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Taiwan Judges Study Delaware Courts

This month a delegation of six high ranking judges from Taiwan met with President Judge Jan R. Jurden and the four Delaware Superior Court Judges who preside in the state's Complex Commercial Litigation Division (CCLD). The Taiwan delegation included the Secretary-General of the judiciary in Taiwan, who administers its entire judicial system.

The delegation was hosted by retired Supreme Court Justice Randy J. Holland during their visit to Wilmington on April 3. Justice Holland has visited Taiwan for many years and worked with the last three Chief Justices of Taiwan on matters that relate to business courts and judicial ethics. This week's delegation is the third group of judges from Taiwan that have visited Delaware's Superior Court and Court of Chancery.

For this visit, President Judge Jurden organized an education program for the Taiwanese judges. It included written responses to questions that had been submitted in advance, a dialogue with the four CCLD Superior Court Judges, a courtroom demonstration of technology used in litigation, a separate dialogue with leading CCLD practitioners and a notebook of CCLD decisions and forums.

"The CCLD judges and I very much enjoyed our visit with the delegation," said Judge Jurden, "We not only had a wonderful opportunity to discuss the development and operation of the CCLD, but also to offer our insights and exchange ideas regarding the administration of complex business disputes. The members of the delegation impressed us greatly and we were honored they chose to visit Delaware. We invited the delegation to reach out to us if they need

further information as Taiwan seeks to establish a separate business court and wish our new friends the best of luck in this endeavor.”

The judges from Taiwan were carefully selected and visited the Delaware Superior Court at the direction of the Chief Justice of Taiwan. After many years of study, Taiwan will introduce legislation next month to establish a separate business court. The draft legislation reflects many features of the Delaware judicial system that were learned during prior trips to Delaware and during annual visits by Justice Holland before he recently retired. For example, the Taiwan business court will combine the commercial jurisdiction of the Superior Court and the corporate jurisdiction of the Court of Chancery. If the legislation is enacted, it is anticipated that Taiwan will have an independent business court in operation with nine judges by the end of the year.

Several years ago, when Taiwan Chief Justice In-Jaw Lai took office, the headline of his interview with the Commercial Times of Taiwan read: “Use Delaware in the U.S. as the Model.” The Chief Justice was asked if the judicial system of Taiwan could replicate Delaware’s success, and he replied, “Our legal system is different from the Delaware system and cannot follow it exactly the same way. But, a comprehensive and efficient business law and judicial system will be helpful in promoting the country’s economic development and the competitiveness of its enterprises.”

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Photo caption: (Photo courtesy DSBA) Members of the Superior Court and retired Delaware Supreme Court Justice Randy Holland pose with members of a judicial delegation from Taiwan in a conference room at the Leonard L. Williams Justice Center on April 3, 2019

Front row seated left to right: Judge Abigail M. Legrow, Taiwan Director General of the Criminal Department Sue Su-E, President Judge Jan R. Jurden, Taiwan Judge Lin Shang-Yu, Judge Mary Miller Johnston, Taiwan Executive Director, Office of the Secretary General, Song Hong-Jie.

Back row standing left to right: Retired Justice Randy J. Holland, Taiwan Judge Chang Shen-Xing, Judge Eric M. Davis, Taiwan Secretary General Lu Tai-Lang, Judge Paul R. Wallace, Taiwan Director General of the Civil Department Li Guo-Zeng.