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The Honorable Morgan T. Zurn and Kathaleen St. J. McCormick
Take the Oath of Office to Join the Court of Chancery

The Court of Chancery recently hosted public ceremonies at the Leonard L. Williams Justice Center in Wilmington to administer the Oath of Office for its two newest Vice Chancellors. The investiture of the Honorable Morgan T. Zurn was held on January 4, 2019, and the investiture of the Honorable Kathaleen St. J. McCormick was held on January 18, 2019.

Governor John C. Carney nominated Vice Chancellors Zurn and McCormick last fall to fill two newly-created seats on the state's 227-year-old court of equity. In 2018, the Court of Chancery was expanded for the first time since 1989 from five to seven constitutional officers. The addition of Vice Chancellors Zurn and McCormick doubled the number of women who have served on the Court in its history and brings to three the number of women currently serving on the Court as Vice Chancellors. Also in January, Selena E. Molina commenced her duties as a Master in Chancery.

On January 4, 2019, Chancellor Andre G. Bouchard welcomed the audience to Vice Chancellor Zurn's investiture and administered the Oath of Office as Vice Chancellor Zurn's husband, John R. Zurn, Esq., held the Bible and her father, H. Chandler Taylor, assisted her in putting on her judicial robe.

Vice Chancellor Zurn's children, along with her nephew, led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and Christine D. Haynes, Esq. delivered a reading, "To Be of Use" by Marge Piercy. Gov. Carney offered remarks along with U.S. District Judge Richard G. Andrews and Jennifer L. Hall, Esq.

Prior to being nominated to the Court of Chancery, Vice Chancellor Zurn served as a Master in Chancery since March 2016. Before joining the Court, she was a Deputy Attorney General at the Delaware Department of Justice, serving in the Consumer Protection Unit and in the Appellate Division. She served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Richard G. Andrews of the United States District Court for the District of Delaware. A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Law, where she also earned a Master's degree in Bioethics, Vice Chancellor Zurn received her B.A. from the University of Virginia.

On January 18, 2019, Chancellor Bouchard welcomed the audience to Vice Chancellor McCormick's investiture and again administered the Oath of Office as Vice Chancellor McCormick's husband Sean David Boyd held the Bible and assisted her in putting on her judicial robe.

Vice Chancellor McCormick's daughters led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and Rev. Michael Thress delivered the invocation. Gov. Carney offered remarks along with the Vice Chancellor's brother, Justice of the Peace Court Deputy Chief Magistrate Sean Paul McCormick. A trio of the Vice Chancellor's former colleagues, Paul J. Loughman, Nicholas J. Rohrer and James M. Yoch, Jr., also spoke.

Prior to being nominated to the Court of Chancery, Vice Chancellor McCormick was a partner in the Delaware law firm Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor LLP, where she focused her practice on litigating internal governance and corporate disputes, primarily in the Court of Chancery. Before entering private practice, Vice Chancellor McCormick was a staff attorney with the Community Legal Aid Society, Inc. A graduate of Notre Dame Law School, Vice Chancellor McCormick received her undergraduate degree in Philosophy from Harvard College.

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