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**The Honorable Gretchen C. Gilchrist takes the Oath of Office as a
Commissioner of the Delaware Family Court**

The Honorable Gretchen C. Gilchrist was publicly sworn in for her first term as a Commissioner of the Family Court of the State of Delaware at 2:30 p.m. on Nov. 18, 2016 in Courtroom One at the Kent County Courthouse in Dover. Commissioner Gilchrist replaces the Honorable Louann Vari who became a Family Court Judge earlier this year.

Family Court Chief Judge Michael K. Newell welcomed the audience to the investiture and administered the Oath of Office. Commissioner Gilchrist's daughter, Gretchen C. Gilchrist Farrow, II, held the family Bible during the oath. The parents of Commissioner Gilchrist, Dr. Cathine Gilchrist Scott and retired U.S. Army LTC Edward M. Gilchrist assisted with the robing. The invocation was performed by Reverend Rudolph H. White, Jr., of Centennial United Methodist Church and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gina Dominick.

Following the Oath of Office, Past President of the Wilmington City Council Theodore Blunt and Commissioner Gilchrist's sister, Glenda Gilchrist-Pinkett, offered remarks.

Prior to her appointment, Commissioner Gilchrist operated her own law firm in Smyrna, Delaware for six years where she specialized in family law and estate planning. Commissioner Gilchrist also worked as a Legislative Advisor to the Wilmington City Council from 2003 to 2009 and served as a volunteer attorney for Delaware Volunteer Legal Services.

Commissioner Gilchrist received her bachelor's degree from Hampton University in 1988 and her law degree from Widener University Delaware Law School in 1991.

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