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Gregory Birney Receives The Court of Chancery's Annual Award For Attorney ad Litem Service to the Court

Attorney Gregory Birney, of Birney Law LLC has been named the recipient of the 2024 Attorney ad Litem award for Service to the Delaware Court of Chancery.

Attorneys ad litem are attorneys appointed by the Court of Chancery in guardianship cases to represent the best interests of persons with disabilities. They provide an immeasurable benefit to the court, working largely behind the scenes without meaningful compensation for their efforts in sensitive matters affecting the personal rights of Delawareans. In light of the invaluable role that attorneys ad litem provide to the court and Delawareans, the court created the service award in 2022 to honor an attorney ad litem who has gone above and beyond in service to the court. The inaugural award winner was Lawrence Lee Wentz, and the 2023 winner was Nora J. Crawford.

This year's winner, Mr. Birney, has served as an attorney ad litem since 2020. In that short time, he has handled 45 cases, spanning all three counties. In one recent case, Mr. Birney worked tirelessly not only to locate an interested party, but also to reconnect the person for whom a guardianship was sought and her estranged brother. As Magistrate Bonnie W. David described, "Mr. Birney's representation in multiple matters went above and beyond what the Court typically expects of its attorneys ad litem. His services to the Court—and more importantly, to the many vulnerable people he has helped—are greatly appreciated."

Chancellor Kathaleen St. J. McCormick also thanked Mr. Birney for his efforts: "The work that you do does not go unnoticed."