



The **Court of Chancery** has jurisdiction to hear all matters relating to equity. The litigation in this tribunal deals largely with corporate issues, trusts, estates, other fiduciary matters, disputes involving the purchase of land and questions of title to real estate as well as commercial and contractual matters. The Court of Chancery has a national reputation in the business community and is responsible for developing the case law in Delaware on corporate matters. Appeals from the Court of Chancery may be taken to the Supreme Court.



# Court of Chancery

## Chancellor Kathaleen St. J. McCormick

### *By the Numbers*

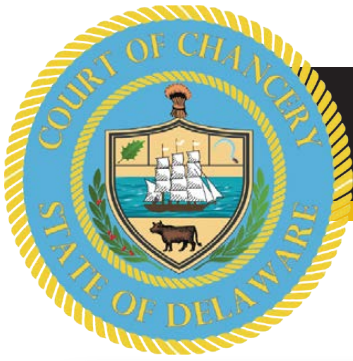


#### **COURT OF CHANCERY**

- Judges - 7
- Magistrates - 3.5\*
- Court Staff - 56

TOTAL: 66.5

*\* The .5 represents a part-time magistrate*



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### **Seated, Front Row (left to right):**

Vice Chancellor Morgan T. Zurn • Vice Chancellor J. Travis Laster •  
Chancellor Kathaleen St. J. McCormick • Vice Chancellor Sam Glasscock III •  
Vice Chancellor Paul A. Fioravanti, Jr.

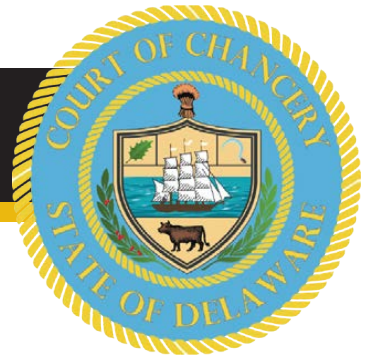
### **Standing, Second Row (left to right):**

Magistrate in Chancery Loren Mitchell • Magistrate in Chancery Patricia W. Griffin (retired 12/2022) •  
Vice Chancellor Lori W. Will • Vice Chancellor Nathan A. Cook •  
Magistrate in Chancery Selena E. Molina • Magistrate in Chancery Bonnie W. David

### **Not Pictured:**

Magistrate in Chancery Christian Douglas Wright • Magistrate in Chancery Danielle Gibbs

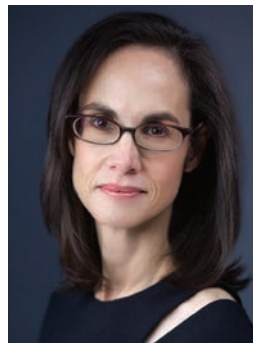
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## 2024 Highlights

- Title of "Master in Chancery" was changed to "Magistrate in Chancery" through SB 179 signed on 7/17/23.
- Publication of redacted opinions resolving guardianship petitions, to provide guidance and promote transparency on how guardianships are handled by the court, began on 8/4/23.
- Nora McDonough Crawford received the Annual Award for Attorney Ad Litem Service to the Court on 12/5/23.
- The Court of Chancery held its second annual student Legal History Art Contest. The winners, announced 4/22/24 were Amaurie Yip, 16, of Middletown High School, who won the \$500 first-place prize for her work, "Torn Remembrance," Nevaeh Rumbley, 16, of Dover High School who won the \$300 second-place prize for her work, "The Law of Equity," and Josie Petrak, 18, of Brandywine High School who won the \$200 third-place prize for her work, "Segregation in School."
- Second tranche of Rule amendments to update, modernize and improve court rules, specifically Rules 1 - 6, 8 - 9, 11 - 15, 23, 23.1, 79, 79.1, 79.2, and 174, became effective 6/14/24.
- For the fourth year, the court welcomed high school interns participating in the Delaware Department of State's Future Leaders Internship Initiative ("FLii").
- Two new Magistrate in Chancery positions were added in 2024. Magistrate Christian Douglas Wright was named to fill one of the two positions on 11/4/24 and Magistrate Danielle Gibbs was named to the second position on 12/2/24.



Hon. Danielle Gibbs



Hon. Christian Douglas Wright



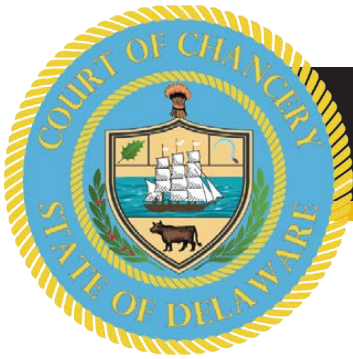
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"Torn Remembrance"

