



Judicial Conduct Board
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**SUBJECT: Appointment of New Member to the
Pennsylvania Judicial Conduct Board**

The Judicial Conduct Board of Pennsylvania is pleased to announce that on February 26, 2016, the Supreme Court appointed Magisterial District Judge Elizabeth S. "Liesl" Beckley to the Judicial Conduct Board for a four year term starting on March 14, 2016. She will serve as the magisterial district judge member of the twelve-member Board. She replaces Magisterial District Judge Jayne Frances Duncan whose four year term ended on March 14.

The Judicial Conduct Board is an independent body of Pennsylvania citizens comprised of three judges, three lawyers and six non-lawyers. Half of the Board members are chosen by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and half by the Governor. The Board's members serve four-year terms, without pay, and no more than half of its appointed members may be from the same political party.

Judge Beckley has served as a Magisterial District Judge in Cumberland County since January, 2012. She is also an attorney with the law firm of Beckley & Madden in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and continues to engage in private practice on a part-time basis.

She received her law degree from the Thomas M. Cooley School of Law in Lansing, Michigan, where she was the winner of an American Jurisprudence Award for Excellence in Trial Advocacy. Judge Beckley received her B.A. in Criminal Justice from the American University, in Washington, D.C.

Judge Beckley is admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. Until her appointment to the Board, she served as a Hearing Committee Member of the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania from 2011 until 2016. She also served as a volunteer Conference Officer for Dauphin County Domestic Relations in 2000.

Judge Beckley is a member of the American Bar Association and the Pennsylvania Bar Association and has served as a Member of the PBA House of Delegates since May, 2002.

She is a Member of the Dauphin County Bar Association, of which she served as President in 2011, and a Social Member of the Cumberland County Bar Association.

Judge Beckley is a past member of the Camp Hill Borough Council, the Capital Region Council of Governments, and the West Shore Area Jaycees, having served as President from 1996 through 2002. She is currently a member of the Camp Hill Woman's Club, and served as President in 2012/2013.



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. 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 also 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.