## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE SEPT. 10, 2021 Moratorium on the Delaware Courts' Collection of Fees and Fines During the COVID-19 Emergency Lifted Effective Immediately

As part of the Judicial Emergency Order issued by Chief Justice Collins J. Seitz, Jr. on March 16, 2020, the Delaware Judicial Branch instituted a moratorium on the active collection of Court-imposed legal financial obligations (except for child support) on April 8, 2020.

Throughout the course of the Judicial Emergency, the Courts suspended the active collection of payments for criminal fines and fees, civil and traffic assessments, restitution, and probation supervision fees. The Courts also suspended the issuance of capiases for failure to pay and suspended the issuance of late notices and late fees for Voluntary Assessment Center obligations.

With the lifting of the Judicial Emergency on July 13, 2021, the Courts will resume active collections on its remaining accounts effective immediately. In the coming days and weeks, persons who owe Courtimposed legal financial obligations and have not been paying per their payment plan agreements will receive a letter informing them of their payment obligation.

During the moratorium, the Courts actively reviewed their collection accounts and deemed over 43,000 old, inactive, non-restitution accounts to be uncollectible. No further action will be taken on these accounts.

For those accounts that receive a notice of a legal financial obligation, payments are accepted online, by telephone, or at kiosks as listed below.

Online Payment: https://pubsrv.deljis.delaware.gov/ePayment/

Telephone Payment: (302) 255 - 0339

Kiosk Locations:

Justice of the Peace Court 11 2 Penns Way Suite 100A New Castle, DE 19720 Open 24-hours

**Delaware City DMV** 2101 Mid County Drive New Castle, DE 19720

**Dover DMV** 303 Transportation Circle Dover, DE 19903

## Georgetown DMV

Georgetown State Service Center 23737 DuPont Blvd.

Georgetown, DE 19947

Wilmington DMV

2230 Hessler Blvd New Castle, DE 19720

## **New Castle Probation Office**

26 Parkway Circle New Castle, DE 19720

## **Seaford Probation Office**

Shipley State Service Center 350 Virginia Ave Seaford, DE 19973

To contact a Court or the Office of State Court Collections Enforcement with a question about paying a legal financial obligation or making a payment plan:

Court	New Castle County	Kent County	Sussex County
Superior Court	302-255-0735	302-735-1910	302-855-7055
Family Court*	302-255-0300	302-255-0300	302-255-0300
Court of Common Pleas	302-255-0900	302-735-3900	302-858-5700
Justice of the Peace	302-323-4450	302-739-4554	302-856-1445
OSCCE	302-255-0339	302-255-0339	302-255-0339

\* Family Court can also be reached online at <u>Have a Question? - Family Court - Delaware Courts - State</u> of <u>Delaware</u>. Additional location and information on payment options for Family Court can also be viewed at <u>Payment Options - Family Court - Delaware Courts - State of Delaware</u>.