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### **Court of Chancery Updates Guidelines for Requesting Special Designation of Judicial Officers**

Today, the Court of Chancery published updated Guidelines for Requesting Special Designation of Judicial Officers in the Court of Chancery.

The Guidelines are intended to help persons litigating in the Court of Chancery identify common examples where special designation, often referred to as cross-designation, might be appropriate. First published in March 2023, the Guidelines identify common factors that should be considered in determining whether a request for special designation should be made or will be granted, as well as best practices for making such a request.

The Guidelines aim to help parties minimize disputes over process by establishing expectations for those practicing before the Court of Chancery. The Guidelines are not binding court rules.

Today's update clarifies when a litigant in the Superior Court will have to file a new action in the Court of Chancery.

"Today's update to the Guidelines is part of a larger effort to implement quality improvement efforts at the Court of Chancery," said Chancellor McCormick. "Assisting litigants and their counsel in understanding our expectations will result in a more efficient experience for everyone," she said.

A copy of the updated Guidelines may be viewed at the following web address:  
<https://courts.delaware.gov/forms/download.aspx?id=185928>