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**FORMER KENTUCKY REGISTRY OF ELECTION FINANCE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
RECEIVES OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD FROM COUNCIL ON GOVERNMENTAL
ETHICS LAWS (COGEL)**

Frankfort, KY, December 8, 2014 - Sarah M. Jackson, former Executive Director of the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance, has received the 2014 Outstanding Service Award from the Council on Governmental Ethics Laws (COGEL). The award was announced at COGEL's 36th annual conference being held in Pittsburgh, PA this week.

Jackson, who recently retired after more than fifteen (15) years of service as the Registry's Executive Director, was recognized for dedication and contributions to COGEL. COGEL is an international professional organization for government agencies, organizations and individuals with responsibilities or interests in governmental ethics, elections, campaign finance, lobbying and freedom of information laws. Jackson is a past president of COGEL and has served on the organization's Steering and Program Committees.



COGEL's mission is to enhance the professional development of its members and to promote government integrity throughout the world. In addition to her involvement in COGEL, Jackson was selected by the University of Kentucky's Martin School of Public Policy & Administration and the United States Department of State to participate in a 3-week program in Indonesia. Jackson is a 2014 graduate of Leadership Kentucky. She previously held several positions in Kentucky state government and worked for the law firm, McBrayer, McGinnis, Leslie and Kirkland.

A native Kentuckian, Jackson is a 1982 graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Law. She completed undergraduate studies at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, and spent one summer of studies at Oxford University in Oxford, England.

"Sarah has earned this award for her commitment and dedication to COGEL," said Kentucky Registry of Election Finance Chairman Craig C. Dilger. "Sarah has been a tremendous asset to COGEL and a true professional as the Registry's Executive Director. I am thrilled COGEL has recognized her efforts, energy, years of service and contributions with this award." said Dilger.

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