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## **Pennsylvania State Court Administrator Zygmunt Pines named President of Conference of State Court Administrators**

**Williamsburg, Va. (Aug. 2, 2013)** – Pennsylvania state court administrator Zygmunt Pines has been named president of the Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA) and vice-chair of the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) Board of Directors. Both positions are one-year terms, and were announced this week in Burlington, Vermont at the annual meeting of COSCA and the Conference of Chief Justices.

“Zig Pines brings a wealth of knowledge and experience about the state courts to the NCSC Board. His work in court security and judicial reform has made a significant difference not just in his state but nationally,” said Mary C. McQueen, president of the National Center.

Pines was appointed Court Administrator of Pennsylvania in 2000 and prior to that he served as chief legal counsel for the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts from 1991-99. He served as chief counsel to the Pennsylvania Governor’s Commission on Judicial Reform and he has authored several publications on criminal justice, appellate procedures, ethics and court security. He was a member of the Centers for Disease Control/U.S. Justice Department Task Force on Public Health and Emergency Preparedness and is a member of the Justice Department’s Criminal Justice Information Services Advisory Board. He is also co-chair of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court’s Elder Law Task Force, the concept for which he originated. Pines received NCSC’s Warren E. Burger Award for Excellence in Court Administration in 2010.

The Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA) was established in 1955 and is dedicated to the improvement of state court systems. Its membership consists of the state court administrator or equivalent official in each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, and the Virgin Islands.

*The National Center for State Courts, headquartered in Williamsburg, Va., is a nonprofit court reform organization dedicated to improving the administration of justice by providing leadership and service to the state courts. Founded in 1971 by the Conference of Chief Justices and Chief Justice of the United States Warren E. Burger, NCSC provides education, training, technology, management, and research services to the nation’s state courts.*

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