



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

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**TO: Press**

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**SUBJECT: Reappointment by Governor of Member to the  
Pennsylvania Judicial Conduct Board**

The Judicial Conduct Board of Pennsylvania is pleased to announce that Governor Tom Wolf has reappointed Judge Nina Wright Padilla of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas 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.

Judge Padilla has served on the Court of Common Pleas since 2003. She currently sits in the Civil Trial Division, Motions and Statutory Appeals Program. In addition, she also presides over Class Actions and Conservatorships, and is frequently assigned to Election Court. Judge Padilla sat in Philadelphia Family Court, Domestic Relations Branch from August 2003 until June of 2012 where she presided over matters of Divorce, Support, Custody, Domestic Violence and Criminal Abuse. In June 2012, she was reassigned to the Criminal Trial Division where she presided over criminal jury trials.

Throughout her tenure on the bench, she has continually served as a panelist in numerous continuing legal education programs, including programs for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute, the Philadelphia Bar Association and the Hispanic Bar Association of Pennsylvania. Judge Padilla currently serves as Committee Chair of the Board of View and Board of Revision of Taxes Committee for the Court of Common Pleas Board of Judges.

Prior to her judicial tenure, Judge Padilla maintained a private law practice with her husband, Edward C. Wright, who is presently a Judge assigned to the Civil Trial Division of the Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas. While engaged in private law practice for ten years, her area of concentration was Consumer Bankruptcy, as well as general civil litigation and criminal law. Throughout her years in private practice, Judge Padilla served as a legal analyst on both the Greater Media and Comcast Cable Programs, "*Today's Law*" and "*Legaline*."

Judge Padilla obtained her Juris Doctor from the University of Maryland School of Law, and her Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Maryland, College Park.

Judge Padilla was originally appointed to fill the unexpired term of then-Common Pleas Court Judge Christine Fizzano Cannon who resigned her Board seat in 2017 when she was a candidate for the Commonwealth Court. That term expired on October 30, 2018. On October 31, 2018, the Governor reappointed her for the balance of a four-year term which will expire on January 25, 2022. Under the Constitution, Board Members may not serve more than four consecutive years. Judge Padilla serves as the Common Pleas Court Judge Member of the Board. She is registered in the Democratic Party.

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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](http://www.jcbpa.org).

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