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Press Release

City Attorney Winthrop S. Smith, Jr. Appointed to State Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board

Mayor Richetelli Congratulates Attorney Smith on Important Appointment; Smith Will Continue Serving as Part-Time City Attorney.

Milford, CT, October 13, 2009: State Senate Minority Leader John McKinney has appointed Milford City Attorney Winthrop S. Smith, Jr. to a four-year term on the Connecticut Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board.

Mayor James L. Richetelli, Jr. announced the appointment at the October meeting of the Board of Aldermen. Attorney Smith, who has served as the part-time City Attorney since December 2008, will continue to fulfill those duties, as well as his responsibilities as a partner in the Milford law firm, Dey Smith Steele, LLC.

“I’m honored to receive this appointment, and I feel privileged to serve,” Attorney Smith said. “Ethics in government is an area I take very seriously. I consider it an important responsibility to ensure ethical standards are upheld at every level of government.”

The Citizen’s Ethics Advisory Board is the governing body of the Office of State Ethics (OSE), an independent watchdog agency. The mission of OSE is to ensure honesty, integrity and accountability in state government through education, interpretation and the enforcement of the State of Connecticut Code of Ethics. The Citizen’s Advisory Board acts as a fact finder in allegations of violations of the state ethics code. Their monthly meetings are open to the public.

Attorney Smith will take the place of Sister Sally Tolles, whose term has ended. There are nine appointed members of the Citizen’s Ethics Advisory Board. The Board relies upon voluntary service of its membership.

In notifying Attorney Smith of his appointment, Sen. McKinney expressed confidence that his “talents and expertise will be of great value and service to our state and its citizens.”

Attorney Smith represented the 14th District as a state senator from 1993 through 2005. Attorney Smith is a former Milford Police Commissioner, and former legal counsel for the Borough of Naugatuck. Attorney Smith received his Juris Doctorate from New York Law School, and a Master of Law from New York University.

Attorney Smith and his wife, Deborah, have three children.