

# State Elections Enforcement Commission

## Press Release



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## STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION ANNOUNCES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**HARTFORD, CT**—October 21, 2009 The State Elections Enforcement Commission announced today the appointment of Albert P. Lenge as its new Executive Director and General Counsel.

The appointment follows the departure of Jeffrey B. Garfield, who is retiring after more than 30 years as the Commission's Executive Director and General Counsel. Regarding his departure, Garfield noted his desire to remain active in issues related to the integrity of the electoral process and to spend time with his family.

Albert Lenge currently serves as the Deputy Executive Director and Assistant General Counsel, a position he has held since 1995, following seven years as Director and General Counsel of the Elections Division with the Office of the Connecticut Secretary of the State.

Attorney Lenge is a committed and experienced leader who has been involved in all aspects of election and campaign finance law, including the planning and coordination of the expansion of the Commission due to the enactment of Public Act 05-5, which created the Citizens' Election Program. "He brings continuity, experience and dedication to his new role and will continue to make significant contributions to the operations of the Commission with the utmost degree of professionalism," Garfield said.

"I am excited and welcome this new opportunity to continue to serve the Commission and the people of the State of Connecticut in ensuring fairness and impartiality in the administration of election laws. The SEEC faces a challenging year ahead," said Lenge. "I will draw on my experience during this critical phase of the Commission's development and continue to build and foster relationships among staff, other state agencies and our partners. I am honored to serve as Executive Director and I especially look forward to working closely with the legislature on the major reforms concerning public campaign financing."

Commissioner Stephen Cashman added, "In light of the challenges we face in the area of public campaign financing and other important election issues, I have every confidence that Al Lenge possesses the knowledge and institutional experience to lead the Commission, and I welcome him to his new position."

Attorney Lenge's appointment is effective October 23, 2009.

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