



Judicial Conduct Board
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Press Release

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SUBJECT: Appointment of New Members to the Judicial Conduct Board

HARRISBURG, PA -- The Judicial Conduct Board of Pennsylvania is pleased to announce the recent appointments of Michael Brunelle and Tara Mobley to the twelve-member Board. Ms. Mobley will serve a four year-term while Mr. Brunelle will serve the balance of an unexpired four-year term with eligibility for re-appointment.

Governor Tom Wolf appointed Mr. Brunelle and Ms. Mobley to serve as non-lawyer elector (lay) members of the Board. Mr. Brunelle's term commenced on September 23, 2022 and Ms. Mobley's term commenced on November 14, 2022.

The Judicial Conduct Board is an independent body of Pennsylvania citizens that comprises three judges, three attorneys, and six non-lawyer electors. Half of the Board members are appointed by the Governor and half by the 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.

Mr. Brunelle brings a unique and distinguished background to the Board. He is Managing Director of GSL Public Strategies Group as well as GSL Consulting's state and local government consulting practice. He works with public and private sector clients within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and across the country to structure, maintain and further organizational partnerships and continuous improvement in the markets they serve.

Mr. Brunelle has an extensive background in legislative leadership. He served as Chief of Staff to the Office of Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf, working with a wide range of public and private stakeholders and advising the Governor in strategic political, policy, legislative, communications and intergovernmental affairs. He has led various multi-billion dollar budget negotiations and key legislative reforms in areas that include pensions, criminal law, health care, education, election law and school safety, among others.

As an electoral strategist, Mr. Brunelle's experience includes serving two full terms as a State Representative in the New Hampshire House of Representatives as well as Executive Director of the New Hampshire Democratic Party. Mr. Brunelle was also Executive Director of the Service

Employees International United (SEIU) Pennsylvania State Council, National Campaign Director of SEIU, and a national political affairs manager for a “Big Five” technology company.

Mr. Brunelle was appointed to complete the unexpired term of former Board Member K. Celeste Trusty, who left the Board to serve as Secretary of the Pennsylvania Board of Pardons.

Ms. Mobley currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer at the Erie County based law firm of Knox McLaughlin Gornall & Sennett, P.C. She was promoted to CEO in 2022 after formally serving as Chief Operating Officer of Knox Law.

She has extensive experience in financial, human resources, and operations management in banking, manufacturing, technology, and public accounting firms. At Knox Law, she has the responsibility to lead and manage the firm toward the achievement of sustainable profitability and growth. She also supervises all administrative and professional support operations including finance, human resources, organizational development, business development, information systems, risk management, and the firm’s physical facilities.

Prior to joining Knox Law, Ms. Mobley served as the Vice President of Operations at Crosstree Capital, a global leader in health science M&A. She also served on the Product and Service Review Committee for the Association of Legal Administrators, a non-profit 501(c)(6) organization.

Ms. Mobley currently sits on the Executive Committee and Prevention Committee for The Bradley H. Foulk Children’s Advocacy Center of Erie County and also serves as its Treasurer.

Ms. Mobley holds an MBA and a bachelor’s degree in Business Management. She resides in Erie County with her husband and children.

Ms. Mobley was appointed to succeed Mr. Wayne Evans of Lackawanna County. Mr. Evans’ term ended on February 19, 2022.

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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