



Judicial Conduct Board
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SUBJECT: Judicial Conduct Board of Pennsylvania Elects Officers for 2015

At its regularly scheduled meeting held on February 2, 2015, the Judicial Conduct Board of Pennsylvania elected its officers for 2014. By unanimously acclamation, the Board elected the Honorable Jayne F. Duncan as Chair, Mr. Kenneth E. Lawrence, Jr. as Vice-Chair and Mr. Samuel J. Magaro as Secretary. With her Board term scheduled to expire in August, Superior Court Judge Anne E. Lazarus, who served as Board Chair since February of 2014, decided not to seek another term as Chair in order to allow for a smooth transition of the Board's leadership.

Judge Jayne F. Duncan is the Magisterial District Judge for District Court 02-3-09 in Elizabethtown, Lancaster County. She served as Chair of the Ethics and Professionalism Committee of the Special Court Judges Association and had been a Committee member for many years. She is also a former member of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's Criminal Procedural Rules Committee.

Judge Duncan is the former President of Lancaster County District Justice Association. She also served as Vice- President of the Lancaster County Bar Association.

Judge Duncan received her J.D. in 1982 from Dickinson School of Law and was a Deputy District Attorney in Dauphin County prior to being elected as a Magisterial District Judge. A former instructor for the Municipal Police Training Certification class, she has also lectured on the topic of Magisterial District Judge practice for the Lancaster Bar Association and the Pennsylvania Bar Institute. Judge Duncan formerly served as an adjunct professor at Elizabethtown College, and also teaches Ethics for the Minor Judiciary Education Board "Supplemental Practicum." She was appointed to the Board by the Supreme Court to fill an unexpired term on March 14, 2012. She was re-appointed to fill the balance of the four-year term that the Constitution allows on August 30, 2013. Her term will expire on March 14, 2016.

Kenneth Lawrence, Jr. is the Senior Vice President for Government, Community and Public Affairs for Temple University. Prior to joining Temple, Ken was a successful entrepreneur as Founder and President of Public Affairs Strategies where he represented corporations and non-profit organizations. He worked for five years at Merck & Company, Inc. handling public, community, and media relations, and served as Public Policy Representative for the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce.

Ken is a graduate of Temple University with a degree in Political Science. He has a Master's degree of Governmental Administration from the Fels Center of Government at the University of Pennsylvania. He is involved with a wide variety of civic organizations, including: Avenue of the Arts, Inc., Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeastern PA, the Committee of Seventy, Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation (PIDC), the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) and the Valley Forge Convention and Visitors Bureau. He resides with his wife and their two sons in Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania. He was appointed to the Board by Governor Tom Corbett on September 3, 2013 to fill the unexpired term of a non-lawyer elector member. The Governor re-appointed Ken to his Board position at the conclusion of that unexpired term. His current term runs through September 3, 2017.

Samuel J. Magaro, a United States Air Force veteran of the Korean War, served as a Magisterial District Judge in Lower Paxton Township and West Hanover Township, suburbs of Harrisburg, from 1975 until 2002, and as a Senior Magisterial District Judge from 2004 through July 2007. He is a member of the American Judicature Society, Special Court Judges Association of Pennsylvania, American Legion, and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He served on the Minor Court Rules Committee from 1990 until 1993. In 1995, Judge Magaro was the first recipient of the John J. Jeffers Memorial Award by the Special Court Judges Association of Pennsylvania “in recognition of dedicated and unselfish service.” He was appointed Judge of the Court of Judicial Discipline from 1994 until 1999. He served as President of the Special Court Judges Association of Pennsylvania in 2000. Judge Magaro served on the Minor Judiciary Education Board by Supreme Court appointment from August 31, 2011 until July 1, 2014.

Judge Magaro formerly served as the magisterial district judge member of the Judicial Conduct Board from 2001 until 2005, serving as Chair from 2004 until 2005. In 2007, he was re-appointed as a non-lawyer elector member of the Board and served until the end of that term in 2011. During his second term on the Board, his colleagues elected him to serve as Vice-Chair from February 7, 2011 until the end of that term on August 16, 2011. His re-appointment by the Supreme Court in 2012 as a non-lawyer elector member represents his third four-year term on the Board. His current term runs until September 24, 2016.

Created by constitutional amendment in 1993, the Judicial Conduct Board of Pennsylvania is an independent state agency responsible for reviewing, investigating, and, where

warranted, prosecuting complaints of judicial misconduct before the Pennsylvania Court of Judicial Discipline. The Board is comprised of twelve Pennsylvania citizens, half appointed by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and the other half appointed by the Governor. The Board has three judicial members, three lawyer members, and six non-lawyer lay members. No more than half of the appointed board members may be from the same political party. Appointed board members serve four-year terms without pay and meet regularly to review requests for investigation filed against Pennsylvania judges at all levels.

For further information about the Judicial Conduct Board, visit the Board's Website at www.jcbpa.org.

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