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**JENNIFER-KATE M. AARONSON APPOINTED
CHIEF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL
BY DELAWARE SUPREME COURT**

The Delaware Supreme Court has appointed Jennifer-Kate M. Aaronson, Esquire as the new Chief Disciplinary Counsel in the Office of Disciplinary Counsel to succeed Frederick W. Iobst, Esquire. Before her appointment as Chief Disciplinary Counsel, Ms. Aaronson was a partner at the Wilmington law firm of Aaronson & Collins, LLC. Ms. Aaronson will assume the duties of her position on September 4, 2012.

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 ultimately the Delaware Supreme Court.

Justice Jack B. Jacobs, speaking on behalf of the Court, said: "The Court is extremely pleased that Jennifer-Kate Aaronson has accepted the position of Chief Disciplinary Counsel. We believe that she will be a worthy successor to the distinguished lawyers who have previously held this position. The Court looks forward to a productive professional relationship with Ms. Aaronson."

Ms. Aaronson was an associate at Potter, Carmine & Aaronson in Wilmington from 1997 through 2007. From 2007 to the present, she is the managing partner and founder of Aaronson & Collins, LLC. She 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 and the United States Supreme Court. Her early litigation experience was in criminal defense cases and personal injury cases. At her present firm, she is primarily involved with criminal defense work with a concentration on death penalty trials and appellate work as well as some personal injury cases.

Ms. Aaronson graduated cum laude from Messiah College in Grantham, PA in 1992 with a Bachelor of Arts degree, and cum laude from the Widener University School of Law in Wilmington, DE. She is a member of the Delaware State Bar Association, the National Association of Trial Lawyers of America, the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the Delaware Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and an inactive member of the Delaware Trial Lawyers Association.

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