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## **Maguschak Appointed Chief Counsel for PA Department of Education**



HARRISBURG, PA (September 7, 2016) – Elizabeth Maguschak has been appointed as Chief Counsel for the Pennsylvania Department of Education effective October 3, 2016. “Undoubtedly the Office of General Counsel made an excellent choice in appointing Liz as its new Chief Counsel for the Department of Education. This is a tremendous opportunity for Liz to utilize her extensive legal knowledge in education. On behalf of the entire firm, we wish her well in this exciting new position” stated David Kleppinger, Chairman of McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC.

Liz has practiced in the Education, Labor and Employment, and Litigation groups at McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC. She has spent the majority of her career providing general operations assistance to education institutions in many areas including, the review and analysis of legislation and the preparation and revision of by-laws, contracts, waivers and releases, policies and procedures, handbooks and related documents.

She advised education clients on issues as wide-ranging as disability accommodations, student life issues, and faculty matters, Title IX, the Clery Act, and other education-related laws and regulations. Liz also provided customized training to higher education clients on many different topics, including sexual harassment, Title IX, and investigatory techniques.

Liz also practiced litigation with an emphasis on education and employment related matters. She represented clients in all of the federal district courts in the Commonwealth, in various county courts throughout Pennsylvania, and before various state agencies. She is also admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States of America.

Throughout her career, Liz has been active in both professional and community organizations, such as: the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce, past Chair; NACUA (National Association of College & University Attorneys), Committee on Membership and Member Services; Penn State Hazleton Council (Penn State Hazleton Advisory Board); Kiwanis Club of Hazleton; Pennsylvania Theater of Performing Arts Board; United Way of Greater Hazleton, Past Chair & Past Campaign Leader; Dauphin County Bar Association, Past Vice President; Pennsylvania Bar Association; Wilkes-Barre Law & Library Association; and Lower Luzerne County Bar Association.

Liz received her J.D. from Dickinson School of Law and her undergraduate degree from Bloomsburg State College.



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