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FROM: P. Kevin Brobson
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SUBJECT: Appointment of New Chief Counsel to the Pennsylvania Judicial Conduct Board

The Judicial Conduct Board of Pennsylvania has named Richard W. Long, Esquire, of Mechanicsburg, to the position of Chief Counsel, effective December 3, 2018. Mr. Long will succeed the Honorable Robert A. Graci, who confirmed in August his retirement from Commonwealth service. As Chief Counsel to the Board, Mr. Long will lead the independent judicial agency, which includes a talented team of attorneys, investigators, and support staff based in the Pennsylvania Judicial Center in Harrisburg.

According to Commonwealth Court Judge P. Kevin Brobson, who currently serves as the Board Chair, the Board began its search for a new Chief Counsel shortly after Judge Graci informed the Board of his intention to retire at the end of the year. “For the past six years, Judge Graci has honorably and faithfully served the Board and the Commonwealth as the Board’s Chief Counsel,” said Brobson. “We are grateful to Bob for his steady and ethical leadership and wish him the very best.”

Mr. Long joins the Board from the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association (PDAA), where he has served as Executive Director for the past eight years. Since May 1989, he has served in the United States Army Reserve, most recently in the Judge Advocate General’s Corps, achieving the rank of Colonel. Prior to his service with PDAA, Mr. Long held various positions with the Cleveland Browns National Football League franchise, maintained a private law practice in the Harrisburg, Pennsylvania region, and served for nearly four years as a Deputy District Attorney in Dauphin County (PA). He is a graduate of Gettysburg College (B.A.), University of Miami School of Law (J.D.), and the United States Army War College (M.S.S.).

“I am excited for the opportunity to contribute to the important work of the Judicial Conduct Board,” said Long. “The excellent reputation of the dedicated men and women of the Board and its staff is well-earned. I look forward to joining them in their mission to further the independence and integrity of our judiciary.”

Judge Brobson added: “We are thrilled to welcome Rich as our new Chief Counsel. Rich brings tremendous leadership experience and high ethical standards to the position, allowing the Board and its staff to remain focused on its mission of preserving the honor, dignity, independence and integrity of the Pennsylvania judiciary.”

ABOUT THE JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD: Created by constitutional amendment in 1993, the Judicial Conduct Board of Pennsylvania is an independent board within the Commonwealth judicial branch responsible for reviewing, investigating, and, where warranted, prosecuting complaints of judicial misconduct in the Pennsylvania Court of Judicial Discipline. The Board is comprised of volunteer members, half appointed by the Governor and half appointed by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. No more than half of the members may be from the same political party. In general, all proceedings before the Board are confidential under Article V, section 18(a)(8) of the Pennsylvania Constitution, unless the subject of the Board investigation waives confidentiality.

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