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### **NCPC Chairman Elected to Serve as Circuit Court Judge** *John V. Cogbill, III to Leave the Commission in April*

**Washington, DC** – The Virginia General Assembly has elected NCPC Chairman John V. Cogbill, III to serve as a Circuit Court Judge in Chesterfield County, Virginia beginning May 1.

Mr. Cogbill has served as chairman of the National Capital Planning Commission since his appointment in 2001 by former President Bush. He is currently serving a second, six-year term at the helm of the federal government's central planning agency, where he has guided many of the organization's key initiatives.

Under Mr. Cogbill's leadership, the Commission produced the award-winning Memorials and Museums Master Plan, the groundbreaking National Capital Security Plan, the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital, and the National Capital Framework Plan. Chairman Cogbill has also overseen the review of hundreds of development projects such as the recently approved master plan for St. Elizabeths that will guide a new headquarters for the Department of Homeland Security.

"I have been extremely honored to serve this Commission and America's capital city over the past eight years," said Mr. Cogbill. "At NCPC, we work to preserve some of the country's most treasured spaces and resources, and I am proud to have had the privilege to help lay the groundwork for so many projects that are aimed at enhancing our nation's capital."

"We are indebted to Chairman Cogbill for his leadership and strong support for the staff's efforts over the last eight years," said Executive Director Marcel Acosta in announcing the news to staff. "Chairman Cogbill has worked tirelessly to ensure that the work of the Commission contributes to the continued vitality of a world-class capital. He will be greatly missed."

Mr. Cogbill is a real estate and land use attorney with McGuireWoods LLP in Richmond, Virginia where he has worked since 1979. He is also a member of many civic boards and committees, including the Chesterfield County Preservation Committee. A graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, Mr. Cogbill served in the U.S. Army from 1970 to 1976. He earned his J.D. from the T. C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond. His last day with the National Capital Planning Commission will be April 30.

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