

Press Release

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DAVID S. PAULL, BOARD EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, TO RETIRE

The Minnesota Board on Judicial Standards announces the retirement of David S. Paull as Board Executive Secretary, effective January 3, 2014. Mr. Paull's career as Board Executive Secretary has spanned 15 years, beginning in 1998. During that time, although the work load of the Executive Secretary's office tripled, Mr. Paull effectively managed that work load without an increase in permanent staff. As Executive Secretary, Mr. Paull was responsible for receiving complaints of judicial misconduct, making preliminary evaluations of those complaints, conducting investigations, recommending dispositions to the Board and coordinating outside investigations and formal processing of complaints. As Executive Secretary, Mr. Paull was also charged with maintaining the Board's records, preparation of annual reports, managing the Board's finances, education of the judiciary and the public on the Code of Judicial Conduct, and outreach. Mr. Paull was the Board's point of contact with the public.

"Over his nearly 15 years of service for the Board on Judicial Standards, David has been highly proficient in managing the Board's business, and ensuring that complaints presented to the Board have been investigated and assessed in a fair and accurate manner," said the Honorable Vicki Landwehr, Board Chair. "In my experience, David's work has always been mission-driven, that mission being to ensure that Minnesota maintains its high standards of independence, fairness, and impartiality in its judicial officers. We are grateful for David's many years of service to the Board and wish him every success in his future endeavors."

Former Board Chair, Bill Egan, stated, "In the seven years that I have served on the Board, I have always been impressed with David's diligence and productivity. David is the Board's primary point of contact with the public and the judiciary, and the volume of work that has come through David's office has been significant. David has always been mindful that all persons interacting with the Board have a right to be heard and their positions considered in a fair and impartial manner."

"My service with the Board has provided me opportunities to recognize and appreciate the importance of its work," Paull said. "The Board makes a singular and necessary contribution to maintaining the public's confidence in the impartiality and integrity of our system of justice. By functioning as the state's only official forum for resolving allegations of misconduct or disability, the Board advances our collective notions of propriety by processing complaints and educating our judges and citizens."

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The Minnesota Board on Judicial Standards is an independent state agency that receives and acts upon complaints about Minnesota judges for judicial misconduct or wrongdoing. The Board also handles judicial disability matters, issues advisory opinions, and educates judges and others about judicial ethics. The Board is currently undergoing a search for a new Executive Secretary. Application information can be found on the Board's website, www.bjs.state.mn.us.