

Statement of Governor Jack Markell Regarding the Retirement of Chief Justice Myron T. Steele

Wilmington – This afternoon, Chief Justice Myron Steele informed the Governor that he intends to retire from the position of Chief Justice of the Delaware Supreme Court effective November 30, 2013. In response, Governor Markell has issued the following statement:

“A judiciary is only as good as the men and women who serve in it, and quite simply, Chief Justice Steele is as good as they get. In addition to serving as Chief Justice, he has been a Superior Court judge, a Vice Chancellor on our Court of Chancery, and a member of the Supreme Court. He has been a tireless and forceful advocate for our state’s judiciary and indeed, for the entire State of Delaware. It is no secret that Delaware’s judiciary is the finest in the nation. I want to thank Chief Justice Steele for his tireless efforts in building and maintaining a court system that is truly a national model. On behalf of all Delawareans, I thank him for his exemplary service to our state. His intelligence, keen judgment, and passion will be missed.”

Prior to November 30, 2013, Governor Markell will request that the Judicial Nominating Commission begin the process of soliciting, reviewing, and recommending candidates to replace the Chief Justice.