knowledgeable people in Sussex Family Court to guide and assist me as I make my way through each challenging and interesting day in Family Court."



Judge Paula Ryan and her family at her investiture on January 18, 2013.



Commissioner James Maxwell, his wife, Wendy, and Governor Markell at his swearing in ceremony.

Commissioner Maxwell is well versed in Family Court related matters. He represented numerous state agencies during his 22 years with the Department of Justice, including the Delaware Department of Services for Children, Youth and their Families, and prosecuted child abuse and neglect cases, Child Protection Registry cases, and termination of parental rights hearings in Family Court. "Commissioner Maxwell's familiarity with Family Court has allowed for a smooth transition as he moved from standing before the bench to sitting behind it," according to Chief Judge Kuhn.

Regarding Commissioner Williams, Chief Judge Kuhn noted that "she is an asset to Family Court and will shine in and outside the courtroom." In 1999, Commissioner Williams joined the Office of the Public Defender and defended clients at all stages of the criminal litigation process in all state courts. Commissioner Williams was later promoted to Supervising Attorney for the New Castle County Family Court Unit, and in that role assisted in policymaking for juvenile justice, consulted attorneys statewide, trained new attorneys and law clerks, and assisted in formulating agency wide procedures. Prior to becoming a defense attorney, Commissioner Williams worked at the Department of Justice, in private practice, and as a law clerk for the United States Court of Federal Claims. Commissioner Williams said she "look[s] forward to learning from [her] colleagues on the bench and . . . hope[s] to continue to positively serve the people of Delaware in this new role."



Commissioner Williams with Governor Markell at her investiture.

JUDICIAL BRANCH EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR



Chief Justice Myron T. Steele named Family Court Employee, **Heather Morton**, as the Judicial Branch Employee of the Year for 2012. As a Judicial Case Processor for the Sussex County Family Court, Ms. Morton is the central information point for approximately 60,000 files in the Family Court Sussex County file room. She is responsible for the maintenance and care of adult and juvenile criminal files, as well as an array of civil filings. Ms. Morton is being recognized as “an outstanding person whose proven versatility has made her a definite asset.... Her patience, excellent communication skills, ability to empathize, and clear explanations provide easy comprehension for litigants reviewing their files. When faced with inevitable questions and problems from litigants, she does not hesitate to research all of the statutes and court procedures to best resolve the situation.”

- **Teri Vann**, Justice of the Peace Court, Constable; and
- **Anish Patel**, Administrative Office of the Courts, Judicial Information Center Telecommunications/Network Technician II.

I, and my colleagues in the Judiciary, would like to express our gratitude for the ever-present and invaluable support of court staff and others. It is only through their tremendous dedication that the Judicial Branch is able to accomplish its work, given our growing workloads and limited resources. Congratulations to Heather Morton on being selected as the 2012 Judicial Branch Employee of the Year, and to the other nominees.

Chief Justice Myron T. Steele

The other Judicial Branch nominees honored as Employee of the Year for their respective courts/Administrative Office of the Courts are:

- **Lavette Curtis**, Superior Court, Judicial Case Manager II;
- **Mary Virginia “Ginger” Speight**, Court of Common Pleas, Judicial Case Manager II;



Heather Morton, 2012 Judicial Branch Employee of the Year, pictured with Lt. Governor Matthew Denn (left) and Governor Markell during the state's annual employee recognition celebration.

The Changing Face of the Law Libraries: Virtual Reference

January 2013 saw the launch of the new online chat option and website “Ask a Law Librarian, Delaware” at <http://courts.delaware.gov/lawlibraries/index.stm>. While still in its infancy, the online chat feature has provided the citizens of Delaware with a new point of access to locating legal information.



Developed through the collaborative efforts of the Judicial Law Libraries and the Delaware Division of Libraries, the goal of “Ask a Law Librarian, Delaware” is to provide legal information support to the general public through cutting edge technology. Through these efforts, the law librarians hope to be able to reach a broader base of Delaware citizens that have legal reference questions.

