



Judicial Conduct Board
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Press Release

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SUBJECT: Appointment by Supreme Court of New Member to the Pennsylvania Judicial Conduct Board

The Judicial Conduct Board of Pennsylvania is pleased to announce that the Supreme Court recently appointed Judge Renée Cohn Jubelirer to the twelve-member Board. As specified in the Constitution, she will serve as the appellate judge member of the Board. Her four-year term commences August 31, 2019.

The Judicial Conduct Board is an independent body of Pennsylvania citizens comprised of three judges, three lawyers and six lay members. Half of the Board members are appointed by the Governor and half by the Pennsylvania 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.

Judge Cohn Jubelirer is currently serving her second ten-year term as a Judge of the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania. She was elected to her first term in November 2001. She secured her current term via a November 2011 retention election. Prior to assuming the bench Judge Cohn Jubelirer was engaged in the private practice of law, serving as Vice President and Shareholder at Frank, Frank, Penn & Bergstein in Allentown where she practiced business, contract, employment and family law before the federal and state courts, and at Sidley & Austin in Chicago. She also worked as in-house counsel for a telecommunications company and served as an assistant solicitor for Lehigh County.

In addition to her primary judicial duties, Judge Cohn Jubelirer plays an active role in furthering the interests of justice in the Commonwealth. She currently serves, via Supreme Court appointment, as Co-Chair of the Pennsylvania Commission on Judicial Independence and as an inaugural member of the Continuing Judicial Education Board of Judges. Previously she served as Co-Chair of the Supreme Court's Public Access Working Group, Trial and Appellate Court Records, as well as a member and past chair of the Supreme Court's Appellate Court Procedural Rules Committee.

She received her Bachelor of Arts from The Pennsylvania State University, her Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, from Northwestern University School of Law, and a Master of Laws in Judicial Studies from Duke University School of Law. At Northwestern, Judge

Cohn Jubelirer served as Editor of the Law Review. Judge Cohn Jubelirer served as a teaching fellow at Stanford Law School, an assistant professor at DePaul University College of Law, and as an adjunct professor at Penn State Law.

She is a member of the American Bar Association and the Pennsylvania Bar Association. Judge Cohn Jubelirer serves on the Workers' Compensation Liaison, Appellate Advocacy, Judicial Administration, and Women in the Profession Committees of the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

The term of Commonwealth Court Judge P. Kevin Brobson, the current appellate judge member of the Board ends August 31, 2019. Judge Brobson, a member of the Board since 2016, has served as chair of the Board since 2018 and served as secretary from 2017 to 2018. Under the Constitution, Board members may not serve more than four consecutive years.

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 Pennsylvania Judicial Conduct Board, please visit the Board's Website at www.jcbpa.org.

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