



Judicial Conduct Board
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Press Release

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SUBJECT: Appointment by Supreme Court of New Member to the Pennsylvania Judicial Conduct Board

The Judicial Conduct Board of Pennsylvania is pleased to announce that the Supreme Court recently appointed Nancy L. Clemens to the twelve-member Board. As specified in the Constitution, she serves as a lay member of the Board. Her four-year term commenced yesterday, January 20, 2020.

The Judicial Conduct Board is an independent body of Pennsylvania citizens comprised of three judges, three lawyers, and six 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.

Ms. Clemens, of Tioga County, currently serves as the Administrator of the Tioga County Department of Human Services in Wellsboro. She provides management and oversight of the Human Services' mandated services in Children and Youth, Mental Health, Intellectual Disabilities/Autism, and Drug and Alcohol. She is an active member of the County's Criminal Justice Advisory Board, Children's Roundtable, and Opioid Coalition. Additionally, she is a Board Member for the Tioga County Partnership for Community Health.

Ms. Clemens has a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Bloomsburg University (1987), a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Shippensburg University (1999), and completed a Fellowship at the National Center for State Courts' Institute for Court Management (2008).

Ms. Clemens served as a commissioned officer in the United States Army, branched Military Police, from 1987 to 1991. Stationed at Fort Richardson, Alaska, she served in a variety of law enforcement and combat preparatory roles.

Upon returning to Tioga County, Ms. Clemens worked as a Probation/Parole Officer from 1995 to 2002. She then accepted the position of District Court Administrator for Tioga County, where she worked until 2016. Ms. Clemens has worked in all areas of the Courts, and is well versed in both procedural and substantive law. She is a

Certified Court Executive, and received a Special Commendation from the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in 2006 for her work on the Judicial Security Council.

Ms. Clemens also works as an instructor at the Mansfield University Municipal Police Academy, the Penn State University Deputy Sheriffs' Academy, and the Child Welfare Resource Center.

Ms. Clemens and her husband, Scott, are the proud parents of four children and the proud grandparents of four grandchildren. They live in Wellsboro, the county seat, and are avid professional football and tennis fans. They enjoy camping, motorcycle riding, and traveling and vacationing in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico yearly.

Ms. Clemens fills the vacancy created yesterday by the lapsing of the term of service of Ms. Lisa K. Steindel, a lay member of Allegheny County. Ms. Steindel, who joined the Board in 2016, had served as secretary of the Board since 2018 and served as the Chair of the Board's Personnel Committee. Under the Constitution, Board members may not serve 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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