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DELAWARE JUDICIARY: MEETING THE CHALLENGES OF THE FUTURE



Transition – The Changing Supreme Court

Judicial Branch Initiatives Focused on Innovation:

INVOLVING THE BAR AND OUR CONSTITUENTS

in setting the agenda for the future

Meeting the business world's need for COST-EFFECTIVE AND
TIMELY DISPUTE RESOLUTION

LONG-TERM PROCESS IMPROVEMENT APPROACH

throughout the courts and justice partners

INVESTING IN OUR EMPLOYEES

- they are our key capitol

DIGNIFIED AND SAFE COURTHOUSES

are essential to justice

SMART USE OF TECHNOLOGY

Increasing ACCESS TO JUSTICE for all Delaware Citizens

ADDRESSING WORK-LIFE BALANCE ISSUES FOR ATTORNEYS

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