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Zygmunt A. Pines Appointed State Court Administrator

HARRISBURG, October 23, 2000 — Chief Justice of Pennsylvania John P. Flaherty today announced the appointment of Zygmunt A. Pines, Esq., as Court Administrator of Pennsylvania.

Pines has served as court administrator in an acting capacity since January, when he replaced former state Court Administrator Nancy M. Sobolevitch who retired after 13 years as overseer of the administrative business of the Commonwealth's judiciary.

The court administrator is an office created by the Pennsylvania Constitution, which also authorizes an administrative staff to assist the Supreme Court. The statewide administrative duties include providing technical support and research to budgeting and managing fiscal matters for the Commonwealth's 1,600 judicial employees.

Under the direction of the Chief Justice and Justices, the court administrator heads the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) in providing the necessary support for the supervision and administration of all of the Commonwealth's courts, as well as legal representation. The court administrator's office also acts as a liaison with executive and legislative branch officials and agencies.

"I've enjoyed my last several months as acting court administrator and am very grateful for the Supreme Court's expression of confidence in me," Pines said. "I look forward to supporting the court in furthering the administration of justice in Pennsylvania."

Pines had been chief legal counsel for the AOPC for eight years before assuming his current post as Pennsylvania's seventh court administrator. Prior to coming to the AOPC, the new court administrator was an assistant chief attorney for the Superior Court of Pennsylvania from 1978 to 1991 where he helped to create its Central Legal Staff. He also served as chief legal counsel to the Governor's Commission on Judicial Reform in 1987 and was an adjunct professor at both the University of Pennsylvania from 1986 to 1991 and Villanova Law School from 1984 to 1985. Pines previously had clerked for the Hon. James R. Cavanaugh and was an associate in the law firm of Raynes, McCarty, Binder & Mundy, 1975-1978.

Pines also has authored many articles for publications on criminal justice, appellate procedure and

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ethics. Pines has degrees from Wilkes University (B.A.), Cleveland State University College of Law (J.D.) and the University of Pennsylvania Law School (LL.M.).

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