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Schwager and Leonard appointed new chair and vice-chair of the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

Harrisburg. The Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has appointed David E. Schwager of Luzerne County chair and Douglas W. Leonard of Cranberry Township, Butler County vice chair. Both appointments are effective April 1, 2017.

Schwager, who has practiced law for 28 years and is a partner at the law firm of Chariton, Schwager & Malak in Wilkes-Barre, has served on the board since 2012, most recently as vice chair.

Leonard is currently the director of consulting services for iMapSolutions and was initially appointed to the Disciplinary Board in 2008 to fill one of its two non-attorney member positions.

The Disciplinary Board was created by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania to review conduct and assure compliance by all attorneys to the Pennsylvania Rules of Professional Conduct. The board assists the Supreme Court in the licensing and discipline of attorneys in Pennsylvania. Its mission is to protect the general public, maintain a high standard of integrity in the legal profession and safeguard the reputation of the courts of Pennsylvania.

Disciplinary Board members, which include 11 attorneys and two non-lawyers from across the Commonwealth, meet regularly to decide cases, policies and board administrative matters. All members of the Disciplinary Board serve as unpaid volunteers.

"It is humbling to receive the Supreme Court's appointment to serve as chair of the Disciplinary Board," said Schwager. "You realize what a tremendous responsibility the board, as an arm of our Supreme Court, has in protecting the public from unscrupulous attorneys and in preserving the integrity of the bar and of our legal system. It is gratifying to serve on the board and work with some of the finest professionals in Pennsylvania."

Schwager's law practice focuses on real estate, title insurance, real estate taxation, business law, commercial litigation, municipal law and creditors' rights. He holds numerous volunteer positions, including treasurer of the Middle District (PA) Bankruptcy Bar Association, member of the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Bar Institute, and life fellow and member of the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation. Schwager serves as treasurer of the Pennsylvania Bar Association (PBA).

A past assistant district attorney for Luzerne County, Schwager is chair of the Kingston Borough Zoning Hearing Board and an assistant Luzerne County solicitor and has represented various municipal authorities

and municipalities. He is treasurer of Ecumenical Enterprises, Inc.; president of the B'nai B'rith Apartments Housing Foundation; and a member of the boards of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry and the Greater Wilkes-Barre Growth Partnership.

Leonard has more than 20 years of experience working with the executives of well-recognized domestic and global companies such as Boeing, Schlumberger, Cobham, NASA, United Launch Alliance, State Farm, Aramark and the Centers for Disease Control as well as many mid-size and smaller organizations.

Leonard has served as an executive in various organizations, including a hospital laboratory software development company, an industrial engineering firm and a Pittsburgh law firm. He was also the executive administrator of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County for six years, serving five terms on the board of directors and one year as president of the Pennsylvania Association of Court Management.

"I am honored by the court's appointment and am committed to continuing to use my unique background to provide a vastly different perspective to case evaluation and disposition," said Leonard. "In light of my extensive experience in organizational management, I am committed to continuing to work with the board and the staff to transform the way in which the board and its offices operate."

For more information about the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, visit the board's website at www.padboard.org.

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