The site provides instant access to a law librarian on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 11am-12 noon. Questions may also be sent by email and are answered within 72 hours or less. Public library patrons may access the site by logging on either through the website or through any Delaware Division of Libraries website at <http://lib.de.us/askalibrarian>. Additionally, the Judicial Law

Librarians have provided informative seminars on legal reference to public librarians throughout the State of Delaware. Leah Chandler, Sussex County Law Librarian, notes that “the law libraries are adapting to keep pace in a new digital era and therefore redefining the traditional law library image. Not only do we strive to provide excellent assistance to the bench and bar through traditional means of legal research, but we are actively expanding awareness of legal information resources to the citizens of Delaware by virtual reference.”

Look this summer for new online interactive tutorials on some of the most requested legal topics such as 1) Researching in the Delaware Code – online and book format; 2) Locating Legal Forms; 3) Delaware Rules of Court; and 4) How to complete a Delaware Legislative History.

The Judicial Law Librarians wish to extend a very special thanks to Amy Whitman (AOC) for helping to bring the website to fruition.

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The 2013 State of Delaware High School Mock Trial Competition: Mixes Cautionary Tale with Spectacular Advocacy Performances

A typical soccer teen, 17 year old Paxton was rushing home on a “borrowed” bike with no helmet after 9 p.m., anxious to get home before Mom noticed his absence and in time to walk the family dog. McMasters, an 18 year old driving a Dodge Dakota truck without his seatbelt on, was equally anxious to get his girlfriend home from a friend’s birthday party before her 9.30 p.m. curfew. Both teens had access to alcohol prior to the accident. Both parties may have been riding without lights and failed to properly signal their intent. Paxton had ear buds and may have been listening to music while cycling; McMasters was engaged, directly or through the intermediary of his girlfriend, in a heated text message exchange with a friend. In the battle between truck and bicycle on a left-hand turn, no parties were left undamaged.

Thus was the scene set for this year’s 2013 Mock Trial competition hosted in the New Castle County Courthouse on February 22-23, 2013. The personal injury case of Paxton v. McMasters, however, highlights serious traffic safety issues that affect young adults in Delaware. Alcohol and hand-held devices are significant contributing factors in road crashes and fatalities, especially among teens and young adults. According to the Delaware Office of Highway Safety, four teens aged 16 to 20 were killed in 2011 in alcohol-related crashes and 91 more were injured. Teens and young adults under the age of 25 accounted for 21% of alcohol-related fatalities in 2009; meanwhile, young adults under the age of 30 are involved in 54% of cell phone related crashes. Delaware has experienced a steady rise in the number of pedestrians and bicyclists injured or killed on its roads: 6 bicyclists were killed in 2009; 19 pedestrians were killed in 2011; and 361 pedestrians were injured in 2011. While arguing the merits of the case, some participants may have taken the time to reflect that the physical injuries claimed by both parties – the bicyclist broke his collar bone and suffered a concus-

sion that may have ended a promising soccer career before it even started; the car driver broke his nose and had two black eyes; and the car passenger broke her wrist on the dashboard – are all too real consequences of driving or bicycling while distracted or impaired.

Each school participated in four preliminary rounds and had to try both sides of the case. The two best advocates and two best witnesses were awarded gavels by the judges. A final round, late on Saturday, pitted the finalists and was judged by a panel that included Supreme Court Justice Ridgely. The Charter School of Wilmington was declared the winner at a banquet held after the final round. The Charter School of Wilmington competed at the National Championship in Indianapolis, Indiana on May 9-11, 2013.

This event would not have been possible without the numerous volunteers that stepped forward to help. Participants were judged by judges, attorneys and Widener law students who provided personal feedback to the students. The Delaware Paralegal Association provided volunteer runners. Security officers, bailiffs and court staff volunteered to help throughout the courthouse as greeters, bailiffs, and in any other capacity for which they were called. Thank you and we hope to see you all again next year.

A special thank you goes to Capitol Police who, on the heels of the February 11th incident at the New Castle County Courthouse, accommodated Mock Trial activities and processed the influx of participants as quickly and securely as possible. We also thank court staff, volunteers, participants, coaches, and family members for their patience and support.

