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Trenton, NJ – Governor Chris Christie today announced the nomination of David Samson to serve on the Board of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. Upon Senate confirmation, Governor Christie will name Mr. Samson as Chairman of the Board of the Port Authority. Samson will replace Anthony R. Coscia who has served as Port Authority Chairman since 2003.

"David Samson is a well respected, distinguished leader who I am confident will successfully steer the Port Authority through this next critical phase in the bi-state agency's history," said Governor Christie. "He is a capable steward who will work to represent New Jersey's best interests while ensuring the viability of our port economy and its vast network of transportation facilities lead to future economic growth for the Garden State and the region as a whole.

"I also want to thank Tony Coscia for the commitment and professionalism he has demonstrated while leading the Port Authority through an important period in its history. His accomplished tenure has modernized our trade and transportation network capabilities to keep New Jersey and the region competitive for years to come."

A founding member of Wolf Samson, David Samson's 40 year-career in private practice has included extensive experience in complex business and corporate litigation, administrative proceedings and government and regulatory affairs. From 2002-2003, he served as Attorney General of the State of New Jersey. Among his other public positions, Mr. Samson was appointed by Governor James Florio as a member of the Governor's Commission on Health Care Costs and by Governor Thomas Kean as the Chairman of the Governor's Task Force on the Laws Governing the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

Mr. Samson was appointed by the Supreme Court of New Jersey to serve on its Ethics Committee and was a member of the New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Reporting of Court Decisions. He is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* in the areas of Administrative Law and Commercial Litigation and in *New Jersey Super Lawyers*. In addition, his rating from Martindale-Hubbell is the highest ranking of both ethical standards and legal ability that Martindale awards.

Appointed Chairman of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey in April 2003, Anthony Coscia spearheaded the agency's adoption of a \$29.5 billion ten year capital plan, which has provided for substantial expansion of the region's transportation facilities, including development of a new trans-Hudson rail tunnel, expanded aviation facilities and rebuilding of the World Trade Center Site. A partner in Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf, Mr. Coscia also served as Chair of the New Jersey Economic Development Authority from February 1992 to March 2003.

Established in 1921, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey is a bi-state agency created to promote and protect commerce of the Port District, the region within a radius of approximately 25 miles of the Statue of Liberty. The agency develops and oversees major port and regional infrastructure improvements including: a modern port for the harbor shared by the two states, tunnel and bridge connections between the states as well as trade and transportation projects that secure the region's economic well-being.

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey handles 40% of eastern seaboard trade, of which 58% directly benefits the surrounding region. In 2009, the dollar value of all cargo handled totaled more than \$146 billion. Overall regional port activity supports approximately 269,000 jobs, providing \$11.2 billion in personal income and producing \$36.1 billion in business income annually.

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