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Chancellor McCormick Names the Honorable Selena E. Molina as Senior Magistrate Judge

In recognition of her leadership role, Chancellor Kathaleen St. J. McCormick has named Selena E. Molina Senior Magistrate Judge, effective January 1, 2025. In this role, Magistrate Molina will continue to handle cases and assist the Chancellor with administrative tasks associated with the Magistrate docket.

The Court of Chancery has relied on full-time Magistrate Judges since the 1980s to assist the constitutional officers by handling full dockets of traditional equity cases. The Magistrate Judge bench expanded from one to two in 2006, two to three in 2022, and from three to five in 2024, with the requesting funding to add two more in 2025. Magistrate Molina has been indispensable throughout the recent growth of the Magistrate bench, providing thoughtful insights on Magistrate docket management as well as on substantive issues.

Magistrate Molina was named a Magistrate (then called “Master”) in Chancery by Chancellor Andre Bouchard in January 2019. In addition to her day-to-day responsibilities, she has served as the court’s designee on the Delaware Guardianship Commission, Vulnerable Adults Population Commission, and Non-Acute Long-Stay Patient Task Force. In her individual capacity, she also serves as a Commissioner on the American Bar Association’s Commission on Law & Aging and authors a recurring “Views from the Bench” column for their publication, Bifocal. She is also on the board of the National College of Probate Judges and teaches as an adjunct professor at the Delaware Law School and the University of Delaware.

Senior Magistrate Judge Molina attended the Delaware Law School. Among her many accolades, she graduated *magna cum laude*, with a certificate in Business Organizations Law. She began her legal career as a Wolcott Fellow to the Honorable Randy J. Holland on the Delaware Supreme Court. She then clerked for the Honorable William C. Carpenter, Jr. on the Delaware Superior Court, Complex Commercial Litigation Division. Immediately before joining the Court of Chancery, she was a corporate and commercial litigator in Wilmington, Delaware.

Chancellor McCormick commented that “Senior Magistrate Judge Molina has worked tirelessly to improve our Magistrate systems while simultaneously providing excellent service to the litigants in our court. Her new title formalizes the leadership role that she has informally held over the past few years. I look forward to continuing to work closely with her to help our Magistrate Judges serve Delaware’s most vulnerable populations. Thank you, Senior Magistrate Judge Molina, for your service!”