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## FORMER ETHICS PANEL CHAIR NAMED AS NEW SCI COMMISSIONER

TRENTON – A. Todd Mayo, the former chairman of the panel charged with overseeing ethics matters for the New Jersey Legislature, has been appointed by Senate President Nicholas P. Scutari to serve as a Commissioner of the New Jersey State Commission of Investigation.

Mr. Mayo, a former municipal court judge and workers compensation judge who has practiced law in New Jersey for the past three decades, was sworn in during a brief ceremony at the Commission's offices on Tuesday. His colleagues on the Commission, an independent watchdog agency that investigates organized crime, government waste and corruption, are Chair John P. Lacey, Kevin R. Reina and Joseph E. Kelley.

"Todd Mayo is a welcome addition to the Commission," said Chair Lacey. "He brings a wealth of legal experience, leadership and a strong commitment to ethics and integrity that will be a tremendous asset in his work as Commissioner."

Mr. Mayo is the founder of Mayo Law, PA in East Brunswick a private law firm which specializes in personal injury and workers compensation.

For the past three years, Mr. Mayo was Chairman of the Joint Legislative Committee on Ethical Standards, a post he resigned to take on his new assignment at the SCI.

A United States Air Force Veteran and graduate of Kean University, Mr. Mayo earned his law degree from Western Michigan University Law School. He is a member of the New Jersey Bar Association.

Under the SCI's enabling statute, the Governor has the authority to appoint two Commissioners and designate the Chair. The President of the State Senate and the Speaker of the General Assembly each appoint one member.

Mr. Mayo replaces Robert Burzichelli, who had served on the Commission since 2014.

"We extend our deepest gratitude to Commissioner Robert Burzichelli for his years of dedicated service to the SCI. Throughout his tenure, Commissioner Burzichelli has played a vital role in overseeing numerous reports and has made invaluable contributions to our agency," said Chair Lacey. "His leadership, insight, and commitment to our work have been instrumental in shaping the SCI."

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The State Commission of Investigation is an independent New Jersey watchdog agency established in 1968 to investigate organized crime and corruption, waste of tax money

and other abuses of the public trust. Copies of public reports are available at the Commission's offices or via its Web site at <a href="www.nj.gov/sci">www.nj.gov/sci</a>.