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**JUDICIAL CONDUCT COMMISSION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR J. REIKO CALLNER
TO RETIRE AT THE END OF 2026 – NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
MICAH LARRIPA SELECTED AS SUCCESSOR**

Longtime Commission on Judicial Conduct Executive Director J. Reiko Callner announced her retirement effective as of January 1, 2027. She first joined the agency in 1997 as its senior investigator and was appointed executive director in 2005. Ms. Callner was a longtime board member of the national Association of Judicial Disciplinary Counsel. In addition to her regular duties, Ms. Callner conducted hundreds of training sessions at the state and national level for judges, attorneys, and members of the public, as well as for representatives of about 40 foreign countries seeking to strengthen their democracies by promoting judicial integrity and independence.

After an extensive selection process, the members of the Commission on Judicial Conduct hired attorney Micah Larripa to be the new executive director. He will begin service in October of 2026, so that he can overlap with Ms. Callner as she finishes up her work with the Commission to ensure a smooth transition.

Mr. Larripa earned his JD at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law and has been awarded multiple honors for his legal ability and public service. He is a Marine Corps veteran, selected to attend law school while on active duty through the Corps' highly competitive Funded Legal Education Program (which serves, in part, to attract officers with leadership, combat, and operational experience into the Corps' Judge Advocate community). Mr. Larripa has most recently served as a Division Chief Administrative Law Judge with the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) where, among other things, he has been executive sponsor for the OAH Ethics Advisory Committee. He has been a member of that ethics advisory committee since its inception in 2020 and was instrumental in the formation of and updates to the Ethics Code for OAH. He has a proven track record in administration and leadership, and is dedicated to excellence, accountability, access to justice, and earning the public's trust and confidence.