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Delaware Chief Justice Joins Board of National Court Organization

Williamsburg, Va. (Aug. 2, 2010) — Delaware Chief Justice Myron T. Steele has joined the Board of Directors of the National Center for State Courts (NCSC), a nonprofit that aims to improve the administration of justice through leadership and service to the nation's state courts. He will serve a four-year term.

"Chief Justice Steele is active in promoting Delaware courts and jurisprudence around the country as well as internationally," said Mary C. McQueen, NCSC president. "We are fortunate that he is bringing his passion for the law and wealth of knowledge to the National Center board."

Chief Justice Steele has served on the Delaware Supreme Court since 2000, and was appointed chief justice in 2004 by then-Gov. Ruth Ann Minner. He is the seventh chief justice to serve Delaware since its Supreme Court was formed in 1951. Prior to joining the state's court of last resort, Chief Justice Steele was vice chancellor of the Delaware Court of Chancery from 1994-2000, resident judge of the Superior Court in Kent County, Del., from 1990-94, and a Delaware Superior Court judge from 1988-90. As vice chancellor and a Superior Court judge, Chief Justice Steele presided over major corporate litigation and limited liability company and limited partner governance disputes. He has published more than 400 opinions resolving corporate disputes. In addition, he frequently speaks and writes on issues of corporate document interpretation and governance.

Prior to being appointed to the bench, Chief Justice Steele practiced law as a deputy attorney general, an attorney for the Delaware Senate, and chairman of the Delaware Consumer Affairs Board. He also served as outside counsel and director and chairman of the Central Delaware Health Care Corporation, and was in private practice as a litigation partner with Prickett, Jones & Elliott of Wilmington and Dover.

Chief Justice Steele serves on the Judicial Conference Committee on Federal-State Jurisdiction, a body he was appointed to by U.S. Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. He also is an advisor to the Business Law Section of the American Bar Association (ABA), a member of and judicial liaison to the Negotiated Acquisitions Committee of the ABA's Business Law Section, and a member of the ABA's Judicial Section and the American Board of Trial Attorneys.

In 2007, the National Association of Corporate Directors Directorship magazine ranked Chief Justice Steele as one of the 100 Most Influential People in Corporate Governance in the U.S. That same year, Ethisphere magazine ranked him second on its list of the 100 Most Influential People in Business Ethics.

Chief Justice Steele earned a bachelor's in foreign affairs from the University of Virginia and a juris doctor and Master of Laws from the University of Virginia School of Law. He served in the U.S. Army and is a retired colonel of the Delaware Army National Guard, which he also served as a command and staff judge advocate and inspector general.

The National Center for State Courts, headquartered in Williamsburg, Va., is a nonprofit court reform organization dedicated to improving the administration of justice by providing leadership and service to the state courts. Founded in 1971 by the Conference of Chief Justices and Chief Justice of the United States Warren E. Burger, NCSC provides education, training, technology, management, and research services to the nation's state courts.

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