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**FREDERICK W. IOBST APPOINTED
CHIEF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL
BY DELAWARE SUPREME COURT**

The Delaware Supreme Court has appointed Frederick W. Iobst, Esquire as the new Chief Disciplinary Counsel in the Office of Disciplinary Counsel to succeed Andrea L. Rocanelli who formerly held the post prior to her appointment as a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas. Prior to his appointment as Chief Disciplinary Counsel, Mr. Iobst was a partner at the Wilmington law firm of Young, Conaway, Stargatt & Taylor.

The Office of Disciplinary Counsel is an Arm of the Delaware Supreme Court. The primary purpose of the Office of Disciplinary Counsel is to protect the public from lawyer misconduct by assisting the Court in the regulation of lawyer conduct. Delaware lawyers are required to conform their conduct with and adhere to the Delaware Lawyers' Rules of Professional Conduct as promulgated by the Court. The Office of Disciplinary Counsel evaluates, investigates and, if warranted, prosecutes lawyer misconduct through proceedings with the Preliminary Review Committee, the Board on Professional Responsibility and the Delaware Supreme Court.

Chief Justice Myron T. Steele, speaking on behalf of the Court, said: "The Bar and citizens of Delaware are indeed fortunate that such a highly respected and experienced lawyer as Fred Iobst has accepted the Court's offer to become Chief Disciplinary Counsel. We are confident that he will serve with distinction in his new position."

Mr. Iobst joined Young Conaway in 1974 after a two-year federal clerkship with Judge Edwin D. Steel, Jr. He is a member of the Delaware Bar, an inactive member of the Pennsylvania Bar, and has been admitted to the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court. His early litigation experience involved frequent trials of insurance defense and workers' compensation cases, but over 20 years ago he began focusing on representing injured plaintiffs and their families. He served frequently as an arbitrator and mediator and in recent years, as a Hearing Officer for the Delaware Department of Insurance.

Within his firm, Mr. Iobst has served as a member of the Management Committee, Chair of the Associate and Hiring Committees, and Leader of the Personal Injury Section. He has been active in the Delaware Trial Lawyers Association for over a decade, serving as President in 2001-2002, and as a Charter Member in the Delaware Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates where he served as National Representative. His service with DTLA frequently took him to Legislative Hall in Dover for meetings with elected officials and other state officers to discuss pending legislative relevant to the civil justice system and the right to trial by jury. He currently serves as Chair of the Board of Bar Examiners of the Delaware Supreme Court. He was appointed by then Chief Justice Veasey to serve on the Court Resources Task Force in 2002.

In 2002, Mr. Iobst handled, on a pro bono basis, the representation of New York victims of the 9/11 World Trade Center tragedy. He prepared and filed an application on behalf of a firefighter's widow and children for compensation before the Victims Compensation Fund in Washington, D.C.

Apart from work, Mr. Iobst is active in church, community and alumni associations, having served as Chair of the 2006-2008 Delaware Campaign for Villanova Law School's new building, and past Chair of several non-profit Boards and Agencies. His wife, Jane, and he have 3 children.

Mr. Iobst will assume the duties of his position on October 15, 2009.

For further information, please contact Stephen D. Taylor, Court Administrator of the Delaware Supreme Court at 302-577-8742.