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KENTUCKY REGISTRY OF ELECTION FINANCE ELECTS CHAIRMAN

At its December 5, 2007 meeting, the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance unanimously elected Craig C. Dilger, a Louisville attorney, to serve as its new Chairman.

Dilger, a republican, was appointed by Governor Fletcher from names submitted by organizations demonstrating a nonpartisan interest in fair elections and informed voting. He has served two consecutive terms as Vice-Chair of the Registry.

Dilger, a Louisville native, is a graduate of Bellarmine University and the Salmon P. Chase College of Law. He is a member of the Labor and Employment and Business Litigation Practice Groups at Stoll Keenon Ogden PLLC. He is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, the United States District Courts in the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky and the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. Prior to joining Stoll Keenon Ogden in 2001, Dilger served as an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney in Jefferson County. During his tenure as a prosecutor, Dilger served as the Assistant Division Chief for the General Trial Unit, Assistant Division Chief for the Unified Special Prosecutions Unit and Division Chief for the White Collar Crime Unit.

Dilger is a member of the American, Kentucky and Louisville Bar Associations, and a member of the American Inn of Court, Brandeis Chapter. He was recognized in March 2006 by Louisville Magazine's Best Lawyers Under Age 40 - "Pick of the Judges." His numerous other honors and awards include being named a *Business First* 40 Under 40 Honoree of 2003, and receiving the Jefferson County Police Service to Law Enforcement Award in 2001, the Louisville Division of Police Special

Service and Dedication Award in 2001, and the Louisville Division of Fire Special Recognition Award in 1999.

After being elected Chairman, Dilger moved the Board to elect Registry Member David R. Martin as Vice-Chairman. David was elected to serve five (5) terms (1985-2000) as Butler County Judge Executive, and then retired to accept the position of Executive Director of the Kentucky County Judge Executives Association, serving from 2000 to 2003 in that capacity.

Mr. Martin served on several boards during his tenure as Butler County Judge Executive. He continues to serve on the Barren River Area Development Board and is an active member of the Kentucky Public Health Association. The LKLP Community Action Council currently employs him in the Transportation Division for Community Relations. Mr. Martin was appointed to the Registry by Kentucky Auditor of Public Accounts Crit Luallen in December of 2005.

In addressing the Board, Registry staff and those attending the meeting, Dilger said, "It is an honor to lead this agency and help further its mission. The financing of political campaigns in the Commonwealth must be fair for the system to work. This agency is critical to maintaining that fairness and balance. The Board and I are driven to ensure the Registry has the tools it needs to audit and review the financing part of the political process and help stop abuse at any level."

The Registry is charged with administering Kentucky's campaign finance laws, including those relating to all candidates who are running for election in 2008. Kentucky law requires the disclosure by a candidate of contributions to and expenditures by the campaign.

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