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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Governor Hochul Reappoints Judicial Conduct Commission Chair Joseph W. Belluck**

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Joseph W. Belluck, founding partner of the Manhattan law firm of Belluck & Fox, LLP, has been reappointed to the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct by Governor Kathy Hochul, for a four-year term commencing April 1, 2024. Of the 11 Commission members, four are appointed by the Governor, three by the Chief Judge, and four by the leaders of the Legislature.

Mr. Belluck was first appointed to the Commission in 2008 by then-Governor David A. Paterson. He has served as Chair since 2016, by election of the Commission every two years, pursuant to statute.

Mr. Belluck is a graduate of the State University of New York at Binghamton and the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Law, where he served as Articles Editor of the Buffalo Law Review.

Mr. Belluck's law practice focuses on asbestos and serious injury litigation. He previously served as counsel to the New York State Attorney General, representing the State of New York in its litigation against the tobacco industry, as a judicial law clerk for Justice Lloyd Doggett of the Texas Supreme Court, as staff

attorney for Public Citizen in Washington, D.C., and as Director of Attorney Services for Trial Lawyers Care, an organization dedicated to providing free legal assistance to victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Mr. Belluck has lectured frequently on asbestos, product liability, tort law and tobacco control policy. He is an active member of several bar associations, including the New York State Trial Lawyers Association and was a recipient of the New York State Bar Association's Legal Ethics Award. He is also a member of the SUNY Board of Trustees, Chair of the New York State Cannabis Advisory Board, and sits on the board of several not-for-profit organizations.

Additional information on Mr. Belluck and the other members of the Commission can be found on the Commission's website: [www.cjc.ny.gov](http://www.cjc.ny.gov).

### **Statement by Commission Chair Joseph W. Belluck**

"I am grateful to Governor Hochul for reappointing me to the Judicial Conduct Commission, and I am honored to continue its important work and constitutional mission: to oversee judicial ethics-enforcement professionally and fairly throughout New York State."

### **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**

| <b>Member</b>                  | <b>Appointing Authority</b>                     | <b>Term End</b> |
|--------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| Joseph W. Belluck, Esq., Chair | Governor Kathy Hochul                           | March 31, 2028  |
| Taa Grays, Esq., Vice Chair    | Senate President Pro Tem Andrea Stewart-Cousins | March 31, 2027  |
| Hon. Fernando M. Camacho       | Former Chief Judge Janet DiFiore                | March 31, 2024  |
| Brian C. Doyle, Esq.           | Senate Minority Leader Robert G. Ort            | March 31, 2024  |
| Hon. John A. Falk              | Former Chief Judge Janet DiFiore                | March 31, 2025  |
| Hon. Robert J. Miller          | Governor Kathy Hochul                           | March 31, 2026  |
| Nina M. Moore, Ph.D.           | Governor Kathy Hochul                           | March 31, 2027  |
| Marvin Ray Raskin, Esq.        | Assembly Speaker Carl E. Heastie                | March 31, 2026  |
| Graham B. Seiter, Esq.         | Assembly Minority Leader William A. Barclay     | March 31, 2025  |
| Hon. Anil C. Singh             | Chief Judge Rowan D. Wilson                     | March 31, 2026  |
| Akosua Garcia Yeboah           | Former Governor Andrew M. Cuomo                 | March 31, 2025  |