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**NEW CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN
FOR COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT**

BOSTON, MA (November 29, 2010) -- Massachusetts' Commission on Judicial Conduct announced today that it has elected new officers. The new Chairman is the Honorable Paul F. LoConto, Regional Administrative Judge of Region 5 of the District Court Department, First Justice of Worcester District Court, and Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division of the District Court's Western District. The Commission's new Vice Chairman is David J. Martel, Esquire, a member of the firm of Doherty, Wallace, Pillsbury and Murphy, PC in Springfield. Many thanks are extended to the out-going Chairman, the Honorable Stephen E. Neel, and Vice Chairman, Professor Renée M. Landers, Esquire.

Judge LoConto was appointed a member of the Commission in 2006. He has been a Justice of the District Court Department since December, 1985. In addition, Judge LoConto has served as Regional Administrative Justice since 1999 and a member of the Western Appellate Division

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of the District Court since 1989, presently serving as the Presiding Justice. A graduate of Boston College, Judge LoConto earned his Juris Doctor degree at Suffolk University School of Law and a Masters in Law at Boston University School of Law. A former Clerk/Magistrate in the District Court, Judge LoConto has served on the District Court Committee on Caseflow Management and as a member of the Supreme Judicial Court Committee on Judicial Performance Evaluation.

Attorney Martel was appointed to the Commission in 2006. He is a graduate of the College of the Holy Cross and Catholic University Law School. He began his practice in New York City with the firm of Donovan Leisure Newton & Irvine. He has served as Town Counsel to the Town of Longmeadow since 1979 and also serves as Town Counsel to the Towns of Ludlow and Hampden. Mr. Martel is a former President of the Hampden County Bar Association. He also currently serves as Clerk and Member of the Executive Committee of the Affiliated Chambers of Commerce of Greater Springfield, as a Trustee of Springfield Cemetery and as a Director and former President of the Springfield Public Forum.

The Commission on Judicial Conduct investigates complaints of misconduct against state judges, pursuant to Mass. General Laws chapter 211C. The Commission is made up of three judges appointed by the Supreme Judicial Court, three attorneys appointed by the Chief Justice for Administration and Management, 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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