

Honorable Collins J. Seitz, Jr.

Chief Justice, Delaware Supreme Court

The Honorable Collins J. Seitz, Jr. was sworn in as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Delaware on November 8, 2019. He has served as a Supreme Court Justice since 2015. Prior to his appointment, Chief Justice Seitz founded a corporate advisory and litigation firm in Wilmington, Delaware representing clients in high profile corporate and trust disputes in the Delaware Court of Chancery and the Supreme Court. He was also a long-time partner in a large Wilmington, Delaware law firm, where he litigated corporate and intellectual property disputes.

Chief Justice Seitz serves as Judicial Liaison to the Corporate Laws Committee of the American Bar Association and is an Adviser on the American Law Institute's Restatement of the Law, Corporate Governance. He also serves on the Judicial Conference Committee on Federal-State Jurisdiction. A member of the Delaware Bar since 1983, Chief Justice Seitz formerly served as a board member and chair of the Delaware Board of Bar Examiners, and a board member of the Board on Professional Responsibility. Federal and state courts appointed him as a Master and Trustee to oversee complex corporate, commercial, and intellectual property cases. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Chief Justice Seitz is a trustee of the American Inns of Court and serves as a board member of Hockessin Colored School 107C – an organization dedicated to celebrating Delaware's role as one of the cases appealed in *Brown v. Board of Education*. He has led court efforts in Delaware to promote greater diversity in the Delaware Bar through the Delaware Bench and Bar Diversity Project. Under Chief Justice Seitz's leadership, major changes were made recently to the Delaware Bar Exam to make the State a more attractive and welcoming place to practice law and engage in public service.

Chief Justice Seitz received his undergraduate degree from the University of Delaware and his law degree from the Villanova University School of Law.

Myron T. Steele
Senior Counsel
Potter Anderson & Corroon LLP

Myron T. Steele is senior counsel in the firm's Corporate Litigation Group. He is the former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Delaware.

Previously, he served as a Judge of the Superior Court and a Vice Chancellor of the Delaware Court of Chancery after eighteen years in private litigation practice. He has presided over major corporate litigation and LLC and limited partner governance disputes and writes frequently on issues of corporate document interpretation and corporate governance.

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. He speaks and writes frequently on issues of corporate document interpretation and corporate governance. His thesis for the LL.M. degree, *Judicial Scrutiny of Fiduciary Duties in Delaware Limited Partnerships and Limited Liability Companies* was published in the *Delaware Journal of Corporate Law* (32 Del. J. Corp. L. 1 (2007)). The November 2005 issue of *The Business Lawyer* included an article he co-authored with Sean J. Griffith entitled *On Corporate Law Federalism: Threatening the Thaumatrope* (61 Bus. Law. 1 (2005)). He co-authored an article with J. W. Verret entitled *Delaware's Guidance: Ensuring Equity for the Modern Witenagemot* published in the *Virginia Law & Business Review* (2 Va. L. & Bus. Rev. 188 (2007)).

For the last ten years he served as judicial advisor to the Mergers and Acquisitions Committee of the ABA Business Law Section. He also co-authored an article entitled "Freedom of Contract and Default Contractual Duties in Delaware Limited Partnerships and Limited Liability Companies" (46 Am. Bus. L.J. 221 (Summer 2009)) and an essay entitled "The Moral Underpinning of Delaware's Modern Corporate Fiduciary Duties" (26 Notre Dame J.L. Ethics & Pub. Pol'y 3 (2012)).

Chief Justice Steele served as Adjunct Professor of Law at University of Pennsylvania Law School from 2009–2013; University of Virginia Law School 2010–2017; and Pepperdine University Law School 2010–2014.

Chief Justice Steele received his J.D. and LL.M from the University of Virginia School of Law, He also received his a B.A. in foreign affairs from the University of Virginia.

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Leo E. Strine, Jr.

