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NEW CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN FOR COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

BOSTON, MA (November 29, 2012) -- Massachusetts' Commission on Judicial Conduct announced today that it has elected new officers. The new Chairman is Attorney Joseph D. Steinfield, a partner at the Boston law firm of Prince Lobel Tye LLP. The Commission's new Vice Chairman is the Honorable Judith Fabricant, Associate Justice of the Superior Court. Many thanks are extended to the outgoing Chairman, the Honorable Paul F. LoConto, and Vice Chairman, Attorney David J. Martel.

Attorney Steinfield was appointed a member of the Commission in 2008. Attorney Steinfield specializes in business and First Amendment litigation. In 2000, he served as special counsel to New Hampshire's House Judiciary Committee and lead counsel during the impeachment trial of the Chief Justice of the New Hampshire Supreme Court. In 1984, Attorney Steinfield was elected as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and served as its



State Chair for Massachusetts. He is currently a member of its Judiciary Committee. Attorney Steinfield is also a member of the American Law Institute and is an adjunct professor at Boston College Law School and University of New Hampshire Law School. He is a member of the City of Boston Finance Commission, previously served as Chair of the Massachusetts Clients' Security Board, and was the founding Chair of the Law Clerks' Society of the Supreme Judicial Court. Attorney Steinfield, who is a graduate of Brown University and Harvard Law School, served as Law Clerk to Justice Paul C. Reardon of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court.

Judge Fabricant was appointed to the Commission in 2010. Judge Fabricant has been an Associate Justice of the Superior Court since 1996. After graduating from Yale College and Yale Law School, Judge Fabricant clerked for the Honorable Levin Campbell of the United States Court of Appeals. She was an Associate at Hill & Barlow and an Assistant District Attorney in Wake County, North Carolina and in Essex County, Massachusetts. Judge Fabricant served as an Assistant Attorney General in Massachusetts, becoming Chief of the Government Bureau. She is Chair of the Superior Court Education Committee and past Chair of the New Justices Training and Mentoring Committee. She is a frequent presenter at court and bar education programs.

The Commission on Judicial Conduct is established and governed by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 211C. In accord with the mandate of that statute, the Commission's mission is to enforce standards of judicial conduct for Massachusetts state judges in a manner that, while respecting judicial independence, promotes public confidence in the judiciary and

preserves the integrity of the judicial process. The Commission serves as the forum for complaints alleging misconduct by judges both on and off the bench, and for allegations of mental or physical disability affecting a judge's performance. The Commission is made up of three judges appointed by the Supreme Judicial Court, three attorneys appointed by the Chief Justice of the Trial Court, and three lay people appointed by the Governor. Members serve non-renewable terms of six years. Please visit the Commission's website for more information: www.mass.gov/cjc.

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