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FRANKFORT, KY---The Executive Branch Ethics Commission voted today to appoint Misty Dugger Judy to serve as its new General Counsel, effective November 1, 2015. Ms. Judy replaces Kathryn H. Gabhart who was recently appointed as the new Executive Director for the Commission in August.

Ms. Judy has served the Commonwealth for almost sixteen years. She has been detailed to the position of Executive Director of Human Resources for the Tourism, Arts, and Heritage Cabinet since August of 2014. Prior to that, she served as a Staff Attorney III for the Tourism Cabinet for seven years where she served as the Cabinet's Ethics Officer. She has also served as a Staff Attorney for the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and the Appeals Branch of the Department of Public Advocacy.

David Denton, a Paducah, Kentucky, attorney, who is the Chair of the Commission, stated, "Ms. Judy has served the Commonwealth well as an Ethics Officer and has appeared before the Commission many times to represent her former Cabinet. She is very familiar with the Ethics Code and our need to have an effective Commission. She will make a valuable addition to our staff."

Ms. Judy is a graduate of University of Kentucky School of Law and received her undergraduate degree in Natural Resource Conservation and Management from the University of Kentucky. Ms. Judy is a certified Hearing Officer by the Attorney General's Office and a certified mediator by the Kentucky Employee Mediation Program. She is a member of the Kentucky Bar Association, admitted to practice before the Kentucky Supreme Court, the United States Supreme Court, and the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky. She lives in Frankfort with her two daughters and is President of the PTA.

The Commission is an independent agency charged with enforcing the Executive Branch Code of Ethics. The mission of the Commission is to promote the ethical conduct of elected officials, officers, and other public servants in the executive branch of state government.