ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE NO. 184

This 25th day of November 2013:

IT APPEARS THAT:

1. By long tradition, portraits of the Chief Justices and Justices have been displayed on the walls of the Supreme Court Courtroom and in the lobby of the Supreme Court Building in Dover.

2. In the near future, there will be insufficient space to display all the portraits, and it is important that there be: (1) a standard for determining which portraits to display in the Supreme Court Building; and (2) a method by which the Justices' families are given the opportunity to control the disposition of portraits that cannot be displayed in the Supreme Court Building.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS DIRECTED, with the unanimous approval of the Justices of the Supreme Court (Del. Const., Art. IV, § 13), that:

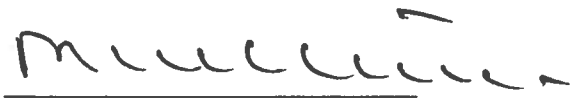
A. Portraits of Chief Justices shall be displayed in the Supreme Court Courtroom. If there is insufficient space there, the portraits shall be displayed in the lobby of the Supreme Court Building. The location of the Chief Justices' portraits shall be given priority over the location of Justices' portraits, regardless of the Chief Justice's length of service.

B. Portraits of the Justices shall be displayed in the lobby of the Supreme Court Building. If there is insufficient space in the lobby for all the Justices' portraits, priority will be given to the Justices portraits based on the number of years that the Justice served on the Supreme Court.

C. Any portrait that cannot be displayed in the lobby of the Supreme Court Building because there is insufficient space shall be displayed or returned to the Justice's heirs or designee as follows: 1) Best efforts will be made to locate the Justice's heirs or designee, who will be given the option to request that the portrait be displayed in another public building in the State of Delaware; 2) If the request cannot be honored, the portrait will be returned to the heirs or designee (the person or entity identified by the Justice as the recipient in the Justice's will or other written and signed document); 3) If the heirs or designee cannot be located, the Supreme Court shall make best efforts to find a suitable location to display the portrait in a public building. If no space is available in a public building, the Supreme Court shall make best efforts to find a suitable location to display the portrait in an educational institution, museum, or other privately owned facility, in Delaware or elsewhere. It is the intent of this Administrative Directive that all portraits be displayed in a suitable location, and that the portraits not be placed in any warehouse or other storage facility for more than six months.

D. This Administrative Directive cannot be revoked or amended. If, notwithstanding this provision, the Administrative Directive is revoked or amended, the Chief Justices' and Justices' heirs or designees shall be notified and the portraits shall be returned to them promptly, upon request.

BY THE COURT:



Chief Justice Myron T. Steele

c: The Honorable Jack A. Markell
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The Honorable Carolyn Berger
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The Honorable Henry duPont Ridgely
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