

Press Release

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SUBJECT: Appointment of New Member to the Judicial Conduct Board

HARRISBURG, PA -- The Judicial Conduct Board of Pennsylvania is pleased to announce that Governor Josh Shapiro recently appointed Janine F. Macklin as a lay member to the twelvemember Board. On June 21, 2024, Ms. Macklin was sworn into office by Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice David N. Wecht. Her term runs from June 4, 2024 through May 13, 2028.

The Judicial Conduct Board is an independent body of Pennsylvania citizens that comprises three judges, three attorneys, 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.

Ms. Macklin is native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and serves as the Associate Director of Government Affairs for Duquesne University's Office of Civic Engagement and External Relations. She has served as a senior education administrator for over twenty years. Some of her experience includes: corporate relations work with Duquesne University; the Director of Federal Programs and Partnerships for an established charter school; Chief Operating Officer for a mid-sized youth workforce development agency; Faculty Clinical Instructor for the University of Pittsburgh's partnership with the State System of Higher Education (SSHE) and Pittsburgh Public Schools pertaining to the coordination of the Teacher Quality Enhancement Grant.

Ms. Macklin earned an undergraduate degree in human resources management and a master's degree in organizational leadership from Geneva College. She had the pleasure of serving on two gubernatorial transition teams: Governor-elect Shapiro's Transition Team for Higher Education and Governor-elect Wolf's Education Transition Team.

Ms. Macklin has always been passionate about volunteerism. She chaired the Pittsburgh PK-16 Council; has held board positions with the Pennsylvania Association of Federal Program Coordinators (PAFPC); the Western Pennsylvania All Service Academies Ball (ASAB); and was granted the status of Board Member Emeritus for Onyx Alliance. She also served in various leadership roles with the Pittsburgh Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. Ms. Macklin resides in Fox Chapel with her husband Warner N. Macklin III, they have three children.

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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