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First Lady Carla Markell Opens Sisters in Success Conference at Baylor Women’s Correctional Institution

Delaware’s First Lady, Carla Markell, presented the keynote address for the Sisters in Success Conference on Monday May 13, 2013 at Baylor Women’s Correctional Institution (“BWCI”). The day-long conference, led by Superior Court Judge Jan R. Jurden, brought together a team of professional women from the local community to offer a series of workshops designed to provide women in BWCI with the tools necessary to make a successful transition back into the community. Following First Lady Markell’s keynote address, the women attended a variety of workshops moderated by various Delaware experts. Available

workshops explored issues related to personal growth and health awareness, intimate partner violence, grief and loss, educational needs of children, positive relationships, employment skills, emotional development, and re-entry services.

The event was sponsored by the Delaware Department of Correction, BWCI, the Delaware Women in the Law Section of the Delaware State Bar Association, Delaware Chapter of National Association of Women Judges and the Delaware Criminal Justice Council. Members of the steer-



ing committee included: Warden Wendi Caple (BWCI); Robert May, Deputy Warden, (BWCI); Judge Jurden; Family Court Judges Barbara Crowell and Aida Waserstein; Court of Common Pleas Judge Andrea Rocanelli; Court of Common Pleas Commissioner Mary McDonough; Family Court Commissioner Loretta Young; Drewry Nash Fennell, Esq., Executive Director, Delaware Criminal Justice Council (CJC); Amy Herb (CJC); Laina Herbert, Esq., Chair, Women in the Law Section; Faith Levy, Residential Inmate Classification Officer (BWCI); Jack McDonough, Program Director, Delaware Residential Reentry Center; and Amy Quinlan, Esq., Deputy State Court Administrator, Administrative Office of the Courts.



First Lady Carla Markell speaking at Baylor Women's Correctional Institution during the Sisters in Success Conference.



Judicial and other government leaders presenting at the Sisters in Success Conference.

"We are thrilled at the opportunity to share our experiences in support of one another. We hope to make this an annual event."

Judge Jan. R. Jurden,
Delaware Superior Court

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The Administrative Office of the Courts Supports Job Skills Conference

As a part of the Judicial Branch's civic outreach program, the Administrative Office of the Courts recently partnered with the Salvation Army's Keep a Job program to present a job skills seminar at the New Castle County Courthouse on April 19, 2013. The one-day conference entitled "Brighten Your Path for Success" introduced the participants of the Keep a Job program to the Delaware Judiciary, provided information about how the courts serve the public, and discussed employment opportunities within the Judicial Branch.



Capitol Police Senior Corporal Michael A. Purnell and Corporal Scott Simpson discussing employment opportunities during the Keep a Job program.

Representatives from the Court of Common Pleas, Family Court, Capitol Police, the AOC, and the Salvation Army presented information on a variety of topics related to employment skills and the courts. Participants were given an opportunity to practice their newly acquired skills through mock interviews and received tips from the experts on resume writing and the application process.

The Salvation Army's Keep a Job program is a community based organization developed in collaboration with the Department of Labor, Department of Health & Social Services, the Delaware Economic Development and the Delaware Transit Corporation.

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Demonstrated Success in Drug Diversion for the Court of Common Pleas

Located in each of the three counties in the Court of Common Pleas, the Drug Diversion Program ("Drug Diversion") is a problem-solving court for those offenders who have pending charges related to drug possession but who have not been previously convicted of a drug offense. Graduates from Drug Diversion have demonstrated abstinence from alcohol and drugs and completed either a psycho-education program or treatment counseling. Successful completion of the program allows individuals to preserve a clean criminal record, and supports their efforts to obtain gainful employment, and become productive members of the community. "The Court is making every effort to maximize the limited resources available for Drug Diversion," said Court of Common Pleas Judge Andrea Rocanelli.

In New Castle County, each client entering Drug Diversion is interviewed using a validated assessment tool. This assessment tool enables the Court to better understand each client's risks and needs so that they can be properly assigned to the most effective track for judicial supervision, as well as education and treatment.

