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News Release

Commission Hires New Executive Director

PHOENIX – The Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct named Margaret H. Downie as its new executive director following the retirement of George A. Riemer on October 31, 2017. Downie comes to the Commission with extensive experience in the field of legal and judicial ethics.

Downie served for 20 years as a member of the Arizona judiciary, beginning as a Court Commissioner for the Maricopa County Superior Court in 1997. In 1999, Governor Jane Dee Hull appointed Downie as a judge on that court. In 2008, she was appointed to the Arizona Court of Appeals, Division One, by Governor Janet Napolitano.

As a judge, Downie was a member of numerous committees and commissions, including the Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee, the Commission on Judicial Conduct, the Court Leadership Institute of Arizona, and the City of Mesa’s Judicial Advisory Board. Before joining the bench, Downie worked in the lawyer regulation department of the State Bar of Arizona, ultimately serving as Chief Bar Counsel. She was in private practice with the firm of Jennings, Strouss & Salmon in Phoenix from 1984-1988. She received her *juris doctorate* degree, *magna cum laude*, from Georgetown University Law Center in 1984.

Downie began work as the Commission’s new executive director on November 1, 2017. She will also serve as the staff director of the Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee.

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