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**ETHICS COMMISSION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
ELECTED PRESIDENT OF PROFESSIONAL ETHICS ORGANIZATION**

At its annual conference last week, Ohio Ethics Commission Executive Director Paul M. Nick was elected as the 2017 president for the Council on Governmental Ethics Laws (COGEL). This election recognizes Director Nick’s ongoing commitment to promote ethics in government with colleagues and the public.

“The professional service given by Director Nick over the past 21 years, first as Investigative Counsel for our Commission and for the past 5 years as its Executive Director, points to the regard for his career that Ohio members and national colleagues hold,” said Merom Brachman, Chairman of Ohio’s Commission. “This is an era where we all can benefit from experience that affects services to the public across-the-board.”

“Taking on this role – especially considering the confidence my management colleagues have placed in me – is a great honor and it is a privilege to further the work of the many state, local and provincial member organizations,” Director Nick said.

The Ohio Ethics Laws promote the general public interest and maintain confidence by prohibiting decision-making conflicts of interest by public officials and providing statutory guidance. COGEL is a professional organization of government ethics administrators in the fields of ethics, elections, campaign finance, and lobbying in the United States and Canada.

More information about COGEL can be found at www.COGEL.org or by contacting the Ohio Ethics Commission.

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