



Judicial Qualifications Commission
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Atlanta, April 24, 2023 – The Investigative Panel of the Georgia Judicial Qualifications Commission (“JQC”) today announced that Courtney Veal, who has served since 2020 as the agency’s Deputy Director, has been selected as the new JQC Director, replacing Chuck Boring, who resigned as Director in January to join a private-sector law firm.

In announcing the selection of Veal as JQC Director, Bob Barr, who currently serves as Chair, noted that Veal’s extensive experience both as a long-time prosecutor and, since 2020 as the JQC Deputy Director, makes her uniquely qualified to direct the Commission’s vital functions. As Barr noted in announcing the appointment, which was voted unanimously by the seven-member Investigative Panel, “Ms. Veal brings to the position of JQC Director the precise skill

set needed to ensure that our state’s judicial branch meets and maintains the highest professional and ethical standards, so that the citizens of this state can be assured their rights will be fully protected if, and whenever, they appear before a judge at any level of court.”

Veal earned a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Georgia in 2008 and received her J.D. from Georgia State University College of Law in 2011. Upon graduation from law school, Veal began her career in public service as an Assistant Solicitor-General in Douglas County, Georgia. She subsequently served as an Assistant District Attorney in Gwinnett County and finally in Cobb County, where she was assigned to the Special Victim’s Unit.

As JQC Deputy Director since 2020, Veal assisted Boring in overseeing the Commission’s day-to-day operations, including supervising the JQC staff and investigating and prosecuting serious violations of the Code of Judicial Conduct. Veal also routinely presents to and educates the judiciary on judicial ethics and the Code. Following Boring’s departure in January 2023, the Investigative Panel delegated the Director’s powers and duties to Veal, and she has served in that capacity since.

In accepting the appointment, Veal stated, “I am truly honored to have been selected as the next JQC Director, as I follow in a line of remarkable leaders. The honor is a tremendous one and I am grateful for the confidence placed in me by the Commission’s Investigative Panel. I look forward to improving upon the work of the Commission and continuing my service to the State of Georgia in this new role.”