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The Honorable David Hume, IV Joins The Court of Chancery as Magistrate In Chancery

On February 10, 2025, the Honorable David Hume, IV joined the Court of Chancery as Magistrate in Chancery. Although Magistrate Hume plans to handle cases throughout the State of Delaware, his chambers will be located in the Court of Chancery Courthouse in Georgetown, Delaware.

Magistrate Hume is a Delaware resident and graduate of Milford High School. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Delaware and his law degree from the Delaware Law School (formerly Widener University School of Law). After law school, Magistrate Hume clerked for the Honorable Richard F. Stokes, the Honorable Merrill C. Trader, and the Honorable Rosemary B. Beauregard of the Court of Common Pleas in Sussex and Kent Counties.

Magistrate Hume has a long history of public service, having worked over 25 years with the Delaware Department of Justice from 1999 until he was named to the bench. Magistrate Hume served as Head of the Felony Screening, Sex Crimes and Felony Trial Units in Sussex County before becoming Sussex County Chief Prosecutor in 2016. In 2023, Magistrate Hume joined the Department of Justice's Appellate Unit, practicing before the Delaware Supreme Court, while serving as the Chief Legal Ethics Officer for the Delaware Department of Justice. Magistrate Hume assisted in creating the Pre-Arrest Diversion Program, a program jointly managed by the Delaware Department of Justice, Delaware Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, and the Delaware State Police.

Magistrate Hume has been active in the legal community, serving for 10 years as an associate member of the Delaware Board of Bar Examiners, and participating as a member of the Superior Court Criminal Rules Committee.

"Magistrate Hume's dedication to public service is unmatched in our State. He has labored long to improve the administration of justice for Delawareans, and has done so at an extremely sophisticated level," said Chancellor Kathaleen St. J. McCormick. "Magistrate Hume's extensive experience handling complex, sensitive, and often high-profile matters will serve him well as member of our court. I am excited to work with him and whole-heartedly welcome him to the team."