



Judicial Conduct Board
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SUBJECT: Judicial Conduct Board Elects Officers

HARRISBURG, PA – At its February 2, 2026 meeting, the Judicial Conduct Board of Pennsylvania (“Board”) elected its officers for the coming year. The Board unanimously elected the Honorable Risa Vetri Ferman as Chair, the Honorable William J. Kissner as Vice Chair, and the Honorable Alice Beck Dubow as Secretary.

About Judge Risa Vetri Ferman

Judge Ferman was originally appointed by Governor Josh Shapiro on March 20, 2023, to fill the unexpired term of Judge Mia R. Perez, who resigned to serve as a Federal District Court Judge for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, in December 2022. This term expired on January 25, 2026. Judge Ferman has been reappointed for the balance of a four-year term which will expire on March 19, 2027.

Judge Ferman is a trial court judge in the Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas. She was elected in 2015 and retained in 2025. She currently serves in the Criminal Division.

About Judge William J. Kissner

The Supreme Court appointed Judge Kissner to serve as the magisterial district judge member of the Board effective March 14, 2024. His term of service will conclude on March 13, 2028.

Judge Kissner is currently serving as a magisterial district judge for magisterial district 56-3-02 in Carbon County. He was first elected in November 2011 and re-elected in November 2017 and November 2023.

About Judge Alice Beck Dubow

The Supreme Court appointed Judge Dubow to serve as the appellate judge member of the Board effective August 31, 2023. Her term of service will conclude on August 30, 2027.

Judge Dubow is currently serving as a judge on the Superior Court of Pennsylvania. She was elected in 2015 and retained in 2025.

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. The Board is comprised of three judges, three attorneys, and six non-lawyer electors, all of whom are Pennsylvania citizens. 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. 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.