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**Judicial Conduct Board**

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**Press Release**

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**TO: Press**

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**SUBJECT: Appointment of New Members to the**

 **Pennsylvania Judicial Conduct Board**

The Judicial Conduct Board of Pennsylvania is pleased to announce that on September 3, 2013, Governor Tom Corbett appointed Kenneth E. Lawrence, Jr.and Thomas M. Tigue to the Judicial Conduct Board. Messrs. Lawrence and Tigue will serve as non-lawyer, lay members of the twelve-member Board. Both are Democrats.

Ken Lawrence is the Senior Vice President for Government, Community and Public Affairs for Temple University. Prior to joining Temple, Ken was a successful entrepreneur as Founder and President of Public Affairs Strategies where he represented corporate and non-profit organizations. He worked for five years at Merck & Company, Inc. handling public, community, and media relations, and served as Public Policy Representative for the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce.

Ken is a graduate of Temple University with a degree in Political Science. He has a Master's degree of Governmental Administration from the Fels Center of Government at the University of Pennsylvania. He is involved with a wide variety of civic organizations, including: Avenue of the Arts, Inc., Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeastern PA, the Committee of Seventy, Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation (PIDC), SEPTA and the Valley Forge Convention and Visitors Bureau. He resides with his wife and their two sons in Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania.

Tom Tigue is a former member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. He represented the 118th district from 1981 until his retirement in 2006 and served as Democratic chair of the House Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee.

He is a 1964 graduate of St. John's High School, earned a degree in government from King's College in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania in 1968, and has pursued graduate studies at Marywood University. Tom retired from the U.S. Marine Corps as a colonel after having served more than 27 years and earned the Silver Star in the Vietnam War. He was a Legislative Fellow at East Stroudsburg University and a member of the Pittston Area School Board. Tom resides in the Borough of Hughestown with his wife and has four children and nine grandchildren.

Ken was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Francis Bianconi, a Lackawanna County businessman who passed away in the spring. Ken’s term runs until August 16, 2014. At that time, the Governor could appoint him to the balance of a four-year term. The Constitution prohibits Board members from serving more than four consecutive years.

Tom was appointed to a four year term expiring on September 3, 2017. He was appointed to the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of former Board member C. Eugene McLaughlin, a printing company executive from Montgomery County.

The Judicial Conduct Board is a constitutionally created independent board charged with the responsibility of investigating allegations of misconduct by the Commonwealth’s judges. 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 is required to 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 the misconduct. For further information about the Pennsylvania Judicial Conduct Board, please visit the Board’s Website at [www.jcbpa.org](http://www.jcbpa.org).

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