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### **Lawrence J. Tabas Honored for Service to the Independent Regulatory Review Commission**

**Harrisburg, PA (December 13, 2018)**

At its December 2018 public meeting, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) recognized the service of former Commissioner Lawrence Tabas. Tabas served on the Commission from 2011 to 2015 as an appointee of The Honorable Thomas W. Corbett, Jr., Pennsylvania's governor at the time.

The Commission provides oversight and review of all proposed regulations issued by departments, boards, commissions, agencies, or other authorities of the Commonwealth. The Commission also acts as a clearinghouse for complaints, comments, and other input regarding existing, proposed, and pending regulations.

While recognizing Tabas for his service to the Commonwealth, the Commission presented him with a plaque to commemorate his years with the Commission. Former Commission Chair Sil Lutkewitte was on hand for the ceremony and provided comments regarding his colleague's contributions. "Lawrence played a critical role in assessing the impact of many important regulations and ensuring that agency actions were in the public interest," stated Lukewitte. Current Commission Chair George Bedwick added, "Lawrence helped ensure openness and accountability in the regulatory process and was instrumental in reaching a consensus on complicated regulations."

Tabas is a partner in the firm of Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel LLP and is chair of the firm's Health Care Practice Group and the Election Law Practice Group. His health care practice includes the representation of physicians, health care providers, and health care entities in the legal aspects of health care, compliance matters, and business transactions. His election law practice encompasses both federal and state legal issues and litigation affecting candidates, committees, and political party committees. Among his many community and civic endeavors, Tabas has served as the chair of the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority, the state agency with oversight of the City of Philadelphia's finances.

Tabas is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and Georgetown University Law Center. He lives in Center City Philadelphia with his wife, Libby White.

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[Photograph of Mr. Tabas is available if needed]

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