



FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

The Honorable Michael K. Newell was named one of the Irish Legal 100

The Honorable Michael K. Newell, a Delaware Family Court Judge in New Castle County, was named one of the Irish Legal 100 this year. The Irish Legal 100 recognizes the most prominent lawyers of Irish descent throughout the United States in the Irish Voice newspaper and Irish America magazine. Lawyers are chosen from law schools, law firms, the judiciary and industry across America.

Recipients of the award in 2010 included lawyers such as U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts; Associate Justice Anthony Kennedy; Brendan Sullivan from Williams & Connolly; Robert Bennett, Hogan Lovells USA; Dean Robert Reilly, Fordham Law; William Frank, Skadden Arps; Siobhan McInerney-Lankford, World Bank; John J. Sullivan, former general counsel of the U.S. Department of Commerce; Tim Brosnan, Major League Baseball; Dean Nell Newton, Notre Dame Law; Patricia O'Brien, United Nations, and New Jersey Governor, Chris Christie. Joining Judge Newell on the 2011 Irish Legal 100 are Bill Daley, Chief of Staff to the President of the United States, and Bill Robinson, incoming President of the American Bar Association, among others.

A second generation Irish American, Judge Newell is the son of John and Margaret Newell, whose ancestors hailed from Counties Mayo and Cork, respectively. Before being appointed to the bench in 2004, Judge Newell maintained a family law practice first at the Bayard Firm and later with Connolly Bove Lodge & Hutz LLP. He received the first Delaware State Bar Association Family Law Section "Family Law Practice Professionalism Award" in 2001 and was voted best Divorce Lawyer in 2004 and best Family Law Attorney in 1996 by Delaware Today Magazine. In addition, he was listed in "Best Lawyers in America" from 1989-2004 and received the top peer review rating from Martindale Hubbell. Judge Newell is a graduate of the University of Delaware and received a master's degree in criminal justice administration from Northeastern University and a law degree from Widener University School of Law.

Judge Newell will attend the award ceremony on October 13, 2011, at the Washington, DC home of H.E. Michael Collins, Irish Ambassador to the United States.