

Patricia A. Costante Becomes a Prestigious NACD Fellow

NACD Fellows Demonstrate Their Commitment to the Highest Levels of Corporate Governance and Leadership in the Boardroom

WASHINGTON, December 16, 2013 -- The National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD) is pleased to announce that Patricia A. Costante of Lawrenceville, NJ, has become an NACD Fellow, the highest level of credentialing for corporate directors and corporate governance professionals. Ms. Costante currently serves as Chairman and CEO of MDAdvantage Insurance Company of New Jersey.

As an NACD Fellow, Ms. Costante has demonstrated her knowledge of the leading trends and practices that define exemplary corporate governance today, and has committed to developing professional insights through a sophisticated course of ongoing study.

"I am honored to join the distinguished and diverse group of individuals who make up NACD's Fellowship program and who have committed to advancing the highest standards of boardroom leadership," said Ms. Costante. "The resources, insights and connections I've made through NACD's Fellowship program will be key assets to the companies I serve, as well as to my professional growth as a director."

Patricia A. Costante led the formation of MDAdvantage during a time when the medical professional liability insurance market in New Jersey was considered in crisis by state policymakers. Since then, the company has grown to be a leading provider of medical professional liability insurance in New Jersey. She has achieved the status of "Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives" (FACHE), the highest achievement in that field.

Ms. Costante is the publisher of *MDAdvisor*, a peer-reviewed, MEDLINE® indexed journal for the New Jersey healthcare community, and serves on the boards of the Edward J. III Excellence in Medicine Foundation, the Edward J. III Excellence in Medicine Scholarship Fund and Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart. She previously served on the New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority Board of Commissioners from 2006 to 2008, her last position being Chairman. She also previously served as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton, an organization serving more than 100,000 New Jersey residents annually, and with a budget of more than \$35 million.

"We are proud to announce that Patricia Costante has joined NACD's credentialed directors and has taken the next step in the pursuit of boardroom excellence," said Ken Daly, President and CEO of NACD. "Our fellows help advance the highest standards for those who serve in the boardroom, strengthening our businesses and driving director professionalism. The impact of this program is unmatched and they should be commended for their ongoing commitment to their own professional development."

Candidates for NACD's Fellowship Program complete a strong foundation course which focuses on topical matters and committee-specific issues, followed by additional NACD education within a 12-month period. NACD Fellows renew their status every year, maintaining and advancing their knowledge with continuous learning and peer-led collaboration.

NACD's Fellows serve on boards of some of the largest and most diverse corporations in the world, including NASDAQ OMX- and NYSE-listed companies such as Advance Auto Parts, Aetna, AstraZeneca, Ball Corp., AmeriGas Partners, Blackbaud, Broadridge Financial Services,

Carpenter Technology Corp., CoBiz Financial, Cummins, Dell, The Dow Chemical Company, HealthSouth, Horizon Lines, INVESCO Ltd, JetBlue, Liquidity Services, Medtronic, Microfinancial, Nabors Industries, Nash Finch, PICO Holdings, PPG Industries, Sahale Snacks, Sonus Networks, Tiffany, Umpqua Bank, Union Pacific, UnitedHealth Group, Winn-Dixie, Zebra Technologies and Zynex.

NACD Fellows represent hundreds of companies and provide a snapshot of the caliber of corporate directors engaged in continuous learning with NACD--the leading organization that identifies, interprets and provides insights and information that boardroom leaders rely upon to apply their wisdom and knowledge and make sound strategic decisions.

For information about the NACD Fellowship program, visit www.NACDOnline.org/Fellowships. Directors who are interested in becoming an NACD Board Leadership Fellow can contact Lori Whitehand, NACD Fellowship Manager, at 202-572-2084 or email Fellowships@NACDOnline.org.

About MDAvantage

MDAvantage Insurance Company of New Jersey, a leading provider of medical professional liability insurance in New Jersey, is committed to supporting physician initiatives that increase patient safety and minimize the risks of liability, educating the New Jersey healthcare community and investing in the future of our state's healthcare system. MDAvantage sponsors the *Edward J. III Excellence in Medicine Awards*[®] and is the publisher of the peer-reviewed, MEDLINE[®] indexed *MDAdvisor*. For more information, call 888-355-5551 or visit www.MDAvantageonline.com.

About NACD

The National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD) is the only membership organization focused exclusively on advancing exemplary board leadership. Based on 35 years of experience, NACD identifies, interprets and provides insights and information that corporate board members rely upon to apply their wisdom and knowledge to make sound strategic decisions and confidently confront complex business challenges and enhance shareowner value. With more than 11,500 corporate director members, NACD provides world-class director education, director training and proprietary research about leading boardroom and corporate governance practices to promote director professionalism and bolster investor confidence. Furthermore, to create more effective and efficient boards, NACD provides corporate boards and their directors' independent board evaluations and custom-tailored in-boardroom education and training programs, as well as director-led conferences, forums and peer-exchange learning opportunities to share ideas about current and emerging issues. Fostering collaboration among directors and governance stakeholders, NACD is shaping the future of board leadership. To learn more about NACD, visit www.NACDOnline.org. To join, please contact Kelly Dodd at kkdodd@nacdonline.org or 202-380-1891.

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