INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION APPROVAL ORDER

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held December 9, 2021

George D. Bedwick, Chairman, dissenting John F. Mizner, Esq., Vice Chairman John J. Soroko, Esq. Murray Ufberg, Esq. Dennis A. Watson, Esq., dissenting

Regulation No. 16A-65 (#3319)
Bureau of Professional and Occupational
Affairs
Representation

On November 5, 2021, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this regulation from the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs (Bureau). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code, Chapter 43b, by adding Subchapter D (relating to practice and procedure). Notice of proposed rulemaking was omitted for this regulation; it will become effective upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

This rulemaking adopts the General Rules of Administrative Practice and Procedure (1 Pa. Code §§ 31.1-35.251) for activities and proceedings before the licensing boards and commissions under the Bureau, with a limited exception. It provides for non-attorney representation in formal proceedings involving business organizations, as well as agencies and political subdivisions.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Bureau (63 Pa.C.S. § 3105(b)) and the intention of the General Assembly. Having considered all of the other criteria of the Regulatory Review Act, we find promulgation of this regulation is in the public interest.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

This regulation is approved.

George D. Bedwick, Chairman