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DELAWARE SUPREME COURT EXPANDS
EFILING INITIATIVE AND LIMITS PAPER COPIES

PRESS RELEASE

The Delaware Supreme Court announced, today, that the Court will be expanding its eFiling initiative to all new civil appeals from the Court of Chancery and Superior Court effective Thursday, June 1, 2006. This is the second phase of the Court's implementation of the eFiling project. The first phase consisted of only those civil appeals from the Court of Chancery and the Superior Court that were previously eFiled in those courts. The next phase of the project will be the eFiling of all criminal appeals from Superior Court to be followed by appeals from the Family Court. The Delaware Supreme Court was the first appellate court in the nation to require eFiling using the LexisNexis File and Serve System in October 2005.

The Court also announced an amendment to Supreme Court Rule 10.2. The amendment limits the types of documents that participants must provide the Court with courtesy copies after the documents are eFiled. Participants are now required only to file courtesy copies of briefs, appendices and the initial notice of interlocutory appeal with the Court. Participants may not file courtesy copies of other documents

with the Court unless the Court so requests. The effective date of this rule amendment is April 25, 2006.

Justice Henry duPont Ridgely, Chair of the Supreme Court's eFiling Committee, commented on the expansion of the eFiling initiative and limitation on the filing of courtesy copies by saying: "We have seen significant efficiencies and paper saved since the eFiling of appeals started in the Supreme Court last October. Thousands of pages in Supreme Court appeals have been filed electronically and even more have been efficiently served by the parties. With the benefit of our experience from Phase I, we are ready to expand and are looking forward to even greater benefits for the Court, lawyers and their staff, parties and the public."

All members of the Delaware Bar will receive a copy of this press release by email. At a later date, information will be provided as to the scheduling of LexisNexis training sessions for lawyers who wish to receive training on eFiling procedures.

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