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SCI Appoints Veteran Federal Prosecutor Bruce P. Keller as Executive Director

TRENTON – The New Jersey State Commission of Investigation (SCI) announced today the appointment of Bruce P. Keller, a seasoned federal prosecutor with a distinguished career spanning both public service and private practice, as its next Executive Director.

Following an extensive search featuring numerous highly qualified candidates, the Commission selected Mr. Keller, citing his deep investigative experience, proven leadership, and unwavering commitment to public integrity as critical assets for guiding the SCI's work.

"Mr. Keller brings a wealth of expertise in the areas central to our mission: organized crime, corruption, fraud, waste, and abuse of public funds," said Commission Chair John P. Lacey. "We are confident his leadership will strengthen our efforts to protect taxpayers and uphold government integrity."

Joining Mr. Lacey in the unanimous decision were fellow Commissioners Kevin R. Reina, Joseph E. Kelley, and A. Todd Mayo. After building a high-profile intellectual property litigation practice at Debevoise & Plimpton, Mr. Keller became an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey. He has held several positions since joining in 2015, including as Special Counsel to former U.S. Attorneys Craig Carpenito, Philip R. Sellinger and former Acting U.S. Attorney Vikas Khanna. During his tenure, he helped steer some of the office's most complex, high-stakes investigations, prosecutions and appeals.

Expressing enthusiasm for his new role, Mr. Keller said, "I'm honored to lead an institution with such a storied record of exposing wrongdoing, advancing reforms and protecting the public. I look forward to building on that legacy with the dedicated professionals at the SCI."

Created by the New Jersey Legislature more than 56 years ago, the SCI is an independent watchdog agency, uniquely empowered to conduct thorough fact-finding investigations and report directly to the public—without political interference or partisan objectives.

"The Commission's independence is its greatest strength," Keller added. "Its ability to follow the facts wherever they lead has earned it the trust of the people of New Jersey. That commitment to fearless, nonpartisan inquiry will continue to guide our work."

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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 www.nj.gov/sci.