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DELAWARE CHIEF JUSTICE MYRON T. STEELE ADDRESSES US CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S NATIONAL CHAMBER FOUNDATION

Delaware Chief Justice Myron T. Steele today addressed the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Institute for Legal Reform and the National Chamber Foundation at a conference in the Chambers' Washington, DC offices. The one-day conference addressed the "State of the American Judiciary" and examined the current condition of the judiciary in the United States. Chief Justice Steele was invited to speak on "What Makes the 'First State' First Rate: A View from the Delaware Supreme Court". In the letter of invitation from Linda Kelly, Vice President of Policy and Research at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, she noted Delaware Courts being ranked number one in the United States for the fifth consecutive year.

Other topics included The Role of Specialized Courts in Improving the Efficiency and Effectiveness of the Civil Justice System; Letting a Thousand Flowers Bloom: Strategies to Define and Promote Judicial Best Practices; Who Should Choose? A Discussion of the Relative Merits of Electing Versus Selecting Judges and Judicial Conduct and the First Amendment: New Developments in Judicial Ethics Rules and Their Practical Implications. U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts was the guest at the luncheon. The conference was attended by 115 business leaders, lawyers, Congressional staff, and staff of Foreign Embassies.

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