Also in New Castle County, the Court has created an Accelerated Track for low risk and low needs offenders who meet certain carefully defined criteria. The Accelerated Track allows for optimal supervision of the low risk and low needs offenders, separating these offenders from the higher risk and higher needs offenders. Approximately 25% of individuals who entered the CCP Drug Court Program between June 2011 and October 2012 entered into the Accelerated Track. Ninety-seven percent of those in

the Accelerated Track successfully completed the program. This group of clients completed the program in an average of 14 weeks, compared to the 23 weeks on average that it took clients not in the Accelerated Track. This substantial reduction in time to complete the program may result in significantly decreased costs for service provision and court time.

"Graduation and recidivism rates are important measures of success," stated Judge Rocanelli.

"This shows that the Drug Diversion Program is very effective at re-directing the behavior of offenders as it compares very favorably to the overall recidivism rate in Delaware. Even those who were terminated from Drug Diversion had a lower recidivism rate than the general population."

Judge Rocanelli

She reports that of the total 473 clients who entered New Castle County Court of Common Pleas Drug Court on or after August 4, 2010, 338 clients completed the program by December 31, 2011. Approximately 83% of clients graduated and 17% were terminated and sentenced. Only 13% of graduates had a new arrest within one year for a DUI, a criminal charge or a drug charge. Of the 57 persons who were terminated during this period, 37% (or 21 persons) had a new arrest within one year for a DUI, a criminal charge or a drug charge.

New Castle County CCP Drug Diversion Program is the site for several past and on-going studies to test and develop research in the field by the Treatment Research Institute of the University of Pennsylvania. "This professional relationship offers a tremendous opportunity to be at the cutting edge of 'best practices' that have been developed through evidence-based research," stated Judge Rocanelli.

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iCivics and Law Day

The Women and the Law Section of the Delaware State Bar Association in conjunction with the Supreme Court of Delaware will present iCivics in public junior and middle schools throughout the State of Delaware during the month of May 2013. It expands on the iCivics presentations which occurred on Law Day 2012. This effort, spearheaded by Justice of the Peace Magistrate James Horn and Women and the Law Section chair, Laina M. Herbert, Esquire, of Prickett, Jones, & Elliott, P.A., and assisted by Franny Haney of the Administrative Office of the Courts, has attracted numerous members from the Delaware Judiciary and the Delaware State Bar Association to make the presentations. Justice Randy J. Holland of the Delaware Supreme Court serves as the Delaware Chair for iCivics.

iCivics was developed by retired U.S. Supreme Court Jus-

tice Sandra Day O'Connor and a team of educational experts to promote civic education in schools. The creation of iCivics in 2010 was motivated by Americans' declining civic knowledge and participation. According to the most recent Civics report card from the National Assessment of Education Progress, only 22% of eighth graders were proficient in civics.

iCivics consists of video computer games that teach students about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights and was designed for middle school students. At this time, iCivics has produced 16 educational video games and more than 70 lesson plans which meet the Common Core Standards. During the 2011-2012 school year, there were over 1.6 million visitors to iCivics in all 50 states, and 17,000 teachers from every state have registered accounts on iCivics.

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COURT OF CHANCERY AMENDS ITS RULES REGARDING CONFIDENTIAL FILINGS AND DISCOVERY



The Court of Chancery amended its Rules, effective January 1, 2013, to improve public access to filings in cases before the Court. The amendment updates the Court's existing rule governing the filing of documents under seal. To ensure that public access to court filings is only restricted when justified, the new Rule 5.1 provides a definition of "good cause" that requires that only documents that contain sensitive, confidential information will qualify for sealing. By this means, the new Rule 5.1 better protects the public's right of access, while still enabling parties to restrict public access to truly sensitive information, such as trade secrets, personal information such as social security numbers or other identifying information, or competitively sensitive pricing information. Rule 5.1 is a product of extensive internal discussion, valuable assistance from the Court's Rules Committee and feedback from members of the press. An explanatory memorandum and the order adopting the rule are available at <http://courts.delaware.gov/rules/index.stm>.

Also on January 1 of this year, Rules 26, 30, 34 and 45 were updated to account for modern discovery demands

to bring the Court's rules in line with current practice. The amendments refer to discovery of "electronically stored information" ("ESI") in addition to "documents" and "tangible things," and explain how parties should respond to requests for ESI. These changes are consistent with similar amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Rule 26(c) also was revised to make clear that an out-of-state non-party from whom discovery is sought may move for a protective order in this state. The Court also expanded its Guidelines for Practitioners, originally released in January 2012, to include guidelines regarding discovery. The rules and revised guidelines are available at <http://courts.delaware.gov/chancery/rulechanges.stm>

In an effort to educate members of the Bar in advance of the Rule changes and discovery guidelines, the Court held a free continuing legal education seminar on December 7, 2012. The seminar was a huge success, with close to 160 attorneys attending.

