



Judicial Conduct Board
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Press Release

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SUBJECT: Judicial Conduct Board of Pennsylvania Elects Officers

HARRISBURG, PA -- At its regularly scheduled meeting held on December 5, 2022, the Judicial Conduct Board of Pennsylvania elected a new Vice Chair and Secretary. The Board unanimously elected Nancy L. Clemens as Vice Chair and Scott B. Cooper, Esquire as Secretary. The Board acted to fill its vacant Vice Chair position, previously held by Detective Joseph M. Brown, who departed the Board at the conclusion of his four-year term on December 3, 2022. Ms. Clemens served as Secretary and continues to serve as Chair of the Board's Personnel Committee. The Board unanimously elected Scott B. Cooper as Secretary to fill the vacancy created by Ms. Clemens' election to Vice Chair. Vice Chair Clemens and Secretary Cooper join Commonwealth Court President Judge Renee Cohn Jubelirer, who continues to serve as Chair, as members of the Board's Executive Committee.

The twelve-member Judicial Conduct Board is an independent Board within the Judicial Branch of the Commonwealth's government comprised of twelve Pennsylvania citizens: three judges, three lawyers and six non-lawyer electors. The Governor and the Supreme Court each appoint six of the Board's members. The Board's members serve four-year terms, without pay, and no more than one-half of its members may be from the same political party.

About Nancy L. Clemens

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania appointed Ms. Clemens to serve as a non-lawyer member on the Board effective January 20, 2020. Her term of service will conclude on January 19, 2024.

Ms. Clemens is a 1987 graduate of Bloomsburg University, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology. She went on to earn her Masters in Criminal Court Management from Shippensburg University in 1999. In 2008, she received a fellowship at the National Center for State Courts' Institute for Court Management.

Ms. Clemens serves as the Children and Youth Service Line Director for Service Access and Management, Inc. (SAM), overseeing all of SAM's Children and Youth programming across Pennsylvania. She previously served as Administrator of the Tioga County Department of Human Services in Wellsboro; as a Probation/Parole Officer (1995-2002); and as the District Court

Administrator for Tioga County (2003-2016). She is a Certified Court Executive and received a Special Commendation from the Pennsylvania Supreme Court for work on the Judicial Security Council (2016). Further, Ms. Clemens served as a commissioned officer in the United States Army, branched Military Police (1987- 1991); and served in a variety of law enforcement and combat preparatory roles while stationed at Fort Richardson, Alaska.

Ms. Clemens is an active member of Tioga County's Criminal Justice Advisory Board, Children's Roundtable and Opioid Coalition; Board Member for Tioga County Partnership for Community Health; instructor at Mansfield University Municipal Police Academy, the Pennsylvania State University Deputy Sheriffs' Academy, and the Child Welfare Resource Center. She is married with four children and seven grandchildren.

About Scott B. Cooper, Esquire

Governor Tom Wolf appointed Mr. Cooper to serve as a lawyer member on the Board effective July 30, 2021. His term of service will conclude on July 29, 2025.

Mr. Cooper is a partner at Schmidt Kramer P.C., a Harrisburg-based personal injury law firm where he specializes in personal injury law with an emphasis on motor vehicle accident and insurance cases. He is a member and past-president of the Pennsylvania Association for Justice (PAJ), a member of the American Association for Justice (AAJ) and the Pennsylvania Bar Association. He currently serves as President of the Dauphin County Bar Association. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Joe Allegrini Children's Hero Fund.

Mr. Cooper serves on the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania's Civil Procedure Rules Committee and previously served on the Supreme Court's Appellate Rules Committee. He served as co-chair for then Governor-Elect Tom Wolf's transition team committee for the Department of the Commonwealth/State and has been appointed as a Hearing Officer with the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Cooper is a frequent lecturer and author. He is also active in the community through his involvement with the Harrisburg Jewish Community Center and as an Adjunct Professor at Widener University Commonwealth Law School, Harrisburg.

Mr. Cooper holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University at Albany, Albany, New York. He earned his Juris Doctor from Widener University School of Law.

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 Judicial Conduct Board, please visit the Board's Website at www.jcbpa.org.

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