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Executive Secretary announces Director of Legislative and Public Relations and Judicial Performance Evaluation Program Director Selections

RICHMOND: Karl R. Hade, Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia, is pleased to announce the selection of a Director of Legislative and Public Relations and a Judicial Performance Evaluation Program Director.

Alisa W. Padden Selected as Director of the Department of Legislative and Public Relations

Alisa W. Padden has been selected as Director of the Department of Legislative and Public Relations, effective August 25, 2021. Alisa joined the Office of the Executive Secretary in 2009 as a Staff Attorney in the Department of Legal Research. Prior to joining the Office of the Executive Secretary, Alisa practiced civil litigation in private practice.

Alisa is a graduate of James Madison University, and earned a Juris Doctor from the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond.

The Department of Legislative and Public Relations manages legislative matters and handles media and public relations for Virginia's Judicial System. The Department provides staff support for the development of legislative proposals recommended by the Judicial Conferences of Virginia and represents Virginia's Judicial System on legislative matters before the General Assembly. The Department presents information to legislators about the impact of bills on Virginia's Judicial System and prepares and disseminates to the court system an annual summary of court-related legislation. The Department is responsible for responding to inquiries from the press and the general public, including requests for records and information.

Kristi S. Wright Selected as Judicial Performance Evaluation Program Director

Kristi S. Wright has been selected as Judicial Performance Evaluation Program Director, effective August 10, 2021. Kristi previously served the Office of the Executive Secretary as Director of the Department of Legislative and Public Relations. Prior to joining the Office of the Executive Secretary, Kristi served as staff to the

Virginia Commission on Family Violence Prevention and the Virginia Commission on Youth. She also has worked in private practice and for Voices for Virginia's Children.

Kristi is a graduate of Texas Tech University and earned a Master of Social Work from Virginia Commonwealth University and a Juris Doctor from the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond.

The Judicial Performance Evaluation Program (JPE Program) in Virginia is established pursuant to Virginia Code § 17.1-100. The purpose of Virginia's JPE Program is twofold: providing a mechanism for judge self-improvement and providing a source of information for the re-election of judges by the General Assembly.