

## **Press Release**

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FROM: Melissa L. Norton Chief Counsel

**SUBJECT:** Appointment of New Member to the Judicial Conduct Board

HARRISBURG, PA -- The Judicial Conduct Board of Pennsylvania is pleased to announce that the Supreme Court recently appointed Marie Conley as a lay member to the twelve-member Board. Her term commenced on June 13, 2023, and she was sworn in by Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice P. Kevin Brobson. She will serve the balance of an unexpired four-year term with eligibility for re-appointment.

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. Conley, of Dauphin County, is a consultant focusing on stakeholder and team development, event and project orchestration, and engagement and strategic communications for a variety of clients through her company, Conley Consulting, LLC.

Ms. Conley's engagement and strategic communications approach have strengthened reputations, boards, volunteer committees and donor bases. Through her event orchestration and project management, she has taken innovative concepts and transformed them into tangible results. The final outcomes create a ripple effect to produce long-term loyalties and unforgettable experiences.

In 2012, Ms. Conley was diagnosed with Cushing's Disease – a disease so rare it affects less than ten people per million each year. She authored her journey in her book, *A Cushing's Collection: A Humorous Journey Surviving Cushing's Disease, Diabetes Insipidus, and a Bilateral Adrenalectomy*, and founded The Conley Cushing's Disease Fund, fiscal sponsor TFEC. The Fund raises money to educate medical professionals on early diagnosis of Cushing's and to support and coordinate a community of Cushing's patients and their families. Ms. Conley was instrumental in the passage of legislation creating the PA Rare Disease Advisory Council in 2017 and was appointed by the Governor and legislature to serve on its board. In October 2019, she was nominated and elected as Chair. She served as Chair through November 2022 and is now Assistant Treasurer. She sits on the Board of the Cushing's Support and Research Foundation, the national organization for advocacy for Cushing's disease.

Ms. Conley was unanimously granted Governor Emerita status by the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education for her more than 13 years of service. She continues to be a guest speaker and panelist on leadership development, mentorship and stakeholder engagement.

Ms. Conley is a graduate of Bloomsburg University. She has a certificate in Organizational Leadership from Villanova University and is a Gallup-Certified CliftonStrengths® Coach. She is a volunteer for the USO at Fort Indiantown Gap. In 2023, she was recognized for her years of work on behalf of her clients and advocacy for rare disease patients as a Women of Excellence by the YWCA Greater Harrisburg.

Ms. Conley lives in Elizabethtown with her husband, Chris Lammando and their son.

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 <a href="https://www.jcbpa.org">www.jcbpa.org</a>.

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