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Delaware Supreme Court to Welcome Two New Justices

Superior Court Judge Abigail LeGrow and Attorney N. Christopher Griffiths confirmed by Delaware Senate to fill two vacancies

The Delaware Senate on Wednesday confirmed nominees Superior Court Judge Abigail LeGrow and attorney N. Christopher Griffiths to fill two vacancies on the Delaware Supreme Court.

Delaware Gov. John Carney handed down the two nominations last month to fill the vacancies created when Justice James T. Vaughn, Jr. decided to retire on May 1, 2023, and Justice Tamika Montgomery-Reeves stepped down from the court earlier this year in order to accept a nomination to serve on the U.S. 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals.

“Thank you to the members of the Delaware Senate for their votes to confirm Judge LeGrow and Chris Griffiths to serve as Justices on the Delaware Supreme Court,” said Gov. Carney, shortly after the vote. “Judge LeGrow and Chris have the experience, knowledge, and commitment to public service necessary to serve on the Supreme Court. Their service will be beneficial to all Delawareans. I want to thank these two qualified nominees and their families for their willingness to serve the people of the State of Delaware.”

Delaware Supreme Court Chief Justice Collins J. Seitz, Jr. was at Legislative Hall on Wednesday to congratulate both on their confirmations and welcome both to the high court. “Both of these individuals will be great additions to our court and I look forward to working with them for years to come,” Seitz said. Dates have not yet been set to swear in each of the new justices.

Both nominees appeared before the Delaware Senate’s Executive Committee to answer questions before their nominations were forwarded to the full Senate for a final vote.

LeGrow first joined the Delaware Judiciary in 2011 as a Master in Chancery in the Delaware Court of Chancery before she was named to serve on Superior Court in 2016. Prior to joining the bench, Judge LeGrow was in private practice at Potter Anderson & Corroon LLP, where she specialized in corporate and commercial litigation. She received her J.D. from the Pennsylvania State University Dickinson School of Law and her B.A. in Political Science from Susquehanna University.

Griffiths, who will be the second African American, and the first black man to serve on the Delaware Supreme Court, is a partner at Connolly Gallagher LLP focusing on administrative and government law; corporate and commercial litigation; bankruptcy law; and general litigation. He is well known to the Delaware Judiciary for his work as a co-chair of the annual Delaware High School Mock Trial Competition. Griffiths received his J.D. from Villanova University School of Law and is a graduate of the University of Delaware and Salesianum High School.