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PRESS ADVISORY

Jeff Brindle, Executive Director of the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC), today announced the appointment of Joseph W. Donohue of Hamilton Township, Mercer County, New Jersey, as Deputy Director of the Commission.

"Joe Donohue brings to this position a wealth of experience in campaign finance issues and a reputation for fairness that will greatly assist the Commission's efforts to protect the integrity of the State's election finance system and to encourage a more engaged electorate," said Brindle.

Donohue had been a Statehouse reporter for more than two decades with the Star-Ledger and The Press of Atlantic City. His career included extensive coverage of campaign finance issues, lobbying trends, and statewide campaigns. He received 13 national and state awards for his journalistic efforts. Since October 2008, Donohue has served as an Assistant Treasurer for the New Jersey Department of the Treasury.

At ELEC, his responsibilities will include communications, legislative outreach, and development of "white papers" on campaign finance trends. Donohue will assume his duties on Monday, November 9, 2009. "I am very pleased that an individual with such a breadth of experience in state government and who enjoys a solid reputation for integrity is joining our staff," said Brindle.

ELEC is a statutorily independent State agency charged with enforcing the State's campaign finance laws, regulating lobbyists and administering the Gubernatorial Public Financing Program. The Commission also enforces the State's Pay-to-Play Law, primarily in the area of disclosure.

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