



Judicial Conduct Board
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**FROM: Richard W. Long
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**SUBJECT: Appointment by Governor of Member to the
Pennsylvania Judicial Conduct Board**

The Judicial Conduct Board of Pennsylvania is pleased to announce that Governor Tom Wolf recently appointed Joseph M. Brown of Berks County to the Board.

The Judicial Conduct Board is an independent body of Pennsylvania citizens comprised of three judges, three lawyers and six non-lawyer, 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. No more than half of its appointed members may be from the same political party.

Mr. Brown possesses more than 32 years of law enforcement experience. He currently serves as a detective with the Berks County Office of the District Attorney. Mr. Brown recently retired from service with the West Reading Police Department. He retired with the rank of Sergeant, having served with West Reading from 1991 to 2019. With West Reading, Mr. Brown served as a patrol officer, criminal investigator, and ultimately, patrol sergeant. Mr. Brown also served as a detective with the Berks County Office of the District Attorney Major Crimes Unit. He is also an experienced polygraph examiner.

Mr. Brown serves as President of Berks Lodge #71, Fraternal Order of Police. Lodge #71 represents Berks County Police Officers. He also serves as President of the Berks County Police Heroes Fund which provides financial assistance to the families of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. He is the current Treasurer of the Pennsylvania State Fraternal Order of Police, the statewide organization representing over 40,000 active and retired members of law enforcement across the Commonwealth.

Mr. Brown obtained Associate's Degrees in both Law Enforcement Administration and Public Administration from Reading Area Community College. He is currently pursuing his Bachelor's Degree at Alvernia College, Reading.

Mr. Brown succeeds Mr. Harold E. Flack on the Board. Mr. Flack's term expired on April 17, 2018. Mr. Brown's four-year term commenced on December 4, 2018. Under the Constitution, Board Members may not serve more than four consecutive years. Mr. Brown serves as a lay member of the Board. He is a registered member of the Republican Party.

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 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.

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