August 4, 2010

Professor Paul R. Verkuil, Chair
Administrative Conference of the United States

The National Conference of the Administrative Law Judiciary congratulates you on your appointment as Chair of the recently revived Administrative Conference of the United States. Our Conference, one of several within the Judicial Division of the American Bar Association, consists of hundreds of administrative law adjudicators from across the country who adjudicate cases on a daily basis within the executive branches of Federal, state, and local government. We anticipate that recreation of your agency will greatly enhance the opportunity for in-depth research and collaboration concerning the administrative law process and coordination of ongoing and future efforts to improve that process, including administrative law adjudication.

In this vein, our Conference offers itself as a resource to assist A.C.U.S. in its efforts to improve the administrative law process in this country. Please contact us at any time to collaborate on issues, projects, or initiatives in furtherance of this cause.

Yours truly,

R. Bryan McDaniel, Chair

Thomas W. Snook, Chair-Elect
October 5, 2010

Honorable R. Bryan McDaniel  
Chair  
U.S. Department of Interior  
Interior Board of Land Appeals  
801 N Quincy Street, Suite 300  
Arlington, VA 22203-1710

Honorable Thomas W. Snook  
Chair-Elect  
Social Security Administration  
333 S. Miami Avenue, Suite 800  
Miami, FL 33130

Dear Judges McDaniel and Snook:

Thank you for your kind letter introducing the National Conference and yourselves and congratulating me on my appointment as Chairman of ACUS. It will be a pleasure to work with you.

In that connection, your Conference has been designated as a liaison member of the Administrative Conference so you will be connected to us in a formal way. We will be in touch with more details.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Paul R. Verkuil  
Chairman
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A Commitment to Collaborative Government
Administrative Conference of the United States Announces Public Members

Washington, D.C., September 28, 2010 – The Administrative Conference of the United States (ACUS), the newly-revived independent federal agency providing authoritative, nonpartisan legal advice and expertise on administrative law and federal regulatory procedures, today announced its intent to appoint public members.

“These forty distinguished citizens, who together have hundreds of years of high-level experience in the government and private enterprise, have agreed to contribute their expertise and energies toward this project in collaborative governance,” said Paul R. Verkuil, Chairman. “In a world where the news cycle runs at 100 mph and bloggers, pundits, and politicians shout past each other, we are creating a forum where a politically balanced group of experts from the public and private sectors will team up to make government work better for everyone.”

These individuals will join fifty senior federal officials and notable administrative law experts (as senior fellows) to form the Administrative Conference, an in-house federal laboratory designed to optimize the performance of federal agencies. The Conference’s mission is to improve how federal agencies interact with citizens and business in regulatory and adjudicatory functions. When President Obama announced the reestablishment of the Administrative Conference on July 8, 2010, he called it “a public-private partnership designed to make government work better.”

ACUS will help improve agency performance and responsiveness by emphasizing the values of efficiency, fairness, and satisfaction. Over the years, the Conference has approved more than 200 recommendations for improved agency decision-making, enlightened judicial oversight of the administrative process and creative statutory proposals. ACUS is an institution designed to produce recommendations that will last beyond the term of any single presidential administration.

“The Conference will succeed or fail based on its reputation for objectivity and balance,” said the Chairman. “That is why we have selected experts with a broad range of experience, from liberal to conservative, both academics and practitioners, to work through the challenges facing our government. Moreover, recognizing that experts don’t have all the answers, the Conference will use the latest Web 2.0 technologies to share data and solicit input from the public.”

The reestablished Administrative Conference is ready to support new solutions to the delivery of government services, new ways to improve the effectiveness of government oversight, and new ideas for making government less intrusive and costly.

The following are the public members the Council intends to appoint to assist in this mission:

Fred W. Alvarez
Partner, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, San Francisco, CA
Assistant Secretary of Labor (1987-89) and EEOC Commissioner (1984-87)

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Jodie Z. Bernstein
Of Counsel, Kelley Drye & Warren LLP, Washington, DC
Director, FTC Bureau of Consumer Protection (1995-2001)
General Counsel, EPA (1977-79) and Department of Health and Human Services (1979-80)

James Ming Chen
Dean and Professor of Law, Louis D. Brandeis School of Law, University of Louisville

John F. Cooney
Partner, Venable LLP, Washington, DC
Assistant and Deputy General Counsel for Litigation and Regulatory Affairs, OMB (1982-87)

Walter Dellinger
Partner, O'Melveny & Myers LLP, Washington, DC
Acting Solicitor General (1996-97); Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel (1993-96)

Susan E. Dudley
Research Professor, Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration
The George Washington University
Administrator, OMB Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (2007-09)

