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DELAWARE SUPREME COURT APPEAL DISPOSITION RATES IMPROVE

Appeal disposition rates in the Delaware Supreme Court improved in Fiscal Year 2005 which ran from July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005. The Court disposed of 544 cases in FY 05. The average number of days from under advisement to final decision in criminal cases was 47.8 days which is an improvement from the previous fiscal year rate which was 58.3 days. In civil cases, the average number of days from under advisement to final decision was 33.2 days which is an improvement from the previous fiscal year rate which was 59.1 days. The average number of days from initial filing to final decision was 186.9 days in criminal cases and 167.2 days in civil cases. This was an improvement of .1 days in criminal cases and 9.2 days in civil cases. The Court disposed of 48% of its cases within 30 days of the date of submission and 90% of its cases within 90 days of the date of submission. The rates in the previous fiscal year were 30.4% and 82.5% respectively. More detailed statistics will appear in the 2005 Annual/Statistical Report to be published in early 2006 by the Administrative Office of the Court.

On behalf of the Court, Chief Justice Myron T. Steele stated: "The members of

the Court are extremely pleased with the improvement in the Court's disposition rates.

The Court and the Court's staff work diligently to ensure that each appeal moves efficiently and smoothly through the appellate process. The Court's ultimate goal is to provide the citizens of Delaware including corporate citizens a venue for the prompt, fair and legally - correct disposition of cases on appeal."

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