



ETHICS COMMISSION

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

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To: Members of the Ethics Commission

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From: LeeAnn Pelham, Executive Director

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Subject: **AGENDA ITEM 5 – Presentation and possible action in acknowledgment of former Commission Member Paul A. Renne, whose full term on the Commission concluded February 1, 2019**

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Summary

This item appears on the Commission's February Agenda to enable the Commission, Staff, and public to thank and acknowledge Paul A. Renne for his service to the Ethics Commission following the completion of his full term of office on February 1, 2019.

Background

Commissioner Renne is a Retired Partner of the law firm of Cooley, LLP. in the San Francisco office. He received a law degree from Harvard University in 1959. He attended the University of Minnesota from 1948 to 1951 and received an A.B. from that school in 1956 after serving five years as a jet pilot in the U.S. Air Force. His legal career began as a law clerk to Judge Edwin D. Steel Jr., U.S. District Court of Delaware, from 1959 to 1960. He was an associate at Haight, Gardner, Poor & Havens in New York from 1960 to 1961. In 1961, he joined the Kennedy Administration as an attorney in the Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, and in 1962, he was appointed an assistant U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia and remained in that position until joining the Firm. He has served as member of the American Arbitration Association Committee Panel, completing both the Arbitration I and II courses given by AAA. He has served as a mediator in numerous cases for both the Bar Association of San Francisco and the U.S. District Court and as a Judge Pro Tem in the San Francisco Superior Court and is admitted to practice in the District of Columbia (1959), New York (1961) and California (1964), as well as the Supreme Court of the United States.

Commissioner Paul A. Renne was first appointed to the Ethics Commission by the District Attorney in 2012. In February 2013, Commissioner Renne was appointed by the District Attorney to a full six-year term on the Commission. In 2015 and 2016, he was elected by the Commission to serve as its Chair. He completed his full term on the Commission on February 1, 2019.

On February 1, 2019, Retired District Court Judge Fern M. Smith was appointed to the Ethics Commission by the District Attorney for a six-year term concluding February 1, 2025.