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PRESS RELEASE

The Delaware Supreme Court announced, today, that the Court will begin accepting appeal documents electronically (e-filing) using the LexisNexis File and Serve system effective on Monday, October 24, 2005. The Court is the first appellate court in the nation to require electronic filing using the LexisNexis system which has been the e-filing provider for the Court of Chancery and Superior Court in Delaware. The implementation of the e-filing project will be in phases with the first phase consisting of those civil cases appealed from the Court of Chancery and the Superior Court that were previously e-filed in those courts. Over the remaining phases of the project, all Supreme Court matters will eventually be filed electronically.

Justice Henry duPont Ridgely, Chair of the Supreme Court's E-filing Committee, said: "Electronic filing of appeals in the Delaware Supreme Court will provide convenient access to court documents worldwide, will allow for electronic distribution of them in seconds, and will enable the Court and the parties to manage filings and the docket more effectively. With the collaboration of the Delaware Bar, Delaware Courts continue to lead the way in the application of the fastest growing innovation for managing documents in American courts."

Chief Justice Myron T. Steele appointed Justice Ridgely as the Chair of the E-

Filing Committee because of his leadership and experience concerning e-filing issues and implementation acquired during his tenure as the President Judge of Superior Court. The other members of the Committee were William R. Denny, Esquire, Richard K. Herrmann, Esquire, Loren C. Meyers, Esquire, Bernard J. O'Donnell, Esquire, Christine H. Suddell, Esquire, Gregory B. Williams, Esquire, Cathy L. Howard and Stephen D. Taylor.

On Tuesday, October 11, 2005, all members of the Delaware Bar received an email from Justice Ridgely with attachments announcing the implementation of the e-filing project in the Delaware Supreme Court. The attachments included new Supreme Court Rules 10.1, 10.2 and 11(c) concerning e-filing, the Implementation Plan, a LexisNexis File and Serve Welcome Kit, and a LexisNexis File and Serve Pricing Sheet.

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