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The Court of Chancery Holds Investiture for the Honorable Bonnie W. David

The Court of Chancery held a public investiture for Vice Chancellor Bonnie W. David at 2:00 p.m. on May 16, 2025, in Courtroom 1 at the Kent County Courthouse in Dover, Delaware.

An investiture is a public installation ceremony intended to welcome the public to celebrate a new member of the judiciary and to honor and respect the integrity of the position. Celebrating the rich history of Southern Delaware, Vice Chancellor David selected Courtroom 1 for the event, which has been in operation since 1874.

Chancellor Kathaleen St. J. McCormick presided over the special session of the Court of Chancery and welcomed attendees. The Vice Chancellor's sons led the Pledge of Allegiance and Attorney Jenness E. Parker sang America the Beautiful and God Bless America. Vice Chancellor David's father, Richard E. White, held the Bible during the ceremonial Oath of Office. Following the oath, Attorney Alyssa S. O'Connell, Vice Chancellor Sam Glasscock III, and Vice Chancellor David offered remarks.

"It was an honor to have the opportunity to speak publicly about Vice Chancellor David's great qualities, which make her such an excellent judge. Friday was a great day for Delaware," said Ms. O'Connell.

Vice Chancellor Glasscock commented that "the investiture of Vice Chancellor David comes with assurance that Chancery's tradition of thorough, thoughtful opinions in the most sophisticated and important corporate cases will continue; as important, it (and the recent appointment of Magistrate David Hume) means that equity is alive and well in downstate Delaware, and that compassionate, well-reasoned decisions will be a hallmark of Sussex chambers in those matters of traditional equity so important to the citizens of the state."

Vice Chancellor David replaced Vice Chancellor Glasscock upon his retirement. She was officially sworn into office by Vice Chancellor Glasscock in a private ceremony in January of this year and has been presiding over matters as a Vice Chancellor since that time.

Prior to her appointment, Vice Chancellor David was a Magistrate in Chancery and a litigator in private practice, where she litigated before the Court of Chancery with a focus on deal litigation, corporate statutory proceedings, and contract disputes, and advised on corporate governance and transactions. Vice Chancellor David graduated *cum laude* from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where she served as

Senior Editor on the *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*. She received her B.A. from Boston University, graduating *summa cum laude*. Immediately after law school, Vice Chancellor David clerked in the Court of Chancery for Vice Chancellor Glasscock.

Vice Chancellor David commented: “It is the privilege of my career to serve as Vice Chancellor in Sussex County. I am very grateful to my current and former colleagues, friends, and family for their support.”