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**COURT OF CHANCERY ANNOUNCES A NEW  
REGISTER IN CHANCERY/COURT ADMINISTRATOR  
AND A NEW MASTER**

The Court of Chancery is pleased to announce two important appointments.



Karlis Johnson will become the Court of Chancery's Court Administrator and Register in Chancery. In that capacity, Ms. Johnson will be the chief administrative officer of the Court, will report directly to the Chancellor, and will oversee all of the Court's core administrative functions, including the Court's Clerk's office (known as the Register in Chancery), budget, fiscal, and personnel functions. Ms. Johnson comes to the Court of Chancery from her position as Executive Assistant to the Chief of Staff for Governor Jack

Markell, where she has been responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the Wilmington office of the Governor since Governor Markell took office. Before joining the Markell Administration, Ms. Johnson was the Office Administrator of the Wilmington office of Wolf Block LLP where she managed the administrative, budget, logistics, and personnel functions of the office. Before that, she was the Administrative Assistant of the Fannie Mae Delaware Partnership Office and was responsible for administrative and budget functions, special projects and community outreach events. This is a return to the Court of Chancery for Ms. Johnson, who spent four years as Judicial Assistant to Vice Chancellor Strine from 1998 to 2002.

"The Court of Chancery has important plans to capitalize more fully on the General Assembly's decision to end the elected status of the Register in Chancery's office. Given her experience working directly with the Court's core constituency – the lawyers who try cases here – her substantial administrative experience in both the private and public sectors, her common sense and good judgment, and strong work ethic, Karlis is ideally suited to help us find ways to make a strong Chancery administrative team even stronger," said Chancellor Leo E. Strine, Jr.

Governor Markell stated that, "Karlis has been a great asset and an important part of my team. While we regret she is leaving the Governor's Office, the Register in Chancery is a very important position and I am confident she will serve our State well in this new position."



Abigail LeGrow will become the newest Master in Chancery. The Masters adjudicate cases assigned to them by the Court and also play an important administrative role in ensuring that the Court handles its case load in a timely manner, particularly in the sensitive areas of trusts and estates and guardianships.

Ms. LeGrow comes to the Court of Chancery from her position as a corporate litigation associate at Potter Anderson & Corroon, where she has practiced since 2005. Before joining Potter Anderson, Ms. LeGrow was law clerk to Justice Jack B. Jacobs of the Delaware Supreme Court. Ms. LeGrow graduated summa cum laude from the Penn State Dickinson School of Law and was Editor of the Penn State Law Review. She earlier took her Bachelor's degree summa cum laude from Susquehanna University.

Chancellor Strine commented on the selection of Ms. LeGrow: "The Court was pleased to have many highly qualified applicants for the position of Master. Although the choice was difficult, Abby LeGrow stood out as having the intellectual capacity, work ethic, and ability to make timely decisions that is required for this important position. The Court is grateful to Governor Markell for allowing us to have two respected and experienced Chancery practitioners – his legal counsel, Mike Barlow, and the Chairman of the Judicial Nominating Commission, Andy Bouchard – help us make this important selection. The members of the Court are confident that Abby will distinguish herself as a Master of the Court."

Ms. LeGrow's first employer, Jack B. Jacobs, Delaware Supreme Court Justice and former member of the Court of Chancery, added: "For any Delaware lawyer, it is a tribute to be appointed as Master of the highly acclaimed Court of Chancery, particularly given the level of talent and accomplishment required to be considered for that position. The appointment of Abby LeGrow is well-deserved. She graduated first in her law school class, and as a private practitioner, quickly developed a reputation for excellence in her chosen fields, including business law cases litigated in that Court. I am confident that the honor bestowed on Abby will be returned multifold, to the benefit of the Court on which she will serve, the members of the Bar, and the citizens of this State."

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