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VETERANS TREATMENT COURT EXPANDS TO NEW CASTLE COUNTY

The Delaware Superior Court's Veterans Treatment Court program held its first calendar in New Castle County in January, 2013 with Judge Jurden, a former member of the armed services (she was honorably discharged as a Sergeant in the U.S. Army after serving in the 32nd Air Defense Unit in Germany), presiding.

This innovative program was initiated by Judge William L. Witham, Jr. in Kent County in February 2011. Judge Witham, also a former member of the armed services, served as an officer for 33 years in the Reserves and Army National Guard and graduated from the United States Army War College in 1998. He also served as the Deputy State Area Commander, as well as the Brigade Commander of the Delaware Army Troop Command, when he retired in 2001.

The program is designed to assist justice-involved veterans with mental health and substance abuse issues to obtain necessary services and reduce recidivism. As a subdivision of the Mental Health Court, the mission of this court is to work with veterans who have been charged with felony or misdemeanor non-violent criminal offense(s) and divert eligible veteran-defendants with substance dependency and/or mental health issues from traditional court processing to a treatment based problem-solving model

court. Veterans are identified through specialized screening and assessments and voluntarily participate in a judicially supervised treatment plan developed by a team comprised of court staff, veteran health care professionals, veteran peer mentors and other health and mental health care professionals. Upon admission to the Veterans Treatment Court, the court staff, health care professionals and mentors assist the veteran with an array of stabilization and other services.

"I am very proud of the hard work of our court in bringing this most effective program to New Castle County. This expansion will provide greater numbers of justice-involved veterans with the means to address their substance abuse and mental health issues in an effort to create constructive lives and become productive members of our community."

President Judge James T. Vaughn Jr.

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Delaware Delegation Attends National Conference to Kick Off OVW Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Project

On January 8, 2013, a delegation led by Superior Court Judge Jan R. Jurden, and comprised of staff of the Court of Common Pleas and the Administrative Office of the Courts, headed to Louisville, Kentucky to attend a three day, new grantee orientation training sponsored by the Office on Violence Against Women. The Administrative Office of the Courts is the recipient of a 24-month Office on Violence against Women Fiscal Year 2012 Court Training and Improvements Program grant to fund the Victim Advocacy and Safety Enhancement project ("VASE") in Delaware. Delaware was one of nine grantees in attendance from such states as Arizona, Florida, Maryland, Minnesota, Idaho, Georgia and New York. VASE seeks to provide justice-involved victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault with the tools to end the cycle of violence and abuse, address the root cause of the problem that may have led to their involvement with the criminal justice system, and help reduce recidivism. Under the terms of the grant, VASE will:

- create a "specialized track" within the Superior Court's Mental Health Court and the Court of Common Pleas' Trauma Informed Probation Courts to identify justice-involved victims of sexual assault and/or domestic violence;
- coordinate and provide services and trauma-informed care to the identified victims of sexual abuse and/or domestic violence; and

- educate the Judiciary on the needs of justice-involved victims of sexual abuse and/or domestic violence.

The three days were packed with presentations from the grant's technical assistance providers – the Center for Court Innovation; the Muskie School of Public Service; the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; Futures Without Violence; the Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community; the National Center for State Courts; and Legal Momentum, National Judicial Education Program – and covered a host of different subjects ranging from the language used by the media to describe sexual assault to the effectiveness of different programming options. It provided grantees with the opportunity to watch first-hand a model domestic violence court overseen by Judge Jerry Bowles of the Jefferson Circuit Court, Family Division, and participate in a panel discussion on tips and insights into running a domestic violence court with Judge Bowles and others. Strategic planning sessions for individual state projects, in which each group worked with a technical assistance provider to formulate their project and report to the larger group, were mixed with group exercises designed to illustrate the complex realities of domestic violence. The Delaware delegation returned from this trip ready and prepared to work on the VASE project.

