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## **Ciro Poppiti, III** Register of Wills

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**\*\*\*NEW CASTLE COUNTY REGISTER OF WILLS TO BEGIN E-FILING\*\*\*  
PROBATE WILL BE EASIER AND MORE ACCESSIBLE  
CHANCELLOR STRINE LAUDS INITIATIVE**

Wilmington—Ciro Poppiti, III, the Register of Wills, is pleased to announce that his Office will begin e-filing as of December 1.

“E-filing is a dynamic tool,” Register Poppiti said in scheduled remarks before the County Council Finance Committee. “E-filing protects the public by making the probate process easier and more accessible.”

Moreover, with e-filing, the County will save money in manpower efficiency, improved revenue collection and lower archival costs.

“E-filing is a giant leap forward in improving the probate process. It will dramatically improve case management, which means faster results for the beneficiaries of estates,” said Chancellor Leo E. Strine, Jr. “This effort represents yet another way that the Delaware courts strive to remain the best in the nation.”

Lexis Nexis has been chosen as the e-filing vendor. Lexis Nexis already handles e-filing for the Delaware Court of Chancery as well as the Supreme Court and Superior Court.

The Office of the Register of Wills is the probate office in New Castle County; the Register serves as the probate clerk for Chancery Court. Chancellor Strine and Register Poppiti have pledged the mutual cooperation of their offices in improving the probate process from top to

bottom. “The Register’s initiative is an important first step toward completing the court’s goal of having its entire docket processed through e-filing. Probate cases are the sole remaining Chancery cases not being e-filed, and the Court looks forward to working with the Register to implement this project to better serve our litigants and Delaware taxpayers. We hope to then work with the Register’s colleagues in Kent and Sussex County to give all Delawareans access to the benefits of e-filing in probate cases.”

The public may learn more about e-filing by the visiting the Register of Wills website at [www.nccde.org/wills](http://www.nccde.org/wills).

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