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Court of Chancery Publishes Guidelines on Attorney Civility

Today, the Delaware Court of Chancery published Guidelines on Attorney Civility intended to preserve the integrity and effectiveness of legal proceedings and practice before the Court, including by maintaining the inveterate tradition of collegiality and professionalism that remains a hallmark of the Chancery bar. The guidelines are available on the [Court of Chancery webpage](#).

In 2024, a subcommittee of the Court of Chancery Rules Committee was created to explore ways of further promoting the civility that has long distinguished the Chancery bar. The subcommittee comprised attorneys Catherine Gaul (Chair), Crystal Carey, Susan Hannigan Cohen, Martin Lessner, and Jenness Parker. Vice Chancellor Paul A. Fioravanti, Jr., served as the Court's liaison to the subcommittee.

The guidelines express the Court's expectation that attorneys practicing before the Delaware Court of Chancery will adhere to the highest standards of civility, professionalism, and respect in all proceedings, including depositions, hearings, written communications, and interactions with opposing counsel and the Court.

"The Delaware Court of Chancery is known as one of the most collegial places to litigate in the country," said Chancellor Kathaleen St. J. McCormick. "The guidelines are simply a reminder of the value the Court places on that civility and our commitment to maintaining that distinction. I am grateful to the subcommittee members for their excellent work and investment in our Chancery bar."

"Civility and professionalism are foundational to the effective practice of law and have long distinguished the Delaware bar," said Ms. Gaul. "Maintaining those standards not only benefits the Court but promotes the fair and efficient resolution of disputes for litigants and fosters a more productive and respectful environment for attorneys practicing before the Court. I am proud to have been a part of the guidelines' development, and I want to thank my fellow subcommittee members and Vice Chancellor Fioravanti for their thoughtful efforts in developing them."