



## MESSAGE FROM **Chief Justice Collins J. Seitz, Jr.**



On behalf of the Court, I am pleased to present our 2024 Annual Report. You will notice that we have a new format for the report this year, one that is more accessible and informative and better explains what the Delaware Judiciary does every day. It highlights the extraordinary work of Judicial Branch judges and employees who are responsible for keeping the wheels of justice turning for the citizens of Delaware and beyond.

### A Few Highlights from 2024:

- Released a two-year update showing the great strides made to implement the recommendations from the 2022 Delaware Bench and Bar Diversity Project.
- Improved outreach and engagement with elementary and high school students through the Delaware Law Related Education Center (DELREC).
- Adopted the pilot cell phone policy, permanently allowing the public to bring their personal electronic devices into our courthouses.
- Enhanced and continued summer internship programs in the courts for Delaware students.
- Instituted a February administration of the Delaware Bar examination.
- Expanded the Supreme Court "on the road" to include holding oral arguments at Delaware Technical Community College in Sussex County in addition to our traditional visit to Delaware Law School.
- Celebrated the 70th anniversary of the *Brown v. Board* decision with several events, including a reenactment of a part of a Delaware case that was central to the landmark ruling.
- Launched the CASCADE Initiative to bring electronic case filing and management to all courts.
- Continued construction on two new Family Court Courthouses and started on the Custom House renovation and expansion.

I am honored to serve the courts and the State as your Chief Justice. We've started so many great projects. Let's continue our work to realize our goal to provide equal justice to all.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Collins J. Seitz Jr.".

Collins J. Seitz, Jr.  
Chief Justice of Delaware

