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BIOGRAPHY:

The Senate confirmed Governor Ruth Ann Minner's nomination of Justice Myron T. Steele as Chief Justice on Wednesday, May 5, 2004. Chief Justice Steele is the 7th Chief Justice of the Delaware Supreme Court since the separate Court was formed in 1951. Before his appointment as Chief Justice, he served as a Supreme Court Justice from July 28, 2000 to May 5, 2004. Previously, he served as a Vice Chancellor of the Delaware Court of Chancery from 1994 to 2000, as Resident Judge of the Delaware Superior Court in Kent County from 1990 to 1994, and as Superior Court Judge from 1988 to 1990.

Chief Justice Steele graduated from the University of Virginia, B.A. Foreign Affairs and the University of Virginia's School of Law (J.D., 1970; LL.M 2005). He served on active duty in the U.S. Army and retired as a Colonel in the Delaware Army National Guard after serving as a Command and Staff Judge Advocate and Inspector General.

In addition to his judicial activities, Chief Justice Steele has been appointed to the Judicial Conference Committee on Federal-State Jurisdiction by Chief Justice John Roberts, he is an advisor to the Business Section of the ABA, a member of and judicial liaison to the Corporate and Business Litigation and the Negotiated Acquisitions Committees of the Business Law Section of the American Bar Association and a member of the Judicial Section. He is a former Deputy Attorney General, Senate (Delaware) Attorney and Chairman of the Consumer Affairs Board. He has also served as former outside counsel, Director and Chairman of the Central Delaware Health Care Corporation. He is a member of the American Board of Trial Attorneys (the first member of the Delaware Judiciary selected) and a former litigation partner in Prickett, Jones & Elliott of Wilmington and Dover.

He has presided over major corporate litigation, LLC and limited partner governance disputes and writes frequently on issues of corporate document interpretation and corporate governance. As Vice Chancellor and Superior Court Judge, representative trials over which he has presided include the Viacom/Universal Studio dispute over ownership of the USA Television Networks, *Painewebber v. Centocor*, an internal governance dispute in a nationally traded limited partnership, *CFLP v. Cantor, et al.*, a dispute seeking injunctive and contractual remedies between limited partners and a general partner in a closed partnership and the *DuPont v. Admiral* environmental insurance coverage litigation. Chief Justice Steele has published over 400 opinions resolving disputes among members of limited liability companies, and limited partnerships, and between shareholders and management of both publicly traded and close corporations. His thesis for the LL.M degree, *JUDICIAL SCRUTINY OF FIDUCIARY DUTIES IN DELAWARE LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS AND LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES*, focused on the application of common law fiduciary duties within the contractual framework of alternative business organizations published in the *Delaware Journal of Corporate Law* (32 DEL. J. CORP. L. 1, 1-32 (2007)). The November issue of *The Business Lawyer* included an article co-authored with Sean J. Griffith of the University of Connecticut School of Law entitled: *ON CORPORATE LAW FEDERALISM: THREATENING THE THAUMATROPE*.