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The Honorable Leo E. Strine, Jr. Takes the Oath of Office for the  
Chief Justice of the Delaware Supreme Court

The Honorable Leo E. Strine, Jr. was sworn in for his first term as Chief Justice of the Delaware Supreme Court on Friday, February 28, 2014 at 11 a.m. in Courtroom 8B, New Castle County Courthouse, 500 N. King Street, Wilmington. The former Chief Justice, Myron T. Steele, administered the oath of office and the Honorable William B. Chandler, III, former Chancellor of the Court of Chancery led the Pledge of Allegiance. A reception was held immediately following the ceremony.

Chief Justice Strine served as Chancellor of the Court of Chancery since 2011 and previously served as Vice Chancellor since 1998. Prior to joining the bench, he served as counsel and policy coordinator to Governor Thomas R. Carper. In 2000, he was awarded the Order of the First State—the highest honor for meritorious service that can be bestowed by a governor.

Prior to his government service, the Chief Justice was a corporate litigator at the firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom. Before that he served as law clerk to Judge Walter K. Stapleton of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and Chief Judge John F. Gerry of the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey. Chief Justice Strine graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1988, and received his Bachelor's Degree *summa cum laude* from the University of Delaware, during which time he was selected as a Harry S. Truman Scholar.

Chief Justice Strine frequently writes and lectures on the topic of corporate law. The Chief Justice is the Austin Wakeman Scott Lecturer in Law at the Harvard Law School, Senior Fellow at the Harvard Program of Corporate Governance, and Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Pennsylvania and Vanderbilt University Law Schools and a Henry Crown Fellow of the Aspen Institute. Top universities and legal publications have widely recognized his contributions to the development of law.

Chief Justice Strine graduated from A.I. DuPont High School in 1982. He grew up in Hockessin, where he now lives with his wife Carrie and two sons, James and Benjamin.

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