



Judicial Conduct Board
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Press Release

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FROM: Hon. Renée Cohn Jubelirer
Chair

SUBJECT: Appointment of New Chief Counsel and Deputy Chief Counsel to the Pennsylvania Judicial Conduct Board

HARRISBURG, PA – The Judicial Conduct Board of Pennsylvania has named Melissa L. Norton, Esquire, of Lancaster, to the position of Chief Counsel, and Colby J. Miller, Esquire, of Camp Hill, to the position of Deputy Chief Counsel effective January 10th and January 11th respectively. Ms. Norton had been serving as Interim Chief Counsel to the Board since November 8, 2022 and prior to that, she served as Deputy Chief Counsel to the Board. As Chief Counsel to the Board, Ms. Norton will lead the independent judicial agency, which includes a talented team of attorneys, investigators, and support staff based in the Pennsylvania Judicial Center in Harrisburg. Mr. Miller had been serving as Interim Deputy Chief Counsel to the Board since November 8, 2022 and prior to that, he had served as Deputy Counsel to the Board.

Ms. Norton began her service with the Judicial Conduct Board in 2016 as Assistant Counsel. In 2018 she was promoted to Deputy Counsel and in February 2022 she was promoted to Deputy Chief Counsel. Prior to joining the Board, she served as an Assistant District Attorney in Northumberland County for 25 years followed by several years as an Assistant Public Defender in Northumberland and Lancaster Counties. Ms. Norton graduated from Shippensburg University (B.S.) and Duquesne University School of Law (J.D.).

Mr. Miller has served the Board for nearly seven years, first as Assistant Counsel and then as Deputy Counsel. Prior to his employment with the Board, Mr. Miller was an assistant public defender in Dauphin County. During his tenure there, Mr. Miller successfully litigated an appeal before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, which resulted in the exclusionary rule being extended to probation and parole revocation proceedings under the Pennsylvania Constitution. He is a two-time Penn State grad; Penn State Dickinson School of Law in 2011, and as an undergrad majoring in Anthropology in 1997.

Created by constitutional amendment in 1993, the Judicial Conduct Board of Pennsylvania is an independent board within the judicial branch of the Commonwealth's government responsible for reviewing, investigating, and, where warranted, prosecuting complaints of judicial misconduct. The Board is comprised of three judges, three attorneys, and six non-lawyer electors. Half of the Board members are appointed by the Governor and half by the

Supreme Court. The Board's members serve four-year terms, without pay, and no more than half of its members may be from the same political party. If the Board, by majority vote, decides that there is probable cause to believe that a judge engaged in misconduct, the Board may file a complaint in the Court of Judicial Discipline where the Board must prove the charges against the judge by clear and convincing evidence. The Court of Judicial Discipline decides if the Board has sustained its burden of proof and decides the sanction to be imposed for any proven misconduct.

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