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SCI APPOINTS CHADD LACKEY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TRENTON – The State Commission of Investigation today announced the appointment of SCI Deputy Director/General Counsel Chadd W. Lackey to serve as the agency’s next Executive Director. The appointment is effective Jan. 1, 2020.

Mr. Lackey will succeed Lee C. Seglem, who is retiring at the end of the year after serving more than 25 years with the Commission.

A former prosecutor, Mr. Lackey joined the SCI as an investigative counsel in 2005. Since July 2017, Mr. Lackey has served as the agency’s Deputy Director and top legal officer, supervisor and advisor with a wide range of important responsibilities.

“Chadd Lackey was the obvious choice to be our next Executive Director,” SCI Chair Joseph F. Scancarella said. “He is a talented attorney and seasoned leader with deep understanding of the agency’s important mission. His appointment ensures that the

organization's tradition of excellence, which was ably upheld by Lee Seglem and his predecessors, will continue."

Joining Mr. Scancarella in making the unanimous appointment, which concluded a search and evaluation process conducted by the Commission, were his three colleagues, Commissioners Robert Burzichelli, John Hoffman and Rosemary Iannacone.

As the SCI's top administrator, Mr. Lackey will direct the day-to-day operations of an independent state agency charged with conducting fact-finding investigations into organized crime; corruption; and waste, fraud and abuse of public dollars.

"I am honored and thrilled to take over as the SCI's new Executive Director," Mr. Lackey said. "We have a great staff here that will continue to do important work in service of the people of the State of New Jersey."

During his fifteen year tenure at the Commission, Mr. Lackey has directed several of the agency's most high-profile investigations into organized crime. From 2008 to 2009, he led an inquiry that revealed how gang-affiliated inmates had manipulated systemic weaknesses in New Jersey's prison system. Mr. Lackey also conducted a groundbreaking investigation that identified prescription pill abuse as the precursor of a new heroin epidemic. That inquiry, which culminated in the *Scenes From An Epidemic* report in 2013, helped spur two new laws, including one drafted directly in response to an SCI recommendation calling for the creation of a statewide task force to strengthen federal, State, county and local law enforcement efforts to combat opioid abuse.

Prior to his employment at the Commission, Mr. Lackey was an Assistant State Attorney in Miami-Dade County, Florida where he founded and managed the Community Prosecutions Unit, established to improve public safety and enhance the quality of life for

citizens in an under-served section of Miami. In addition to his supervisory duties overseeing various criminal matters, Mr. Lackey prosecuted white-collar fraud cases against predatory mortgage brokers resulting in the conviction of two mortgage brokers and the closure of several mortgage companies.

A graduate of Northwood University, Mr. Lackey earned his law degree from Temple University School of Law.

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The State Commission of Investigation is an independent New Jersey watchdog agency established in 1968 to investigate organized crime and corruption, waste of tax money and other abuses of the public trust. Copies of reports are available at the Commission's offices or via its Web site at www.state.nj.us/sci.