



Judicial Conduct Board
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Press Release

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SUBJECT: Appointment of New Member to the Judicial Conduct Board

The Judicial Conduct Board of Pennsylvania is pleased to announce the recent appointment of Andrew E. Masich, Ph.D., to the twelve-member Board. The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania appointed Dr. Masich to serve as a non-lawyer elector member of the Board. His four-year term commenced November 7, 2020.

The Judicial Conduct Board is an independent body of Pennsylvania citizens that comprises three judges, three lawyers, and six non-lawyer electors. 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.

Dr. Masich, of Allegheny County, serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Senator John Heinz History Center. Dr. Masich also serves as a commissioner (past chairman) of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. The History Center, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, is the largest history museum in Pennsylvania. The Historical and Museum Commission is the Commonwealth's official history agency.

Dr. Masich serves as an Adjunct Professor of History at Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, and on the steering committee of Made By Us, a national history education coalition. He serves as a member of America250PA (the Pennsylvania Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial) and as a board member of the Duquesne Club. Dr. Masich has authored or co-authored numerous books on a wide-range of American history-related topics.

Dr. Masich holds a Bachelor of Arts in History and Anthropology (double major) and a Master of Arts in History from the University of Arizona, Tucson. He earned his Doctor of Philosophy in History from Carnegie Mellon University.

Dr. Masich was appointed to succeed Arnold Shienvold, Ph.D., of Dauphin County. Dr. Shienvold's term expired November 6, 2020.

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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