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Chief Justice Seitz and Vice Chancellor Laster speak to directors and the Taiwan Bench and Bar about corporate governance issues

Visit continues a 20-year tradition of international exchange with Taiwan

Last week, Delaware Supreme Court Chief Justice Collins J. Seitz, Jr. and Vice Chancellor J. Travis Laster traveled to Taiwan to speak to corporate directors and Taiwan's legal community about emerging issues in corporate governance, corporate law and the role of the Delaware courts in resolving business disputes.

Chief Justice Seitz and Vice Chancellor Laster participated on panels at the Taipei Bar Association and the Taiwan Bar Association. They also offered remarks at the Judicial Yuan (Taiwan's high court) and the Taiwan Corporate Governance Association.

The visit from the Delaware delegation -- which also included attorney Catherine G. Dearlove, a corporate litigator and partner at Richards Layton and Finger -- continues a nearly 20-year tradition of cooperation between Taiwan's bench and bar and the Delaware Judiciary.

"Taiwan is a beautiful place, and our hosts were gracious and engaged," said Chief Justice Seitz. "I was pleased to continue the friendly international exchange and dialogue started by Delaware Supreme Court Justice Randy Holland to advance Delaware's vision of good corporate governance and ethics."

Holland, who passed away in 2022, began working with Taiwan in 2006, when he delivered a keynote address at the Taiwan Corporate Governance Association as that nation was considering setting up its own separate commercial court. Following that 2006 visit, Justice Holland returned to Taiwan many times, while members of the Taiwan bench and bar visited Delaware. Taiwan eventually set up its own business court in 2017.

On this visit, Chief Justice Seitz participated in several panel discussions and delivered an address to the Judicial Yuan about the Delaware Supreme Court's role in commercial law. He also spoke to the Taiwan Corporate Governance Association about the changing landscape of corporate governance and the challenges ahead. Vice Chancellor Laster spoke to the Judicial Yuan about preferred stock matters and to the Association about artificial intelligence and how it is affecting the legal community and courts. Catherine Dearlove spoke to the Taipei Bar Association about 'what makes a good corporate counsel' and addressed the Taiwan Bar Association about recent changes to Delaware corporate law.