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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT BEGINS BASIC LEGAL EDUCATION FOR NEW JUDGES

The Justice of the Peace Court is excited to begin another Basic Legal Education Criminal Module for its recently appointed judges. The Justice of the Peace Court is welcoming Judge Christopher Portante, Judge Rochelle Knapp and Judge Cheryl McCabe Stroman to the bench. Judge Portante has been appointed to fill a vacancy in New Castle County. He comes to the Court after six years with the Delaware Department of State, where he served as Chief of Community Relations. He also previously served as a Community Relations Officer for the Delaware Division of Public Health and as a media analyst and staff operations officer for the CIA. He is a graduate of Connecticut College with degrees in Russian and Eastern European Studies.

Judge Rochelle Knapp has been appointed to fill a vacancy in Sussex County. She earned her B.A. degree in Political Science and an M.A. in Historic Preservation from Delaware State University and received her Juris Doctorate degree from Southern Illinois University. During her time at law school, she worked for the Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation, serving in the Domestic Violence

Legal Clinic. She comes to the bench from her position as paralegal at the law firm of Schmittinger and Rodriguez.

Judge McCabe Stroman was appointed to fill a vacancy in New Castle County. Judge McCabe-Stroman joins the Court from Intercultural Family Services in Philadelphia Pennsylvania. In 2012 she taught ethical topics in professional counseling at the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education. She has a B.A. and J.D. from Temple University, a M.S. Ed. From University of Pennsylvania and is a doctoral candidate who is expected to receive her Ph.D. in Education in May 2015.

The new Justice of the Peace Court judges will commence their Basic Legal Education Training on May 28, 2013 and will spend seven weeks in a variety of classroom and courtroom settings, attending a total of 29 different classes and concluding with a series of mock trials. The Court looks forward to these great additions to our bench.

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For the Love of it All



Not many people are lucky enough (or sufficiently persistent) to pursue their childhood passions into their adulthood. Even fewer folks are able to combine that passion with their livelihood. Only a select few find a way to do what they love alongside their colleagues while giving back to others. But that is exactly what Superior Court Judge Robert B. Young and Jim McGiffin, Esq. have been able to accomplish for more than a decade. *Madame Bovary: Ho Ho Ho* is the latest (and perhaps greatest) in a series of Lex Lyrica Productions written by Judge Young and co-produced with longtime friend and colleague, Jim McGiffin (with a little help from their friends). Rivaling the creative outpourings from famed duos like Gilbert and Sullivan and Rogers and Hammerstein, these two friends (Young and McGiffin) have been together since the late 90's bringing quality musical theatre to the delight of Delaware audiences everywhere. Next month, their volunteer troop of actors, dancers, musicians and technical gurus plucked from the courtrooms, law offices and government buildings across all three counties will gather together to begin rehearsals for *Madame Bovary: Ho Ho Ho*, the sixth in a series of musical comedy extravaganzas. The show will be coming to a theatre near you in November 2013. As always, proceeds from the show will go to benefit the Combined Campaign for Justice.

Judge Young Graduated from Denison University in 1965 where he met his wife Karen ("dating her was the luckiest thing" says Judge Young). He tried his hand at business school at Wharton and ultimately decided that law school was a better fit, graduating with a J.D. from Ohio State in 1968. Settling in Delaware, Judge Young began his legal career at the law firm of Pricket Jones Elliott Kristol & Schnee and later opened his own firm prior to his appointment to the Superior Court on February 17, 2005. Judge Young has two sons: Randy is a Psychology Professor at Bridgewater College in Virginia and Jeff is an attorney and practiced with Judge Young before he took the bench.

Recently, the AOC had the pleasure of sitting down with Young and McGiffin to find out just how (and why) these two do it.

