FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 5, 2023

Nora McDonough Crawford Receives The Court of Chancery's Annual Award For Attorney ad Litem Service to the Court

Attorney Nora M. Crawford, of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich &Rosati, has been named this year's recipient of the Delaware Court of Chancery's award for ad litem service to the court.

Attorneys ad litem are attorneys appointed by the Court of Chancery in guardianship cases to represent the best interests of persons with disabilities. They provide an immeasurable benefit to the court, working largely behind the scenes without meaningful compensation for their efforts in sensitive matters affecting the personal rights of Delawareans. In light of the invaluable role that attorneys ad litem provide to the court and Delawareans, the court determined in 2022 to annually honor an attorney ad litem who has gone above and beyond in service to the court. The inaugural award winner was Lawrence Lee Wentz.

Attorney Crawford focuses her practice on corporate governance litigation and counseling. She has served as an attorney ad litem on a pro bono basis for three years. In that short time, she has handled nine cases, including several heavily contested matters. "Ms. Crawford has distinguished herself by her willingness to take even the most difficult cases and by her consistently thorough, detailed, and meticulously edited reports," said Court of Chancery Magistrate Selena E. Molina. "The Court is thankful and grateful for Ms. Crawford's service and advocacy."

Chancellor Kathaleen St. J. McCormick also thanked Crawford for encouraging other Delaware attorneys to volunteer as attorneys ad litem. "Ms. Crawford has encouraged other attorneys to attend our annual trainings and to serve the court and persons with disabilities in a pro bono capacity," said McCormick.