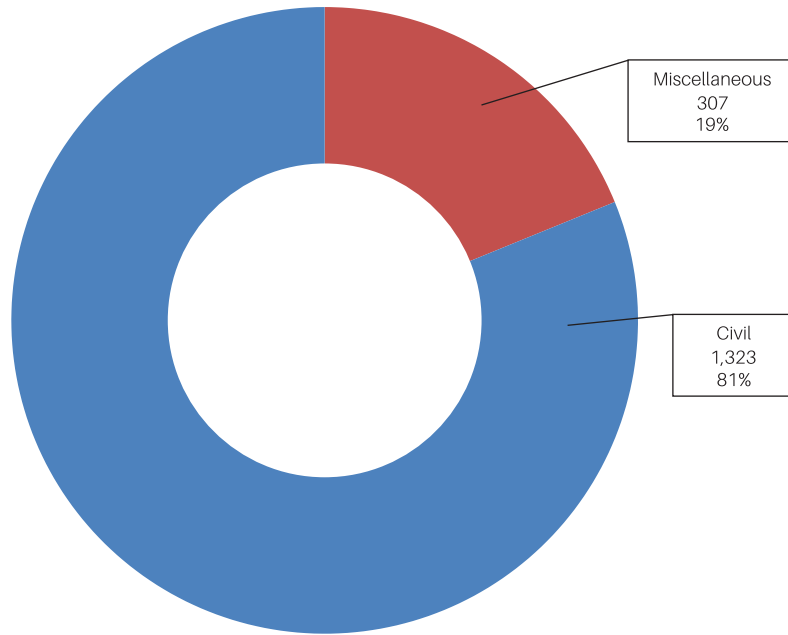


"The Law of Equity"



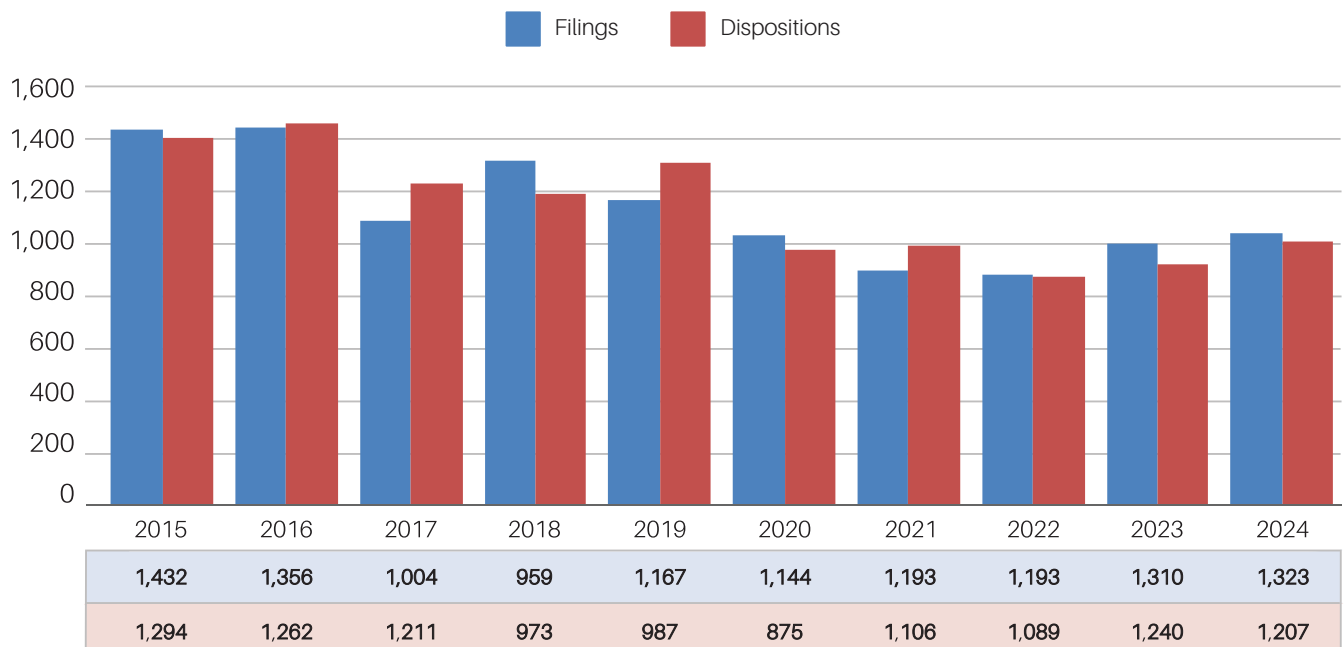
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## Court of Chancery Filings by Type Fiscal Year 2024



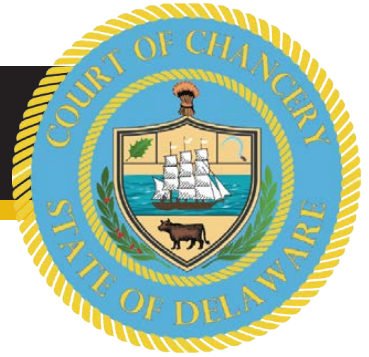
Before FY 23 reactivated cases were included in this count. Beginning FY 23 they were excluded. FY 24 saw 49 reactivated cases.

## Court of Chancery Civil Caseload Trend By Fiscal Year





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## Thank You

# Vice Chancellor Glasscock



The Honorable Sam Glasscock III retired from the Court of Chancery on January 7, 2025 after more than 25 years of service with the Court. He was first appointed as a Master in Chancery (now called Magistrate) in 1999 and was elevated to the position of Vice Chancellor in 2011.

The Vice Chancellor had a varied career before joining the court, including working as a judicial law clerk, an associate at a well-respected Delaware firm, and as a Deputy Attorney General in the Appeals Unit of the Department of Justice. Vice Chancellor Glasscock spent most of his youth in Lewes, Delaware. He received a bachelor's degree in history and master's degree in marine policy from the University of Delaware, and a law degree from Duke University.

*"We are losing an exceptional corporate mind from our ranks, as the Vice Chancellor's contributions to the development of our law are unmatched. The Vice Chancellor has approached his judicial service as he approaches life, with a powerful work ethic and potent sense of humor. It has been an absolute privilege and joy to serve beside him, and we all look forward to hearing about the many adventures he will enjoy in retirement."*

*-Chancellor Kathaleen McCormick*