

SUPREME COURT OF DELAWARE

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CHIEF JUSTICE

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ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE NO. 108 THIRD AMENDMENT

This 11th day of April, 2003:

IT APPEARS THAT:

- (1) On February 2, 1996, the Governor of the State of Delaware approved legislation that empowers the judges of Delaware's constitutional and statutory courts to solemnize marriages. S.B. 249, 138th Gen. Assembly, 2d Sess. (1996) (amending 13 *Del. C.* § 106).
- (2) Title 13, Chapter 1 of the *Delaware Code* sets forth certain requirements to be followed by officials performing marriage ceremonies in this State.
 - (a) Before performing a marriage ceremony, an official (the "officiant") must be provided with a valid marriage license. 13 *Del*.
 C. § 107(b). The complete marriage license ("Marriage Form")

consists of a three-page form. *See* Marriage Form attached as Appendix A. The Marriage Form has three identical pages identified as Bride and Groom copy, State file copy, and Officiant's copy ("File Copies"). The Marriage Form will have been partly completed by the Clerk of the Peace, with the remaining portions to be completed by the officiant.

- (b) Immediately following the marriage ceremony, the officiant must complete and deliver to the newlyweds the File Copy identified as "Bride and Groom" of the Marriage Form, which evidences the marriage and the date and place thereof. 13 *Del. C.* § 115(b).
- (c) Within 4 days following the ceremony, the officiant must certify the fact of marriage by returning completed copy to the Clerk of the Peace in the county where the license was issued:

New Castle:

Clerk of the Peace

87 Read's Way

New Castle, DE 19720

Kent:

Clerk of the Peace

Kent County Administration Building

414 Federal Street Dover, DE 19901 Sussex:

Clerk of the Peace

Sussex County Courthouse

P.O. Box 29

Georgetown, DE 19947

(e) The officiant must retain completed Officiant's File Copy for his or her records for not less than one year after the ceremony. 13 *Del. C.* § 114.

(3) To comply with the record-keeping requirements set forth in 13 *Del. C.* § 114, it is desirable to maintain a central file record and docket of marriage ceremonies performed by judges pursuant to the new legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS DIRECTED, with the unanimous concurrence of the members of the Supreme Court (Del. Const. art. IV, § 13) that:

- A. A central file record and docket of marriages performed by judges of this State shall be maintained by the Administrative Office of the Courts, and shall include the following information: (i) date of marriage; (ii) name of judge performing ceremony; (iii) names of persons married; (iv) residence(s) of persons married; (v) marriage license number.
- B. Within thirty days of the event, each judge shall file with the Administrative Office of the Courts a report of any marriage ceremonies

performed by that judge, which shall include the original Officiant's File Copy of the Marriage Form for each marriage ceremony performed.

Chief Justice

cc: The Honorable Ruth Ann Minner
The Honorable Joseph T. Walsh
The Honorable Randy J. Holland
The Honorable Carolyn Berger
The Honorable Myron T. Steele
Members of the Judicial Conference

The Honorable M. Jane Brady
The Honorable Lawrence M. Sullivan
Mr. Dennis B. Jones
Court Administrators
Clerk of the Supreme Court
Counsel to the Governor



State of Delaware

STATE FILE NUMBER

Office of Vital Statistics, Delaware Health and Social Services Marriage License and Certificate of Marriage

Valid only in the State of Delaware

Number NCC-04890-2001

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Address 111 new st Wilmington, DE 19701	Wilmington, DE 19701			
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County New Castle Birthplace Delaware	County New Castle Birthplace Delaware			
Date of Birth/Age 10/10/1980 (21) years	Date of Birth/Age 10/10/1978 (23) years			
Names and Addresses of Father and Mother:	Names and Addresses of Father and Mother:			
Father's Name	Father's Name			
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Each party did further depose and say that, to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, he/she is not statutorily prohibited from entering into the bond of marriage in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware. Thus, I have demanded and examined such papers as are required by law, and I am satisfied that they are properly executed. Therefore, I know of no legal impediment to the proposed marriage of the above applicants.

Time of Application	11/28/2001	at	09:40	o'clock	AM
Shall not marry before	11/29/2001	at	09:40	o'clock	AM
Expiration	12/28/2001	at	09:40	o'clock	AM

Hon. Kenneth W. Boulden, Jr., Clerk of the Peace





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