



**Judicial Conduct Board**  
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## **Press Release**

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**FROM: Melissa L. Norton**  
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**SUBJECT: Appointment of New Member to the Judicial Conduct Board**

HARRISBURG, PA -- The Judicial Conduct Board of Pennsylvania is pleased to announce that Governor Josh Shapiro recently appointed Brian J. Cali, Esquire as an attorney member to the twelve-member Board. His four-year term commenced on February 9, 2026.

Mr. Cali began practicing law as a sole practitioner in 1978 and grew his firm, Cali Law, to become a premier law firm across Northeastern Pennsylvania. Mr. Cali specializes in family law, real estate transactions, business transactions, wills and estates. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Mr. Cali is recognized in Pennsylvania's Super Lawyers, Best Lawyer's in America, The American Society of Legal Advocates, Lawyers of Distinction and Philadelphia Magazine's Top Attorneys in Pennsylvania. Additionally, his law firm has been recognized as one of the Best Law Firms in U.S News & World Report. He was previously appointed by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to the Disciplinary Board and served as Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Mr. Cali is active in the community through his involvement with the Scranton Cultural Center/Broadway Theatre League (co-president), Boys & Girls Club of America (board member), St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen in Scranton (board member) and Lackawanna County Library Board (charter member and president). He currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Fidelity Bank.

Mr. Cali received his undergraduate degree from Duquesne University in 1974 and his law degree from Duquesne School of Law in 1977.

Mr. Cali was appointed to succeed Sudhir R. Patel, Esquire. Mr. Patel's term expired February 7, 2026.

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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](http://www.jcbpa.org).

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