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### **FPPC names new Chief of Enforcement**

The Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) today announced the appointment of James M. Lindsay as Chief of Enforcement.

Lindsay comes to the FPPC from the California Children and Families Commission (CCFC), where he served as Chief Counsel since August of 2022. In this position, Lindsay advised the Commission, Executive Director, and staff on all legal matters, including Political Reform Act and Bagley-Keene Act compliance and training, as well as being responsible for leadership, litigation, and mentoring responsibilities. Prior to that, Lindsay spent almost four years as the lead litigation attorney at the California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS). There, he had primary responsibility for administrative hearing matters, writs and appeals, and helped lead efforts to improve litigation practices and organizational improvements.

"I'm extremely pleased to announce Mr. Lindsay's appointment to this important role in the agency," said FPPC Chair Richard C. Miadich. "We're thrilled to have someone with extensive litigation experience to lead our Enforcement team. Mr. Lindsay's experience in government policy and operations will greatly help our ongoing efforts to promote the public's trust and maintain our leading National role in the realm of government ethics and campaign finance."

In addition to his roles at CCFC and CalSTRS, Lindsay spent more than 20 years in the private sector at law firms in Folsom, Modesto, and Dublin/Stockton where he specialized in numerous aspects of consumer, insurance, business, real estate, personal injury, and family law. Lindsay received his law degree from Tulane University School of Law in New Orleans, LA and his undergraduate degree in Economics from California State University, Fresno.

"We have a dedicated, professional and experienced staff and we are confident James' breadth of experience in other aspects of California's political and legal climate will only improve and enhance the Division's overall capabilities," said Chair Miadich.

Assistant Enforcement Division Chief Chris Burton will remain acting chief until August 28, 2023.

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