



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

HARRISBURG, PA -- At its regularly scheduled meeting held on September 7, 2022, the Judicial Conduct Board of Pennsylvania elected a new Vice Chair and Secretary. The Board unanimously elected Detective Joseph M. Brown as Vice Chair and Nancy L. Clemens as Secretary. The Board acted to fill its vacant Vice Chair position, previously held by retired Superior Court Judge Patricia Jenkins, who departed the Board at the conclusion of her four-year term on August 15, 2022. Detective Brown previously served as Secretary and continues to serve as a member of the Board's Budget Committee. The Board unanimously elected Nancy L. Clemens as Secretary to fill the vacancy created by Detective Brown's election to Vice Chair. Secretary Clemens is also Chair of the Board's Personnel Committee. Vice Chair Brown and Secretary Clemens join Commonwealth Court President Judge Renee Cohn Jubelirer, who continues to serve as Chair, as members of the Board's Executive Committee.

The twelve-member Judicial Conduct Board is an independent Board within the Judicial Branch of the Commonwealth's government comprised of twelve Pennsylvania citizens: three judges, three lawyers and six non-lawyer electors. The Governor and the Supreme Court each appoint six of the Board's members. The Board's members serve four-year terms, without pay, and no more than one-half of its members may be from the same political party.

About Detective Joseph M. Brown

Governor Tom Wolf appointed Detective Brown to serve as a non-lawyer member on the Board effective December 4, 2018. The Board previously elected him Secretary on February 1, 2022. His term of service will conclude on December 3, 2022.

Detective Brown graduated from the Reading Police Academy in 1986. He went on to earn an Associate's Degree in Public Administration (2016) and an Associate's Degree in Law Enforcement Administration (1999) from Reading Area Community College. He is also a 2020 graduate of Alvernia University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice. He then went on to earn his Masters in Public Administration, *summa cum laude*, from West Chester University in 2022.

Detective Brown currently serves as a Detective in the Berks County Office of the District Attorney. He retired as a Sergeant from the West Reading Police Department, where he served for 28 years from 1991-2019. During his time with the West Reading Police Department, he also served as patrol officer, a criminal investigator, and ultimately, as patrol sergeant. Detective Brown is an experienced polygraph examiner. Additionally, he serves as President of Berks Lodge #71, Fraternal Order of Police; President of the Berks County Police Heroes Fund (founder); Treasurer of the Pennsylvania State Order of Police, which represents over 40,000 active and retired members of law enforcement across the Commonwealth; and serves on the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command (2018).

Detective Brown has received numerous awards and commendations, including Police Officer of the Year (1998), Medal of Honor, Combat Cross (2), Wound Award, Gallantry Star (3), Exceptional Duty Award, Federal Bureau of Investigation-Letter of Commendation, Reading Bureau of Police-Letter of Commendation, and West Reading Police Department- Letter of Commendation. He is a member of the American Association Police Polygraphists and the American Polygraph Association.

About Nancy L. Clemens

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania appointed Ms. Clemens to serve as a non-lawyer member on the Board effective January 20, 2020. Her term of service will conclude on January 19, 2024.

Ms. Clemens is a 1987 graduate of Bloomsburg University, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology. She went on to earn her Masters in Criminal Court Management from Shippensburg University in 1999. In 2008, she received a fellowship at the National Center for State Courts' Institute for Court Management.

Ms. Clemens serves as the Children and Youth Service Line Director for Service Access and Management, Inc. (SAM), overseeing all of SAM's Children and Youth programming across Pennsylvania. She previously served as Administrator of the Tioga County Department of Human Services in Wellsboro; as a Probation/Parole Officer (1995-2002); and as the District Court Administrator for Tioga County (2003-2016). She is a Certified Court Executive and received a Special Commendation from Pennsylvania Supreme Court for work on the Judicial Security Council (2016). Further, Ms. Clemens served as a commissioned officer in the United States Army, branched Military Police (1987- 1991); and served in variety of law enforcement and combat preparatory roles while stationed at Fort Richardson, Alaska.

Ms. Clemens is an active member of Tioga County's Criminal Justice Advisory Board, Children's Roundtable and Opioid Coalition; Board Member for Tioga County Partnership for Community Health; instructor at Mansfield University Municipal Police Academy, the Pennsylvania State University Deputy Sheriffs' Academy, and the Child Welfare Resource Center. She is married with four children and seven grandchildren.

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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