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REGISTRY CHAIRMAN BEGINS NINTH CONSECUTIVE TERM

FRANKFORT, KY -- Louisville attorney Craig C. Dilger will begin serving an unprecedented ninth consecutive one-year term as chairman of the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance on December 17, 2015. He was unanimously re-elected to continue to serve in this capacity at the Registry's September 24, 2015, meeting. His service as chairman continues to mark the longest continuous period of service as chairman in the Registry's history.

Dilger, a Republican, was first appointed to the Registry by then-Gov. Fletcher from names submitted by organizations demonstrating a nonpartisan interest in fair elections and informed voting. He was re-appointed to the Registry by Gov. Beshear on October 29, 2008 and again on November 21, 2012. He previously served two consecutive terms as vice-chairman of the Registry.

Following his re-election, Dilger said, "I am honored to continue to serve as Chairman of the Registry. With my re-election as chairman, the importance of our work here at the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance and our role in the electoral process reminds me of how important this agency is to maintaining fair and transparent elections. I appreciate the faith and support of the Board in electing me to serve my Commonwealth in such a vital leadership role."

"Serving a tenure this long as chairman has provided the necessary block of time to make critical lasting changes that will give the agency the necessary tools and resources required to fulfill its statutory mandate and assist the regulated community. Changes in our structure, processes, a new and advanced website, searchable databases to assist candidates and our work with the legislature on critical initiatives all make the Registry extremely effective, efficient and user-friendly," said Dilger.

Dilger is a Louisville native, and a graduate of Bellarmine University and the Salmon P. Chase College of Law. He is a member of the Business Litigation Practice with the law firm of Stoll Keenon Ogden PLLC. He is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, the United States District Courts in the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky and the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. Prior to joining Stoll Keenon Ogden in 2001, Dilger served as an



Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney in Jefferson County. During his tenure as a prosecutor, Dilger served as the Assistant Division Chief for the General Trial Unit, Assistant Division Chief of the Unified Special Prosecutions Unit and Division Chief for the White Collar Crime Unit.

Dilger is a member of the American, Kentucky and Louisville Bar Associations, and a member of the American Inn of Court, Brandeis Chapter. He was recognized in March 2006 by Louisville Magazine's Best Lawyers Under Age 40 – "Pick of the Judges." His numerous other honors and awards include being named a *Business First* 40 Under 40 Honoree of 2003, and receiving the Jefferson County Police Service to Law Enforcement Award in 2001, the Louisville Division of Police Special Service and Dedication Award in 2001, the Louisville Division of Fire Special Recognition Award in 1999, Louisville Magazine Top Lawyer 2012-2014, 2012-2014 Best Lawyers in America, and Kentucky Super Lawyers 2013-2014.

As the Registry's chairman, he has been a featured panelist, moderator and participant at annual conferences of the Council on Governmental Ethics Laws (COGEL), the preeminent international organization of government ethics officers. He has made presentations at the Kentucky Bar Association Annual Convention (2013), the Kentucky Judicial Conference (Spring 2013), the Louisville Bar Association and at conferences of the Kentucky County Clerks Association.

Also beginning December 17, 2015, is Registry Member Terry Naydan's second term as vice-chair. She was unanimously re-elected to this position at the Registry's September 24th meeting. Dr. Naydan, of Lexington, is a retired teacher. She graduated from William Paterson University with a BA and MA in Elementary Education. She also holds a Master of Arts degree in Student Counseling Services from Upsala College, as well as a Doctor of Education degree from the University of Kentucky. Her doctoral research was in the area of adult literacy. She was born and raised in New York City and taught Language Arts at all grade levels in the Wyckoff, New Jersey school system for over twenty years.

Dr. Naydan served as president of the Kentucky League of Women Voters from 1999 - 2003. She has also served as president and vice-president of the League of Women Voters of Lexington/Fayette County.

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The Registry is charged with administering Kentucky's campaign finance laws, including those relating to all candidates who run for election in 2014. Kentucky law requires the disclosure by a candidate of contributions to and expenditures by the campaign.