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RICHARD DIZINNO SWORN IN AS NEW MEMBER OF PRIVACY AND CIVIL LIBERTIES OVERSIGHT BOARD

WASHINGTON, DC – Richard E. DiZinno was sworn in on Tuesday as the newest Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board. Judge Timothy J. Kelly of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia administered the oath of office at the E. Barrett Prettyman Courthouse in downtown Washington.

Member DiZinno was confirmed by the Senate in a unanimous consent vote on September 14th. His swearing-in brings the Board back to its full complement of five members.

“I want to thank President Biden and the entire Senate for placing their trust and confidence in me,” said Member DiZinno shortly after the swearing-in ceremony. “I’m honored to join the Board at a time when it is examining a wide range of critical issues. I look forward to working with my fellow Board Members and engaging with key stakeholders from across the political and ideological spectrum to help ensure that the federal government’s efforts to prevent terrorism are appropriately balanced with the need to protect Americans’ privacy and civil liberties.”

In addition to his work on the Board, Member DiZinno currently serves as Vice President of the National Insurance Crime Bureau. He previously served as Associate Deputy Attorney General for the U.S. Department of Justice, handling a broad array of national security issues.

From 2017 to 2020, Mr. DiZinno served as the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee’s Chief Counsel for National Security and Crime, handling the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, the USA PATRIOT Act, Fourth and Fifth Amendment issues, and cybersecurity, among other things.

From 2009 to 2017, Mr. DiZinno served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia, including in the National Security Section. In that role, he tried over 50 bench and jury trials, and handled national security investigations involving international terrorism, export controls, and human trafficking. He also led multiple white-collar investigations involving public corruption, fraud, and identity theft.



From 2005 to 2009, Mr. DiZinno worked on antitrust and other litigation as an Associate at Howrey LLP. He received his J.D. from George Washington University School of Law in 2004 and his B.A. from Holy Cross College in Worcester, Massachusetts in 1996.

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The Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board is an independent agency within the Executive Branch established by the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007. The Board's mission is to ensure that the federal government's efforts to prevent terrorism are balanced with the need to protect privacy and civil liberties. The Board's current Members are Sharon Bradford Franklin, Chair, Richard E. DiZinno, Edward W. Felten, Travis LeBlanc, and Beth A. Williams.