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The Honorable Kathleen M. Vavala Takes the Oath of Office for
Judge of the Superior Court of Delaware

The Honorable Kathleen M. Vavala was publicly sworn in for her first term as Judge of the Superior Court of Delaware on Thursday, October 10, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. in Courtroom 7E of the Leonard L. Williams Justice Center in Wilmington. President Judge Jan R. Jurden welcomed the audience to the Investiture. The Honorable Collins J. Seitz, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Delaware, administered the Oath of Office. Judge Vavala's cousin, Ret. Major General Francis D. Vavala led the Pledge of Allegiance. After the Oath, the Honorable John C. Carney, Governor of the State of Delaware, the Honorable Krista M.Z. Griffith, Delaware State Representative, the Honorable David A. White, Chief Counsel for the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, and the Honorable Mark S. Vavala, Judge Vavala's Uncle, offered remarks.

Judge Vavala was appointed to the Superior Court of Delaware by Governor John C. Carney in May 2024. Prior to joining the bench, Judge Vavala joined the private practice of Tybout, Redfearn & Pell. She then went on to be Disciplinary Counsel for the Delaware Supreme Court for eleven years, handling lawyer fitness and discipline cases in state and federal trial and appellate courts. Judge Vavala was also a Deputy Attorney General for the Delaware Department of Justice for ten years, serving in the Criminal, Family, and Fraud Divisions as both trial counsel and in various leadership positions.

Judge Vavala received her Juris Doctorate from the Delaware Law School where she was a member of the law review. She received Bachelor of Art degrees in English and in Government from Franklin & Marshall College. After completing her studies, Judge Vavala served as a judicial law clerk for Resident Judge Vincent A. Bifferato, Sr. of the Superior Court of Delaware.