



**Judicial Conduct Board**  
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## **Press Release**

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**TO: Press**

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**SUBJECT: Judicial Conduct Board of Pennsylvania Elects New Officers**

The Judicial Conduct Board of Pennsylvania has elected new officers.

The Board elected John R. Cellucci as Chair, Hank Abate as Vice-Chair and re-elected Dr. Cecilia Griffin Golden as Secretary.

Mr. Cellucci is the President and Owner of John R. Cellucci, Inc., a building, contracting, engineering, and land-development company. His experience as a builder, civil engineer, and general contractor has included constructing new homes, community housing developments, shopping malls, and producing prestressed concrete bridges. In the late 1960's, Mr. Cellucci was the Executive Director of the Chester Housing Development Corporation.

Mr. Cellucci received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Pennsylvania Military College (now Widener University) and also earned a Professional Engineering degree.

A former assistant professor of Civil Engineering at Pennsylvania Military College, Mr. Cellucci is very concerned with education and has been a Trustee of the Widener University Board and a member of the Board of Overseers of the Widener University School of Law.

He has received the Outstanding Service Award (1999) and the Outstanding Alumnus Award (1989) from Widener University. He has also been awarded the Outstanding

Service Award (1987) and the Liberty Bell Award (1980) from the Widener University School of Law.

His experience as an officer and company commander in the Army Corp of Engineers in Korea during the Korean Conflict earned him a Battle Star for service.

Mr. Cellucci is an active member of the Widener Alumni Association and has been a past Vice-President on the Alumni Board of Widener University. He is also an active supporter of numerous non-profit organizations, including The Friends of the Ocean City Pops, Inc. He is also a member of the Vesper Club of Philadelphia.

Mr. Cellucci resides in Berwyn with his wife, Dr. Edna H. Cellucci, and has two children, who are both attorneys: Kathleen C. Cellucci, Esquire, and John H. Cellucci, Esquire.

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Henry (Hank) Abate, a native of New Haven, Connecticut began his business career in his family's restaurant. At a young age he developed a diligent work ethic and an interest in his community, which later served to spark his interest in political leadership.

While pursuing his degree in accounting, he became the youngest elected official in the state of Connecticut, serving as Alderman of the 12<sup>th</sup> ward. While in office, in addition to holding board seats on the education and finance committees, he also served as a Commissioner on the New Haven Coliseum Authority. It was his term as Commissioner that inspired a 30-year career to follow in the sports and entertainment industry.

In 1981 he left the political world and started work in the private sector. The New Haven Coliseum, the Providence Civic Center, and Gampel Pavilion are among the northeast facilities Hank managed before accepting a position with SMG Management in 1992 as General Manager of the Pittsburgh Civic Arena. His current position with SMG is Senior Vice President, which includes the oversight of over 80 arenas and stadiums throughout the United States and Canada.

Hank resides in Pittsburgh with his wife Maria of 27 years, two adult daughters and a young son.

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Dr. Cecilia Griffin Golden is the Assistant Provost for Southern University and A&M College. She began serving in this position in August 2007 after serving as President and CEO for Volunteers of America for the Greater DC area for almost two years.

From 2001-2006, she was the CEO of the YWCA of Greater Pittsburgh. Before this, she served as the Chief Academic Officer for the Rochester City School District in Rochester, New York. As a Rochester native, Dr. Griffin Golden served in many

positions with the City School District including teacher, reading supervisor, vice principal, principal and finally, chief academic officer.

She began her term as Secretary of the Judicial Conduct Board in 2008. In addition to serving on the Judicial Conduct Board, Dr. Griffin Golden has served on many boards including the Board of Trustees for Chatham College, the Board of Directors for Mt. Ararat Community Activity Center, the United Way of Allegheny County, WQED Multimedia, Inc., YWCA Mid Atlantic Regional Council, Executive Women's Council, the United Neighborhood Council of Greater Rochester Foundation, etc. She has also served on several Advisory Committees: the Women's Law Project, Magee Women's Hospital's African American Women's Health Initiative and the CORO Women in Leadership Project. She also served as the co-chair of the Greater Pittsburgh Women's Commission, a Mayoral appointment.

Dr. Griffin Golden received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish Education from the New York State University of New York at Geneseo, and a Masters of Science in Teaching English as a Second Language/Bilingual Education from the State University of New York at Albany. Dr. Griffin Golden completed her doctoral work at the University of Buffalo, in Sociology of Education with an emphasis on educational administration and multicultural education. She is a 1998 graduate of Leadership America, and holds several certificates including one from the Principals' Center at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Created by constitutional amendment in 1993, the Pennsylvania Judicial Conduct Board is an independent state agency responsible for reviewing, investigating, and where merited, prosecuting complaints of judicial misconduct. The Board is comprised of twelve (12) Pennsylvania citizens, six (6) appointed by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and the other half appointed by the Governor, including three (3) judges, three (3) lawyers, and six (6) non-lawyers. 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 filed complaints against Pennsylvania Judges.

For further information about the Pennsylvania Judicial Conduct Board, see the Board's Website at [www.jcbpa.org](http://www.jcbpa.org).

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