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**The Honorable N. Christopher Griffiths takes the Oath of Office
for Justice of the Supreme Court of Delaware**

The Honorable N. Christopher Griffiths was sworn in for his first term as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Delaware on Thursday, October 5th, at Delaware State University's William B. DeLauder Education and Humanities Theater in Dover.

Delaware Supreme Court Chief Justice Collins J. Seitz, Jr. welcomed the crowd and Brother Ronald Giannone of the Ministry of Caring offered the invocation. Governor John C. Carney, Jr. then delivered remarks along with Justice Griffiths' former colleague Max Walton of Connolly Gallagher LLP and Rachel Griffiths and Melissa Griffiths, Justice Griffiths' sisters. Chief Justice Seitz administered the Oath of Office with Justice Griffiths' wife, Leigh-Anne Raport, Esq., and children holding the Bible. The ceremony concluded with a performance of "Lift Every Voice and Sing" by the Delaware State University Choir.

In taking the oath, Justice Griffiths becomes the first Black man and second Black person to serve on Delaware's highest court.

Prior to his appointment, Justice Griffiths was a partner at Connolly Gallagher LLP where his practice focused on administrative and government law, corporate and commercial litigation, bankruptcy law, and general litigation representing municipalities and government agencies. Before taking the bench, Justice Griffiths served on the Delaware Supreme Court Rules Committee, the Delaware Supreme Court Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection, and the Delaware State Bar Association Nominating Committee.

Justice Griffiths was also well known in the legal community for his work as co-chair of the annual Delaware High School Mock Trial Competition and his work on the Delaware Supreme Court's Strategic Plan on Diversity and Inclusion. He is also active in the broader community serving as a present or past board member of the Boys & Girls Club of Delaware, the Wilmington Library, Children and Families First of Delaware, the Ministry of Caring, and the Next Generation Board of the Delaware Community Foundation.

Justice Griffiths was raised in Delaware and received his undergraduate degree from the University of Delaware. He earned his law degree from the Villanova University School of Law.