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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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The New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct announces the reappointments of Judge Thomas A. Klonick and Paul B. Harding to the Commission.

Judge Klonick has been reappointed by Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman for a fouryear term commencing April 1, 2009. Judge Klonick practices law in his own firm in Fairport and serves part-time as Town Justice of Perinton in Monroe County. He has been a member of the Commission since April 2005 and was elected Chair of the Commission in April 2008, having previously served as Vice Chair.

Mr. Harding has been reappointed by Assembly Minority Leader James Tedisco. He will also serve for a four-year term commencing April 1, 2009. Mr. Harding is the Managing Partner in the law firm of Martin, Harding & Mazzotti, LLP in Albany, and has been a member of the Commission since June 2006.

Additional information on Judge Klonick and Mr. Harding can be found on the Commission's web site, <u>www.scjc.state.ny.us</u>.

## **Background on the Commission**

The Commission was established in 1978 by the New York State Constitution to review complaints of misconduct and disability against judges and justices of the State Unified Court System and, where appropriate, to discipline publicly those judges found to have engaged in misconduct. The Commission is composed of 11 members, all of whom serve without pay. It has a full-time staff operating from offices in Albany, Rochester and New York.

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| Marvin E. Jacob, Esq.               | Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver                | March 31, 2010 |
| Hon. Jill Konviser                  | Former Governor George E. Pataki               | March 31, 2010 |
| Hon. Karen K. Peters                | Former Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye              | March 31, 2010 |
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