



Judicial Conduct Board
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**FROM: Robert A. Graci
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**SUBJECT: Appointment of New Member to the Pennsylvania Judicial
Conduct Board**

The Judicial Conduct Board of Pennsylvania is pleased to announce that, the Supreme Court appointed retired Judge Patricia H. Jenkins to the twelve-member Board. As specified in the Constitution, she will serve as one of the three non-judge members of the bar of the Supreme Court of the twelve-member Board. She is registered in the Republican Party.

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, and no more than half of its appointed members may be from the same political party.

Judge Jenkins was appointed to the Delaware County Court of Commons Pleas by Governor Robert P. Casey in 1993, and was elected to a full ten-year term later that year. In November 2003 and again in November 2013, she was retained for her second and third ten-year terms on the common pleas court. She was appointed by Governor Tom Corbett to a vacancy on the Superior Court of Pennsylvania and confirmed by unanimous vote of the Pennsylvania Senate in December 2013. Judge Jenkins served on the Superior Court as a commissioned judge until the end of her term on January 3, 2016, and later as a Senior Judge of that Court until the end of 2016. Following her service as a Senior Judge, she returned to the practice of law.

She received her undergraduate degree in political science from Albright College, her Juris Doctor degree from Dickinson Law School, and a Master of Laws degree in Taxation from Villanova University's renowned Graduate Tax Program.

Judge Jenkins brings a wealth of legal experience to the Board from both the private and public sectors. Before becoming a judge, she was a partner at the Media, Pa., law firm of Kassab Archbold Jackson & O'Brien. She also served as the solicitor for the Delaware County Department of Human Services, where she represented the

county in hundreds of hearings each year in various aspects of state and federal litigation.

Judge Jenkins has taught paralegal studies at Villanova and Widener Universities. She sits on the advisory board of the Villanova's Matthew J. Ryan Center for the Study of Free Institutions and the Public Good, named in honor of her late husband, longtime Pennsylvania State Representative and Speaker of the House, the Honorable Matthew J. Ryan.

Judge Jenkins is a member of the American, Pennsylvania and Delaware County Bar Associations and the United States Supreme Court Historical Society. She has served on the Board of Overseers of the Veterinary School of the University of Pennsylvania from 2007 until 2016. Previously, she served on the Board of Directors of Riddle Memorial Hospital and the Board of Trustees of the Haverford State Hospital.

Judge Jenkins lives in Newtown Square, Delaware County, Pennsylvania. Her four-year term on the Board will run through August 16, 2022. The Constitution prohibits Board members from serving 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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