



Judicial Conduct Board
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**SUBJECT: Board Issues Statement Upon Receipt of Report by Attorney
General Regarding Emails**

Today, the Judicial Conduct Board received a copy of the report issued by the Office of Attorney General concerning the examination of certain emails sent by members of the Pennsylvania judiciary found on the servers of the Office of Attorney General.

Consistent with its obligations under the Pennsylvania Constitution, including its obligations of confidentiality, the Board will conduct an independent examination of those emails. The Board's examination will be performed in conformity with its recently announced "[Statement of Policy Regarding Electronic Communications](#)" and will take any and all steps necessary to preserve the integrity of the judiciary.

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 for any proven misconduct.

For further information about the Pennsylvania Judicial Conduct Board, please visit the Board's Website at www.jcbpa.org.

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