

# Morris Nichols Partner Michael Houghton Honored for Service to Delaware State Chamber of Commerce

## Firm News

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Wilmington, DE (January 13, 2015) - The Delaware State Chamber of Commerce has selected Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP partner Michael Houghton as the 2015 recipient of the A.R. Morris Board Member of the Year award. Named in honor of Al Morris, a Chamber board member who opened A.R. Morris Jewelers in Wilmington in 1960, the award is inspired by Al's devotion to the First State, its charities, its business community, and its people.

Chamber President Rich Heffron presented the award to Mike on Jan. 12, 2015 at the DSCC Board of Governors meeting just prior to the Chamber's 178th Annual Dinner. The Chamber staff voted on the 2015 award recipient. In his remarks, Rich said that Mike "is a valued public face of the Chamber, and personifies how a member of the Board of Directors should approach fulfilling his duties - putting the needs of the Chamber ahead of personal gain and doing what is necessary to help the organization remain not only successful, but to increasingly better serve its core constituency - its members." In the past year, Mike has represented the Chamber on a range of taskforces and other public forums. Most recently, Mike teamed up with Morris Nichols associate Daniel D. Matthews to revise the Chamber governance structure, which established the new Board of Directors and the Board of Governors that now manage the DSCC.

"In each instance [Mike] has brought professionalism and invaluable insight to how the business community in Delaware operates, how that community is perceived at both the state and national level, and looks for creative and substantive solutions to raise the business community's profile in positive and meaningful ways," Heffron observed.

In his practice, Mike represents governmental entities, banks, trust companies, insurance companies and public utilities in commercial transactions and before regulatory authorities and state, county and local governments. He has also focused on unclaimed property issues for more than 22 years.

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