



Judicial Conduct Board
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Press Release

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SUBJECT: Appointment of New Member to the Judicial Conduct Board

The Judicial Conduct Board of Pennsylvania is pleased to announce the recent appointment of the Reverend James P. McCloskey, C.S.Sp., Ph.D., to the twelve-member Board. The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania appointed Dr. McCloskey to serve as a non-lawyer elector member of the Board. His four-year term commences June 20, 2020.

The Judicial Conduct Board is an independent body of Pennsylvania citizens comprised of three judges, three lawyers, 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 appointed members may be from the same political party.

Dr. McCloskey, of Allegheny County, serves as Senior Advisor to the President for Strategic Initiatives, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh. Previously, Dr. McCloskey served in a variety of leadership and teaching positions with Holy Ghost Preparatory School, Bensalem; Congregation of the Holy Spirit, in Pittsburgh and in Rome, Italy; and Duquesne University. He also served in pastoral roles with St. Mark the Evangelist Church, New York City; Duquesne University; and the Diocese of San Pedro, Paraguay.

Dr. McCloskey currently serves on the board of directors of the Thea Bowman Foundation and is a member of the International Commission for Safeguarding, Congregation of the Holy Spirit, Rome. He was previously affiliated with numerous boards and commissions in Rome, Pittsburgh, Chicago, and greater Philadelphia.

Dr. McCloskey holds a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from Duquesne University; a Master of Divinity from Catholic Theological Union, Chicago; a Master of Theology from Weston School of Theology, Cambridge, Massachusetts; a Master of Education from Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts; and a Doctor of Philosophy in Education from Fordham University, New York City.

Dr. McCloskey was appointed to succeed Ms. Wilmarie González of Dauphin County. Ms. González's term expires June 19, 2020.

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. 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 upon the judge for any proven misconduct.

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

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