

The Honorable Tamika Montgomery-Reeves

Tamika Montgomery-Reeves, Associate Justice Delaware Supreme Court – the first African American to serve on the state’s high court.

Gov. John Carney nominated Justice Montgomery-Reeves on Oct. 13 and the Delaware Senate confirmed that selection on Nov. 7. She took her formal oath of office during a Jan. 3 Investiture Ceremony at Howard High School in Wilmington.

At age 38, Justice Montgomery-Reeves is the youngest jurist to sit on the Delaware Supreme Court Bench. She fills the associate justice vacancy left by the elevation of Collins J. Seitz, Jr., to Chief Justice.

Justice Montgomery-Reeves is one of only two African American females to serve on a state Supreme Court in the country, joining Justice Adrienne C. Nelson of the Oregon Supreme Court, appointed in 2018.

She is the third African American in the history of U.S. jurisprudence to serve on a state Supreme Court – the first, Myra C. Selby served on the Indiana State Supreme Court from 1995 until her retirement in 1999.

Justice Montgomery-Reeves grew up in Jackson, Mississippi, and later earned a bachelor’s degree at the University of Mississippi and a law degree at the University of Georgia Law School.