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Trenton, NJ – Today, Governor Christie announced he has tapped Philip James Degnan to serve as the next State Comptroller of New Jersey. An accomplished former federal prosecutor with more than a decade of experience, Degnan currently is Executive Director of the New Jersey State Commission of Investigation (SCI), a role he has held for the past four years.

"Throughout his career, Phil Degnan has demonstrated his qualifications as a diligent, tireless prosecutor and an exceptional leader," Governor Christie said. "I am proud to name Phil as the New Jersey State Comptroller, who will bring the integrity and investigative experience necessary to effectively lead this independent office. I want to thank Phil for taking on this important role so that the Office of State Comptroller can continue to deliver a more efficient and transparent state government at every level."

Philip James Degnan was appointed Executive Director of the New Jersey State Commission of Investigation on May 9, 2011. As Executive Director, Phil has been responsible for the day-to-day operation of the SCI and the oversight of the investigations conducted by the Commission in the areas of organized crime, public corruption, public safety, and the administration of justice in the State of New Jersey. From 2004 until his appointment to the SCI, Phil served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey, handling a variety of key Criminal Division responsibilities in the Public Protection Unit and the National Security Unit.

Since 2007, Phil has also been a member of the State Supreme Court's Committee on Criminal Practice. He graduated from Davidson College in North Carolina and received his law degree from Seton Hall University Law School in Newark.

"I am incredibly honored to be given the opportunity to continue serving the people of New Jersey and am grateful for the trust Governor Christie has placed in me to take on this critical role," Philip Degnan said. "I look forward to continuing the hard work of the Office of State Comptroller in support of the Governor's commitment to government efficiency and accountability at all levels."

Governor Christie intends to formally nominate Degnan to the post in the coming weeks. In the meantime, Degnan will officially transition to the Office of the State Comptroller in mid-October.

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