Throughout the twists and turns in Judge Young's career, music has been his constant, from high school bands (as a self-taught guitarist) to college theatre to the Grid Iron in Ohio where he got an opportunity to write music. His first taste of "showing" got him hooked. You can ask him why he loves it, but the smile on his face will tell you more than his words. His very first Delaware production, *The King v. Elliner Ruttee: the Joy of Maidenhood (a little operetta)* 1999, was created at the request of Justice Maurice A. Hartnett III who asked Judge Young to produce a show to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the Court on the Green. The original show was to be based on an early case involving a man who was tried and hung for murder. Not one to say no, and unable to resist the lure of musical comedy (and not able to see the inherent humor in a hanging), Judge Young accepted the mission, but quickly changed the theme, basing his production instead on the case of a madam arrested for running a brothel who was acquitted by the jury ("possibly clients?" ponders Judge Young). The call for volunteers for the show was immediately answered by McGiffin willing to put his bass talents to use only to be tapped for

the lead -- a part that he describes as "un-singable." As is his wont, Judge Young adopted the lyrics for the production from the Delaware criminal code setting them to a tune from *The Pirate of Penzance*. In addition to Jim, crew from the local theatre guild helped to make the show a great success, despite the fact that they were still recruiting for parts the day before the performance. From these humble beginnings, Young and McGiffin have gone on to collaborate on a series of musical productions including *Macbeth: a Family Musical* (2004), *A Tale of Two Cities: The Rock Opera* (2007), *Moby Dick: The Maritime Musicale* (2009), and *An American Tragedy: A Comedy* (2011).

So what's their formula? According to Judge Young there really isn't one, except for a few key elements. The two start planning the next show before the end of the current one. Jim has made lots of suggestions for show themes over the years, not one of which Judge Young has ever used. Following his creative inclinations, Judge Young takes a book that most people claim to have read, but only few ever really did -- the denser and more depressing the material the better. Using the cliff notes as his guide ("maybe," notes Jim), he then turns the text into a work of musical art (or slapstick humor or...?) depending upon the onlooker's taste. Judge Young is "all about the rhyme. Rhythm and tune just exist in [his] head." Then it's up to Jim as band leader, along with his talented group of musicians (including Judge Young on banjo) to turn the demos into a musical production worthy of highbrow audiences statewide. "One cannot overstate my appreciation for the efforts of the real musicians who take my thoughts and put them into some



Jim McGiffin was a music major at the University of North Texas where he studied upright bass. Ultimately choosing to pursue law instead of music (Jim would attribute the shift to being outnumbered by other talented musicians – we might suggest that fate had a hand in guiding him to law), McGiffin attended Boston College (class of 1985) where he met his wife, Kathy. He took a job at the Delaware’s Community Legal Aid Society, Inc. where he has served in numerous capacities (including Executive Director). He also served four years as Family Court Commissioner in Kent and Sussex Counties and currently acts as Delaware Senate Attorney. He has two children – Bridget (Americorps/Vista Volunteer in West central Louisiana) and Connor (musical theater student at University of Michigan).

form—and particularly Jim, who has a million things going on, but puts all that music into arrangements for eight different instruments—a task that is just unimaginable to me,” stated Judge Young.

Charity has always been a component of the Lex Lyrica Productions, beginning with the Make a Wish Foundation and, later on, the Combined Campaign for Justice. Jim thinks the fundraising component is beneficial in two ways: the shows have raised some serious money over the years (in excess of \$50,000) to benefit the underserved, but it also gives folks a reason to come out beyond their own self interest. Lawyers are busy people and the community outreach piece gives lawyers from different fields an opportunity and a reason to mingle with colleagues while doing something they love.

How have the shows changed since the beginning? “They just keep getting better,” noted Judge Young. According to McGiffin: “The performances are tighter and the music and production values have improved.” When asked what has been most surprising over the years, Judge Young stated “I am always surprised by the enormous talent of lawyers.”

We listened as the two friends reminisced about the many memorable performances -- Tim Donovan, Mike Cochran, Jerry Hager, Janine Salomone, David Bever, Dave Baumberger, Mindy Clifton, Mike Tucker, Erin Della Barca, Ryan Browning; musicians like Tom Walsh, Dave O’Connor, Superior Court Judge Mary Johnston ... and the list goes on. Judge Young recounts receiving a call from Supreme Court Justice Randy J. Holland saying “I have a clerk who wants to do something in the musical.” Of course I wouldn’t decline, but I was not expecting much. During rehearsal, Jenness (Parker) is sitting down, back against the wall, cross-legged. I am instructing someone on how to sing the piece and Jenness says ‘something like this?’ and belts the song out from the floor. “Unbelievable!”