Christopher Edley, Jr.
William H. Orrick Jr. Distinguished Chair and Dean, UC Berkeley School of Law
Associate Director, Office of Management and Budget (1993-95)

Cynthia R. Farina
Professor, Cornell Law School
Principal Researcher, e-Rulemaking Initiative

David C. Frederick
Partner, Kellogg, Huber, Hansen, Todd, Evans & Figel, Washington, DC
Assistant to the Solicitor General (1996-2001)

Jody Freeman
Archibald Cox Professor of Law, Harvard Law School
White House Counselor for Energy and Climate Change (2009-10)

H. Russell Frisby, Jr.
Partner, Stinson Morrison Heckler LLP, Washington, DC
Former Chair, ABA Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice

Patti Goldman
Vice President for Litigation, Earthjustice

Philip J. Harter
Professor of Law Emeritus, University of Missouri
Former Chair, ABA Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice
Senior Staff Attorney, Administrative Conference of the United States (1975-77)

Michael E. Herz
Professor of Law, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law
Chair Elect, ABA Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice

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James E. Johnson
Partner, Debevoise & Plimpton, New York, NY
Under Secretary of the Treasury for Enforcement (1998-2001)

John M. Kamensky
Senior Fellow, IBM Center for the Business of Government
Former Deputy Director, National Partnership for Reinventing Government

Peter D. Keisler
Partner, Sidley Austin, Washington, DC
Acting Attorney General (2007); Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division (2003-07)

Simon Lazarus
Public Policy Counsel, National Senior Citizens Law Center
Associate Director, White House Domestic Policy Staff (1977-81)

Ronald M. Levin
Henry Hitchcock Professor of Law, Washington University School of Law
Former Chair, ABA Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice

Carl Malamud
President and Founder, Public.Resource.Org
Founder, Law.Gov

Jerry L. Mashaw
Sterling Professor of Law, Yale Law School

Randolph J. May
President, Free State Foundation
Former Chair, ABA Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice

Doris Meissner
Senior Fellow and Director, US Immigration Policy Program, Migration Policy Institute
Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service (1993-2000)

Nina Mendelson
Professor of Law, University of Michigan Law School

Gillian E. Metzger
Professor of Law, Columbia Law School

David W. Ogden
Partner, Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr
Deputy Attorney General (2009-10); Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division (1999-2001)

John A. Payton
President and Director-Counsel, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.
Former President, D.C. Bar

Richard J. Pierce, Jr.
Lyle T. Alverson Professor of Law, The George Washington University Law School

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Michael K. Powell
Senior Advisor, Providence Equity Partners

Saikrishna B. Prakash
Sullivan & Cromwell Professor of Law, University of Virginia Law School

Richard L. Revesz
Dean and Lawrence King Professor of Law, New York University School of Law

Alasdair S. Roberts
Rappaport Professor of Law and Public Policy, Suffolk University Law School
Fellow, National Academy of Public Administration

Teresa Wynn Roseborough
Deputy General Counsel, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company
Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel (1994-96)

Lisa Schultz Bressman
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor of Law, Vanderbilt University Law School

Max Stier
President and CEO, Partnership for Public Service
Deputy General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development (1999-2001)
Fellow, National Academy of Public Administration

Larry D. Thompson
Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Pepsico
Deputy Attorney General (2001-03)

James J. Tozzi
Member, Board of Directors, Center for Regulatory Effectiveness
Assistant Director, Office of Management and Budget (1977-80)
Deputy Administrator, OMB Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (1980-83)

John Vittone
Chief Administrative Law Judge, Department of Labor (Retired)
Administrative Law Section Delegate, ABA Board of Governors

Helgi C. Walker
Wiley Rein, Washington, DC
Associate Counsel to the President (2001-03)

Allison M. Zieve
Director, Public Citizen Litigation Group

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About ACUS

The Administrative Conference of the United States is an independent federal agency dedicated to improving the federal administrative process through consensus-driven, applied research, representing an ideal in government administration by providing thoughtful, nonpartisan, authoritative legal advice and expertise on administrative law and federal regulatory procedures.

With membership composed of innovative federal officials and experts from the private industry and academia, the Conference promotes improvements in the efficiency, fairness and transparency of procedures by which federal agencies conduct regulatory programs, administer grants and benefits, and perform related governmental functions.

The Conference is committed to promoting effective public participation and efficiency in the rulemaking process by leveraging interactive technologies and encouraging open communication with the public as well as making improvements to the regulatory process by reducing unnecessary litigation, improving the use of science and improving the use of applicable laws. Learn more at www.acus.gov.

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