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Appellate Division Justice Angela M. Mazzarelli **Appointed to Judicial Conduct Commission**

Angela M. Mazzarelli, an Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, First Department, has been appointed to the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct by Chief Judge Janet DiFiore for a term to commence July 1, 2017.

Justice Mazzarelli will succeed Rolando T. Acosta on the Commission. Upon his recent designation as Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division, First Department, by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Justice Acosta announced that he would leave the Commission on June 30, 2017.

According to law, Justice Mazzarelli will complete what would have been the remainder of Judge Acosta's 4-year term on the Commission, serving through March 31, 2018, when she would be eligible for reappointment to a full 4-year term.

Justice Mazzarelli is a graduate of Brandeis University and the Columbia University School of Law, where she was a teaching fellow in property law. She served as a Judge of the New York City Criminal Court from 1985 to 1988, when she was designated as an Acting Supreme Court Justice. She has served as an elected

Supreme Court Justice since 1992. She presently serves as a Justice of the Appellate Division, First Department, having been appointed in 1994.

Prior to her judicial career, Justice Mazzarelli served as a lawyer for Bronx Legal Services, as a Law Assistant in the Civil Term of the Supreme Court in Manhattan, and later as a Principal Law Clerk to a state Supreme Court Justice. She also was a partner in the law firm Wresien & Mazzarelli, specializing in civil litigation.

Justice Mazzarelli is a member of the New York State Commission on Forensic Science and is the Chair of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Practising Law Institute. She serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Organization of Italian American Women and was a member and co-vice Chair of the New York Pattern Jury Instructions Committee for over ten years.

Additional information on Justice Mazzarelli and the other members of the Commission can be found on the Commission's website: www.cjc.ny.gov.

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. The Governor appoints four members (two of whom must be non-lawyers/non-judges), the Chief Judge of the State of New York appoints three members (all of whom must be judges) and the four leaders of the State Legislature appoint one each.

The Commission has a full-time staff operating from offices in New York City, Albany and Rochester.

MEMBERS OF THE STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Member	Appointing Authority	Term End
Joseph W. Belluck, Esq., Chair	Governor Andrew M. Cuomo	March 31, 2020
Paul B. Harding, Esq., Vice Chair	Assembly Minority Leader Brian M. Kolb	March 31, 2021
Hon. Rolando T. Acosta ¹	Former Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman	June 30, 2017
Joel Cohen, Esq.	Former Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver	March 31, 2018
Jodie Corngold	Governor Andrew M. Cuomo	March 31, 2019
Hon. John A. Falk	Chief Judge Janet DiFiore	March 31, 2021
Taa R. Grays, Esq.	Senate Minority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins	March 31, 2020
Hon. Leslie G. Leach	Chief Judge Janet DiFiore	March 31, 2020
Hon. Angela M. Mazzarelli ²	Chief Judge Janet DiFiore	March 31, 2018
Richard A. Stoloff, Esq.	Former Senate President Pro Tem Dean Skelos	March 31, 2019
Hon. David A. Weinstein	Governor Andrew M. Cuomo	March 31, 2018
Akosua Garcia Yeboah	Governor Andrew M. Cuomo	March 31, 2021

¹ Justice Acosta will serve through June 30, 2017

² Justice Mazzarelli's term will commence July 1, 2017.