



Judicial Conduct Board
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SUBJECT: Judicial Conduct Board of Pennsylvania Elects Officers for 2017

At its regularly scheduled meeting held on February 6, 2017, the Judicial Conduct Board of Pennsylvania elected its officers for 2017. The Board unanimously re-elected James C. Schwartzman, Esquire, as Chair, Richard T. Frazier, Esquire, as Vice-Chair, and Judge P. Kevin Brobson, as Secretary.

The 12-member Judicial Conduct Board is an independent body of Pennsylvania citizens comprised of three judges, three lawyers and six non-lawyers. 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.

About James C. Schwartzman, Esquire

James C. Schwartzman, Esquire, was appointed by the Supreme Court to a four-year term as a lawyer member of the Judicial Conduct Board commencing August 16, 2014 and ending on August 16, 2018.

Schwartzman is a shareholder in the Philadelphia office of Stevens & Lee where he chairs the Ethics and Professional Responsibility Group. He previously ran his own firm and was a named partner in Schwartzman & Hepps. He has extensive experience representing and counseling lawyers, law firms and judges on ethics-related issues. He has an extensive trial experience in both civil and criminal matters in most of the courts in southeastern Pennsylvania. Schwartzman holds memberships in the Philadelphia and Pennsylvania Bar Associations, the Philadelphia and Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Associations, and the Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers.

Schwartzman is a former Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and was a law clerk for the Honorable J. William Ditter, Jr., United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. He has been an instructor at the United States Attorney General's Advocacy Institute and Temple University School of Law. He has served by

appointment of the Supreme Court on the Disciplinary Board, the Continuing Legal Education Board, and the Interest on Lawyers Trust Account (IOLTA) Board. He served each of these Boards as both Chair and Vice-Chair. He was a member of the Southeast Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) Board of Directors from 1991 through 2015 and served as Vice-Chair from 1999 until 2013. He has also been a member of the Independence Blue Cross Board of Directors since 1993.

Selected by his peers as among the top five percent of lawyers in the Commonwealth, Schwartzman has been recognized as a *Pennsylvania Super Lawyer* from 2004 through 2016. He was named one of the top 100 Super Lawyers in Pennsylvania in 2009, 2010 and 2012, and one of the top 100 *Super Lawyers* in Philadelphia in 2010 and 2012. In addition, he has been selected by his peers as one of The Best Lawyers in America for his work in Malpractice Law and Ethics and Professional Responsibility Law, and he has been named Lawyer of the Year in the areas of Ethics and Professional Responsibility Law and Legal Malpractice Law.

About Richard T. Frazier, Esquire

The Governor appointed Richard T. Frazier, Esquire, to the Board on February 4, 2014. His four-year term will expire on February 4, 2018. He serves as one of three lawyer members of the Board. Frazier is a partner in the Philadelphia and Chesterbrook law offices of Saul Ewing, LLP. He joined the law firm as an associate in 1976 and served on its executive committee from 1999 until 2004.

Frazier concentrates his practice on business, tax and health law matters. He is involved in the Section of Taxation of the Health Law Section of the American Bar Association (ABA) and was a member of the Joint Task Force of Health Law and Taxation Sections of the ABA, which prepared comments on Accountable Care Organizations for submission to the Internal Revenue Service. He served as Vice-Chair of the Breast Cancer Task Force of the ABA Health Law Section. He is also a member of the Pennsylvania Department of State's Corporation Bureau Advisory Committee.

In addition to his professional associations, Frazier is and has been involved in a number of civic activities. From 2005 to 2014, he served on the Board of Supervisors of Easttown Township in Chester County and became Chairman of the Board in 2012. He is a member of the Chester County International Trade Council of the Chester County Economic Development Council. He has served on the Board of and currently serves as counsel to Public Citizens for Children and Youth (formerly known as Philadelphia Citizens for Children and Youth), the leading child advocacy organization in the greater Philadelphia area, which he helped create in 1980.

Frazier received his Bachelor's degree, with honors, from Dartmouth College. He received his Masters of Business Administration from Dartmouth's Tuck School of Business. He was awarded both his Juris Doctor degree, as well as his Masters of Legal Letters degree in Taxation from the Villanova University School of Law where he served as editor of the *Law Review* and a member of the Order of the Coif. In 2005, Frazier was selected for inclusion in *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers*.

About Judge P. Kevin Brobson

Judge P. Kevin Brobson was appointed to the Board by the Supreme Court on August 31, 2015. He serves as the appellate court member of the twelve-member Board. His four-year term will expire on August 31, 2019.

Judge Brobson was elected to the Commonwealth Court in November 2009. He received his commission and took the oath of office on January 4, 2010.

In addition to his judicial duties on the Commonwealth Court, Judge Brobson serves on the Widener Commonwealth Law School Board of Advisors.

Prior to taking office, Judge Brobson was a shareholder in the Harrisburg office of the law firm Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC and served as Chair of the firm's Insurance & Reinsurance Practice Group. While in private practice, Judge Brobson focused on representing clients on matters frequently considered by the Commonwealth Court, such as insurance and health care regulation, professional licensure, and government contracting. He represented numerous clients in cases before the Commonwealth Court and various state agencies, including the Gaming Control Board, the Insurance Department, and the Department of Revenue. Judge Brobson has also served his local community as a member of the Middle Paxton Township Planning Commission.

He received his undergraduate degree from Lycoming College, *magna cum laude*. He graduated second in his class from the Widener Commonwealth Law School, *summa cum laude*. Judge Brobson also served as the Internal Managing Editor of the school's *Law Review*. Following law school, he clerked for the Honorable James McGirr Kelly of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

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.

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