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KENTUCKY REGISTRY OF ELECTION FINANCE APPOINTS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Kentucky Registry of Election Finance has appointed John R. Steffen as Executive Director. Steffen currently serves as the Executive Director of the Kentucky Executive Branch Ethics Commission, where he also served as General Counsel from 2004-2008.

Steffen is also a Major in the United States Army Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps, where he has served as a Reservist since 2000. He is a veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom, having been assigned to active duty from 2003-2004 and 2008-2009. During his first assignment as Chief of Administrative Law for the Camp Atterbury Maneuver Training Center, he was awarded the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. During his second assignment, Steffen was Chief of the Legal Assistance Office with the 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Kentucky. During this assignment, he was awarded the Air Assault Badge.

Prior to service at the Executive Branch Ethics Commission, Steffen was Assistant General Counsel for the Finance and Administration Cabinet, and also served as a Staff Attorney for the Public Service Commission and the Labor Cabinet.

“John is uniquely qualified for the position of executive director at the Registry, said Registry Chairman Craig Dilger, a Louisville attorney. “His range of experiences will quickly prove to be a tremendous resource, not only for Registry Members and staff, but also for candidates, committees, the media and the public.”

Steffen earned a BA in History and Government from Centre College and received his JD from the University of Kentucky College of Law. His military education includes JAG Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Air Assault School, the Intermediate Level Education Course, and the Defense Strategy Course.

Steffen is a member of the Kentucky Bar Association, and is admitted to practice before the Kentucky Supreme Court, the Sixth Circuit United States Court of Appeals, and the United States District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky. He resides in Georgetown with his wife and four children.

The Executive Director position with the Registry was previously held by Sarah M. Jackson, who retired in the fall of 2014.

The Registry is charged with administering Kentucky's campaign finance laws, including those relating to gubernatorial slates and statewide candidates who are running for election this year. Kentucky law requires the disclosure by a gubernatorial slate or candidate of contributions to and expenditures by the campaign.