

# **Testimony of William A. Hamzy to the Executive & Legislative Nominations Committee**

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Good afternoon Sen. Looney, Rep. Janowski, Sen. Fasano, Rep. Piscopo and Members of the Committee. My name is William Hamzy. I'd like to begin my testimony by thanking Rep. Cafero and Sen. McKinney for nominating me to serve as a Commissioner of the Legislative Commissioners' Office (LCO). I'd also like to thank the Co-Chairs and legislative leaders for scheduling this hearing on my nomination today.

As most of you know, I served in the legislature for 16 years and one of the committees I served on was this one from 2006 to last year. So, it is somewhat awkward to give this testimony to Members I've served with, not only in the legislature, but on this very committee.

By way of background, I've been a practicing attorney in Bristol for the past 18 years. My primary focus has been consumer bankruptcy, real estate and landlord/tenant law.

I was elected to the state House of Representatives in 1994 and served in the General Assembly until last year when I decided not to run for re-election. At the time, I was Deputy Republican Leader of the House. While in the legislature, I served on many different committees including Aging (ranking member), Banks, Energy, Executive & Legislative Nominations, Government Administration & Elections (ranking member), Insurance & Real Estate (ranking member), Judiciary, Legislative Management, Public Safety, Regulations Review and Transportation.