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**Justice of the Peace Court to Hold Public Workshops
Discussing Proposed Changes to Rules on Judgment Execution**

The Delaware Justice of the Peace Court will hold a series of public meetings to solicit comments and suggestions about proposed changes to the judgment execution process used in the Court. Judgment execution is the method by which a person who has obtained a monetary judgment as a result of a lawsuit against another person or entity uses court processes to collect the money represented by that judgment. Current execution processes in the Justice of the Peace Court include garnishment of wages or other funds and levy or seizure of goods owned by the person who owes the judgment. If goods are seized, it is typically followed by a public sale of those goods – often called a Constable Sale.

Changes proposed by the Court focus mainly on the levy and sale procedure, though the Court will receive comments about any execution processes during the meetings.

Meetings will be held as follows:

Wednesday, May 3, 2017 4-6 PM Georgetown Public Library 123 W. Pine Street Georgetown, DE 19947	Tuesday, May 9, 2017 4-6 PM Dover Police Department Assembly Room 400 S. Queen Street Dover, DE 19904	Tuesday, May 16, 2017 4-6 PM Goodwill Industries 300 Lea Boulevard Wilmington, DE 19802
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The format of the meetings is that of an informational exchange workshop. Judicial officers and staff of the Court’s civil case processing locations will be on hand to explain the proposed changes and take comments or suggestions from members of the public. There will be no formal presentation and interested persons can come at any time during the meeting to discuss the proposed changes to execution processes.

“We encourage court users and other members of the public to come out and help us make our judgment execution processes better by reviewing our proposals sharing their ideas,” said Justice of the Peace Court Chief Magistrate Alan G. Davis. “Our hope is to develop solutions that are more fair, effective and efficient – creating consistency that benefits not only the holder of a judgment, but the person who owes the judgment and the Court itself.”

Handouts detailing the proposed changes will be available at the meetings, however, anyone wishing to review the proposed changes may do so by obtaining a copy at any Justice of the Peace Court civil location or by visiting the Court's web site at

<http://www.courts.delaware.gov/jpcourt/constablesales.aspx>

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