Paul R. Verkuil (Ver-Kile), the tenth Chairman of the Administrative Conference of the United States, was sworn in by Vice President Biden on April 6, 2010. The Conference, first formed through Executive Orders by Presidents Eisenhower and Kennedy, took statutory form under President Johnson in 1964. It was revived by Congress in 2009 after a 15-year hiatus. President Obama named the 10 member Council on July 8, 2010, saying, “ACUS is a public-private partnership designed to make government work better.” The 50 government and 40 public members, along with the Council and Chairman, form the 101 member Conference. The Conference meets twice a year in June and December in Plenary sessions to make consensus driven recommendations to improve government processes and procedures. See www.ACUS.gov.

Mr. Verkuil is a well-known administrative law teacher and scholar who has coauthored a leading treatise, Administrative Law and Process, now in its fifth edition, several other books (most recently, Outsourcing Sovereignty Cambridge Press 2007), and over 65 articles on the general topic of public law and regulation. A Festschrift held in his honor in October 2010 was recently published at 32 Cardozo Law Review 2159 (2011). Starting in 1972 when Antonin Scalia was Chairman, Verkuil published six consultant studies for the Conference.

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