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**DELAWARE SUPREME COURT CHIEF JUSTICE MYRON T. STEELE
HONORED BY U.S. CHAMBER INSTITUTE FOR LEGAL REFORM**

Delaware Supreme Court Chief Justice Myron T. Steele has been selected as the recipient of the 2012 U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform Judicial Leadership Award. The award was given to Chief Justice Steele at the 13th Annual Legal Reform Summit in Washington, D.C. on October 24, 2012. In accepting the award, Chief Justice Steele remarked, "It is very gracious of you to personalize this Judicial Achievement Award, but please allow me to accept it on behalf of all the women and men in the Delaware Judicial Branch, who work with limited resources and take enormous pride in their work product".

The annual Legal Reform Awards honors individuals and organizations whose outstanding work has contributed to making America's civil justice system simpler, fairer, and faster for everyone. In announcing the award, the U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform noted Chief Justice Steele's "leadership in the Delaware Supreme Court and efficiencies you have instilled there". They further stated that "the State of Delaware continues to rank number one in their Harris Survey, *Lawsuit Climate: Ranking the States*, due in part to the highly-regarded Supreme Court and judicial system. Recognized for its business ethics and as one of the top 100 most influential players in corporate governance, the Delaware Supreme Court, under your guidance, has solidified its reputation as the exemplar for direction and sound management". Additionally, they "applauded Chief Justice Steele's efforts on court funding and noted his highlighting this need in numerous speeches and in the 2011 Annual Report of the Delaware Judiciary". The Chamber concluded that Chief Justice Steele said "becoming a judge in Delaware is a professional step that is progressive and a reflection of one's reputation among their colleagues" and noted that he has certainly earned that reputation and more as he continues to accomplish great things for the Delaware Supreme Court and provide an example to which other jurisdictions may aspire.

The U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform annual summit is recognized as the nation's preeminent comprehensive legal reform symposium for business and industry leaders, government officials and members of the media to explore hot legal issues and discuss the current state of legal reform and its importance to the greater business community and national economy.

Chief Justice Steele is the current President of the Conference of Chief Justices and Chairman of the Board of Directors for the National Center for State Courts. He was appointed as Chief Justice in 2004 and previously served on both the Superior Court of Delaware and the Court of Chancery. Chief Justice Steele is a graduate of the University of Virginia and received both his law degree and his masters of law degree from the University of Virginia's Law School.

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