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THOMAS C. VASALY, APPOINTED AS NEW BOARD EXECUTIVE SECRETARY,

The Minnesota Board on Judicial Standards is pleased to announce the appointment of Thomas C. Vasaly as the Board's Executive Secretary. The appointment is effective January 6, 2014. Mr. Vasaly succeeds David S. Paull, who has retired.

The Executive Secretary performs duties prescribed by the Board. Among these are evaluating and investigating complaints, recommending actions, providing informal advisory opinions to judges, and administering the Board's office. The Board is authorized by law to deal with allegations of misconduct and disability regarding judges. The Board also educates judges and the public regarding judicial ethics.

Mr. Vasaly has served as an Assistant Attorney General for the last twenty years. In that capacity, he represented the State of Minnesota in civil litigation. He has represented many state boards, including the Judicial Board. From 1986 to 1993, Mr. Vasaly served as First Assistant Director of the Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility. From 1974 to 1986, Mr. Vasaly was a Legal Aid attorney. Mr. Vasaly received his law and undergraduate degrees from the University of Minnesota.