



Judicial Conduct Board
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**FROM: Robert A. Graci
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**SUBJECT: Appointment of New Member to the Pennsylvania Judicial
Conduct Board**

The Judicial Conduct Board of Pennsylvania is pleased to announce that on November 7, 2016, the Supreme Court appointed Arnold Terry Shienvold, Ph.D. to the twelve-member Board. As specified in the Constitution, he will serve as a non-lawyer elector of the twelve-member Board. He is registered in the Democratic Party.

The Judicial Conduct Board is an independent body of Pennsylvania citizens comprised of three judges, three lawyers and six non-lawyer, lay members. Half of the Board members are appointed by the Governor and half by the Pennsylvania 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.

Dr. Shienvold is the managing partner of Riegler, Shienvold & Associates, a comprehensive psychological practice in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He received his B.A. from Colgate University in 1972 and his M.A. and Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of Alabama in 1976 and 1977, respectively.

Dr. Shienvold has been in practice since 1980 having previously worked at Harrisburg Hospital, Polyclinic Medical Center, and Hershey Medical Center. Dr. Shienvold's practice centers around his expertise in the areas of custody evaluation, family mediation, and psychotherapy. Since 2012, he has served as a Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the Penn State College of Medicine. From 1992 through 1999, he served as an Adjunct Professor at the Widener University School of Law.

He has presented numerous lectures, seminars and workshops on custody issues and family mediation to the Dauphin County, Cumberland County, York County and Adams County Bar Associations, the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, the Pennsylvania Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, the Pennsylvania Bar Institute, the Pennsylvania Psychological Association, the Association for Conflict Resolution, and the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC). From 2004 through 2006, Dr. Shienvold sat on AFCC's "Task Force on Development of Model Standards for Custody Evaluators."

Dr. Shienvold served as president of the Association of Conflict Resolution, the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, and the Academy of Family Mediators (AFM). He also served AFM as Chair of its Ethics Committee. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Psychological Association custody workgroup and served on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court "Committee to Change the Culture of Custody in Pennsylvania" from 2005 through 2012. He is the co-author of the chapter, "Custody Evaluations," in the book, *Custody Law & Practice in Pennsylvania*. In 2011, Dr. Shienvold received the Award for Distinguished Contributions to the Science and Profession of Psychology from the Pennsylvania Psychological Association. Since 2012, he has served as a member of the Advisory Council for the Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System.

Dr. Shienvold lives in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. His four-year term on the Board will run through November 7, 2020. The Constitution prohibits Board members from serving more than four consecutive years.

Created by constitutional amendment in 1993, the Judicial Conduct Board of Pennsylvania is an independent state agency 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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