Greg Johnson (repeat cast member) played for Judge Young’s little league team as a kid. “We were in need of a male lead. Someone told me Greg had a great voice. So I picked up the phone and called him and reminded him of all those years I spent coaching him and that he owed me. He is one of the best rock n’ roll singers I’ve ever heard. He’s been part of the shows ever since,” said Judge Young. As for disappointments, neither could recall any, other than perhaps wishing to see more support from the community and greater attendance statewide.

Why keep doing it? McGiffin says he can’t say no to Judge Young. “He is stunningly generous of his time. He is one of the most joyful people I have ever met. You are just drawn to him and his incredibly positive outlook on life. He’s just fun to be around. It’s also a good way to show that lawyers are people and that they care about their community.” As for Judge Young, McGiffin says he doesn’t think he can stop. Judge Young admits his compulsion to write. “Sometimes I will ask my wife to stop by the side of the road so that I can scribble down a tune that just came into my head. Tunes

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The Schwartz Center for the Arts, Dover



Jim McGiffin, Esquire, and Judge Robert Young, long time collaborators in charitable musical productions.

just come to me," said Judge Young. Both men agree that it is such a "blast" to see people come together who might not otherwise meet -- trial lawyers with corporate counsel, big firms and solo practitioners and folks from all three counties. "We get to step outside our daily routines and be together sharing what we love to benefit others. It doesn't get any better than that," said Judge Young.

As for this year's show, "people can look forward to an evening of enjoyment beyond their expectations," said Judge Young. But be forewarned, *Madame Bovary* will not end anything like the book.

Judge Young and Jim McGiffin would like to offer special thanks to Rina Marks and the DSBA for all of their support and to Commissioner Mark Vavala who provides the artwork for the programs each year. The AOC would like to extend a special thank you to you, Judge Young and Jim McGiffin for giving of yourselves, time and talent for the benefit and enjoyment of us all.

Watch for information about the November 2013 performances of *Madam Bovary: Ho Ho Ho*

Come on out and see a show!

From left to right, Tanya Pino, Esquire, and Jim McGiffin, Esquire, on stage in a Lex Lyrica production of *Macbeth*.





Driving Under the Influence Court - New Problem-Solving Court Coming to Delaware

Plans to bring the newest problem-solving court to Delaware are currently underway. House Bill No. 378, signed by Governor Jack Markell on July 18, 2012, is the impetus behind the creation of a Driving Under the Influence Court ("DUI Court") that will fall under the purview of the Court of Common Pleas. The Court of Common Pleas will be assisted in their efforts by Tim Hubbard, the new State Judicial Outreach Liaison Officer ("JOL"). The JOL is a part-time, 30 month, grant funded position awarded to the Administrative Office of the Courts by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The JOL will assist with the creation of a DUI Court in Delaware, educate the judiciary on the issue of impaired driving and traffic safety, and provide community outreach services. Tim Hubbard, formerly of the Westtown East Goshen Regional Police Department, West Chester, Pennsylvania, has extensive experience in DUI enforcement and education and is a welcomed addition to Delaware's efforts.

In 2011, 4,300 people were arrested for DUI in Delaware – alcohol was a factor in 37% of the 97 fatal crashes that occurred that year. National research indicates that approxi-

mately one-third of first time offenders will incur a second offense often due to alcohol related dependencies. A DUI Court seeks to hold these individuals accountable while facilitating access to treatment providers and services necessary to address alcohol related dependencies.

"The DUI Court is a welcome addition to Delaware's problem-solving courts and our efforts to address and respond to the root cause of an individual's involvement in the criminal justice system."

Chief Judge Alex J. Smalls, Delaware Court of Common Pleas.

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We are pleased to present the Spring 2013 issue of the ***Delaware Docket***, the Newsletter of the Delaware Judiciary, which is published semi-annually to provide updates on activities and events in the Judicial community. All are welcome to suggest topics, contribute articles for future editions, and provide suggestions on the newsletter. The Delaware Docket is available on line at <http://courts.delaware.gov/AOC/publications.stm>.

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