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LINDA BUCKEL JOINS ALLEGANY COLLEGE OF MARYLAND'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CUMBERLAND, Md. (Aug. 2, 2018) – Linda Buckel, Esq., senior partner with Buckel, Levasseur & Pillai, LLC, has been named to the board of trustees of Allegany College of Maryland (ACM).

With strong ties to ACM—as an alumnae, a former adjunct professor, Office Technologies/Paralegal Program Advisory Committee member, and Joseph P. Rowley Memorial Scholarship donor—Buckel brings a wealth of experience to the college's seven-member, governor-appointed board.

Buckel specializes in workers' compensation, personal injury, civil litigation, and estate administration. While a partner at Levasseur & Buckel (which later evolved into Buckel, Levasseur & Pillai), she served as a part-time assistant county attorney for Allegany County from 1999-2002. Buckel worked in the Allegany County's Clerk of Circuit Court office for 18 years.

Buckel earned a J.D. from the University of Baltimore in 1990 and graduated magna cum laude with a B.S. in Political Science from Frostburg State University in 1987. She attended ACM part-time from 1975-1979. A resident of LaVale, she serves on the Trial Courts Judicial Nominating Commission for District 5, Allegany and Garrett Counties, and is a member of the Frostburg Soroptimist Club and the Midlothian Trinity Assembly of God.

Buckel was appointed to fill a trustee vacancy created after James J. Ortiz concluded his participation

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as the longest-serving trustee in Allegany College of Maryland's history.

"Like many of ACM's students, I was a parent working full-time when I took my very first class at [then] Allegany Community College. ACM opened my mind to opportunities and possibilities to further my education and reach higher goals, especially due to the classes I attended taught by Professor James D. Zamagias in the Humanities Department. Now retired Professor Zamagias ignited my quest for knowledge and my understanding of humanity, and was instrumental in my decision to become an attorney. It's an honor and a privilege to be part of the college's leadership arm almost 40 years later," explained Buckel.

"Linda brings a strong understanding of the education and training needed in our area's legal and business professions, thanks to her time spent in both the private and public sectors," noted Kim Leonard, chair of ACM's board of trustees. "Her commitment to Allegany College of Maryland is unwavering. We're honored to have her invaluable insight and guidance as the College expands its education and workforce training programs."

#### ABOUT ALLEGANY COLLEGE OF MARYLAND

Ranked among the top 20 community and technical colleges in the country by the Brookings Institution, Allegany College of Maryland (ACM) offers world-class education in a caring environment that transforms lives, strengthens communities and celebrates life-long learning. Serving more than 3,000 credit and 5,870 continuing education and workforce students annually, ACM offers over 80 associate degree, certificate, and letters of recognition programs at affordable rates. To learn more, visit [allegany.edu](http://allegany.edu) or call 301-784-5000.

PHOTO CAPTION==Linda Buckel, newly appointed trustee of the Allegany College of Maryland.