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Jason C. Powell given 2026 Attorney Ad Litem Award for Service

Attorney Jason C. Powell of The Powell Firm, LLC has been named the recipient of the 2026 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. Given the invaluable role of attorneys ad litem, the court determined in 2022 to annually honor an attorney ad litem who has gone above and beyond in service to the court. The past four award winners are Lawrence Lee Wentz (2022), Nora J. Crawford (2023), Gregory Birney (2024), and Christel Duff (2025).

Powell has served as an attorney ad litem since 2003, providing his services in over sixty cases before the Court of Chancery and as a mentor to new attorneys ad litem. Powell has also successfully mediated numerous cases for the court while appointed as the attorney ad litem, including highly sensitive inter-family disputes.

Powell was specifically nominated this year for his pro bono service on a case where he worked tirelessly to aid a person who had recovered from a disability. He first petitioned the court for a successor guardian. He then worked with his client to terminate the guardianship. At the recent annual attorney ad litem training, Powell participated in a panel on exercising general and cultural sensitivity as an attorney ad litem, a sensitivity which he demonstrates regularly in his work for the court.

“Mr. Powell’s representation continuously goes above and beyond. His thoughtful and respectful approach to his clients is immeasurable and genuinely appreciated,” said Magistrate Jessie R. Benavides.

Chancellor Kathleen St. J. McCormick echoed Magistrate Benavides’ remarks, adding that “the State of Delaware benefits from Mr. Powell’s tireless advocacy as an attorney ad litem.”

The court certifies attorneys ad litem through an annual training held virtually each fall and recorded for persons seeking to gain certification who are not able to attend the November training. Persons interested in serving in this capacity can contact Guardianship Judicial Operations Manager Renee Kinsey at j.renee.kinsey@delaware.gov for more information.