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NANCIE M. GIVENS HIRED AS DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

Nancie M. Givens has been hired by the Supreme Court as Director of its Office of Professional Programs. Givens replaces Christopher Thomas, who planned to retire this spring, but died unexpectedly in December. Givens has worked for the Office of Professional Conduct since 1994 and is currently the deputy director for that office. She will begin her new role on March 25.

The position is “an opportunity to continue to work for the Supreme Court in attorney licensing matters,” Givens said, but “at the beginning stages of the process as opposed to the later stages, often times.” The Office of Professional Conduct investigates allegations of attorney misconduct. Givens said she was already familiar with the Office of Professional Programs and its procedures, having worked with the staff and Thomas for years during her career with the Professional Conduct Committee.

J.D. Gingerich, Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts, said, “We are pleased to have the opportunity to welcome Ms. Givens in her new position and benefit from her many years of experience with issues involving the Supreme Court’s regulation of the practice of law. The Court is also thankful for the outstanding leadership which has been provided since Mr. Thomas’ death by Interim Director Jaletta Smith and the other members of the Professional Programs staff.”

The Office of Professional Programs provides staff and administrative support to the State Board of Law Examiners and the Continuing Legal Education Board. Responsibilities include administering the state bar exam twice a year for prospective attorneys; Court Reporter education; the Professional Practicum; and Attorney Ad Litem continuing education programs, all in accordance with the Supreme Court Rules and Regulations.

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