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Master in Chancery Patricia W. Griffin recognized by DSBA

Master Griffin awarded the Outstanding Service to the Courts and Bar Award

The Hon. Patricia W. Griffin was awarded the Delaware State Bar Association's "Outstanding Service to the Courts and Bar Award" at a lunchtime ceremony on Dec. 10, 2019. The award was presented to Master Griffin by Superior Court President Judge Jan R. Jurden.

The award, created in 1999, is given out annually by the Bar to a Delaware lawyer or judge who, by exemplary service to the Delaware Courts and the Delaware Bar, has substantially assisted the courts and the Bar and has strengthened public trust and confidence in the courts in the state of Delaware and the administration of justice.

Master Griffin was appointed to the Court of Chancery in 2017, after serving as State Court Administrator for the Administrative Office of the Courts for 12 years. Master Griffin took that position in 2005 at the request of then-Chief Justice Myron T. Steele after serving as Chief Magistrate for the Justice of the Peace Court for 12 years.

The Women and the Law Section of the Delaware State Bar nominated Master Griffin for the award, citing her role in a wide variety of important justice system reform efforts during her time as State Court Administrator and Chief Magistrate. The nomination was also endorsed by now-retired Chief Justice Leo E. Strine, Jr., President Judge Jurden, former Chief Justice Steele, former Justice Randy J. Holland, and other members of the legal community.

In presenting Master Griffin with the award, President Judge Jurden quoted former Chief Justice Steele's words of endorsement, "There are very few people I have met in my 49 years of service to the Bar and Bench that could meet her standards and none that have ever surpassed them."

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