Leo E. Strine, Jr., is Of Counsel in the Corporate Department at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz. Prior to joining the firm, he was the Chief Justice of the Delaware Supreme Court from early 2014 through late 2019. Before becoming the Chief Justice, he served on the Delaware Court of Chancery as Chancellor since June 22, 2011, and as a Vice Chancellor since November 9, 1998.

In his judicial positions, Mr. Strine wrote hundreds of opinions in the areas of corporate law, contract law, trusts and estates, criminal law, administrative law, and constitutional law. Notably, he authored the lead decision in the Delaware Supreme Court case holding that Delaware's death penalty statute was unconstitutional because it did not require the key findings necessary to impose a death sentence to be made by a unanimous jury.

For a generation, Mr. Strine taught various corporate law courses at the Harvard and University of Pennsylvania law schools, and now serves as the Michael L. Wachter Distinguished Fellow in Law and Policy at the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School and a Senior Fellow of the Harvard Program on Corporate Governance.

Corinne Elise Amato Prickett, Jones & Elliott, PA

CORINNE ELISE AMATO practices in the area of corporate and commercial litigation. Her practice primarily involves mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, and other complex corporate governance and business matters in the Delaware Court of Chancery.

Corinne is a *magna cum laude* graduate of both Franklin & Marshall College and Widener University School of Law. While attending law school, she served on the administrative board of *The Delaware Journal of Corporate Law*, was a member of Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society, and served as a judicial extern to the Honorable Gregory M. Sleet, United States District Court Judge for the District of Delaware.

Corinne was admitted to practice in the State of Delaware in 2007. She has been recognized in the 2014 through 2017 and 2022 editions of *Super Lawyers*, named in *The Best Lawyers in America*© in 2021 and 2022 and *Chambers* rated. Corinne is also a frequent speaker at corporate law seminars, including seminars sponsored by the Tulane Institute of Corporate Law and Practising Law Institute (PLI).

Professional Activities:

- Corporation Law Council of the Corporation Law Section of the Delaware State Bar Association
- Delaware Supreme Court Rules Committee
- Court of Chancery Rules Committee
- American Bar Association, Business Law and Litigation Sections
- Richard S. Rodney American Inn of Court, Past Executive Committee Member and Secretary

Bar Admissions:

- Delaware
- New Jersey
- Pennsylvania
- United States District Court for the District of Delaware
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

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William M. Lafferty is a partner in the Wilmington, Delaware law firm of Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP. He practices corporate and complex commercial litigation, with an emphasis on cases involving mergers and acquisitions, proxy contests, and shareholder class and derivative actions. Bill also advises corporate clients and boards of directors with respect to litigation and transactional matters, including representing special negotiating committees, special litigation committees, and demand review committees. Bill has acted as lead or co-lead counsel in numerous significant litigations involving Delaware corporate law issues during the past 30 years, including for many Fortune 500 companies and private equity firms.

Bill currently serves as Chair of the Court of Chancery Rules Committee, and previously served as a Special Master. Bill also served on the Supreme Court Rules Committee, Delaware Board of Bar Examiners, and chaired the Delaware Commission on Continuing Legal Education. Bill is a Fellow to the American College of Trial Lawyers and serves as member of the Advisory Boards for the John L. Weinberg Center for Corporate Governance at the University of Delaware, and the NYU Institute for Corporate Governance and Finance. He is a frequent author and a regular presenter before business and professional audiences on Delaware corporate law, and has been a guest instructor at M&A law classes at the University of Pennsylvania, Cal-Berkeley, Stanford University, New York University, Harvard University, Columbia University and Penn State Dickinson Law.

Bill has been recognized as a leading Delaware litigator by a number of publications, including *LawDragon's 500 Leading Lawyers in America*, *Benchmark Litigation*, *Chambers USA*, and *Super Lawyers – Delaware, U.S. News & World Report/Best Lawyers*. Bill received a B.S. from the University of Delaware in 1985 and a J.D. from The Dickinson School of Law in 1989. He served as a law clerk to The Honorable Maurice A. Hartnett, III of the Delaware Court of Chancery (1989-90).