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### **NOVA ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS**

*The NOVA board represents a variety of backgrounds and industries*

**(BUCKS COUNTY, Pa.)** NOVA, the leading non-profit organization in Bucks County supporting victims of serious crime, is pleased to announce that the following business and community leaders have joined their Board of Directors. This group of men and women bring to NOVA their varied life and professional experiences with a common commitment to NOVA's mission.

The new board officers are:

**President - Sarah Larson**, Executive Vice President, Client and Public Relations, Furia Rubel Communications. Larson has worked as a teacher, entrepreneur, reporter and editor. In addition, she has served as Vice President of Media Strategy and Vice President of Public Relations for several local companies. In addition to her commitment to NOVA, Larson has served on the Board of Directors for Pennridge FISH, has been a committee member on several other Bucks County nonprofit organizations' boards and has been an annual presenter for #girlSTEM.

**Vice President - Dr. Twain Gonzales** is a licensed clinical psychologist who has worked in a private psychology practice for over two decades. He currently works with Bucks County Psychological and Assessment Services. Gonzales has also served as clinical director of a

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nonprofit agency that provides services to at-risk youth in Philadelphia, worked as a clinical psychologist within the Delaware State Prison system and co-founded and operated a restaurant in Lewes, Delaware.

**Secretary - Carin A. O'Donnell, Esq.,** shareholder and member of Stark & Stark's Accident & Personal Injury and Construction Injury Groups. O'Donnell's area of expertise is catastrophic injury. She is an instructor in Civil Practice and Procedure at Manor College in Jenkintown, where she organizes mock trials for students.

**Treasurer - Charles T. Field,** Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Penn Community Bank (PCB). As Chief Financial Officer, Field safeguards the financial management of Penn Community Bank. In addition to his work with NOVA, Field serves on the board of directors and is treasurer of the Bucks County Health Improvement Partnership (BCHIP).

New board members are:

**Fizal Nabbie,** Principal Scientist, Bristol Myers Squibb. Nabbie is dedicated to developing novel medicines to help improve quality of life. He has an interest in different sciences and is associated with multiple scientific organizations. He has also served on the board for the Tuscarora Lapidary Society, AAPS Biotech Student Committee and Advanced Computer Engines.

**Tonya Resutek,** Director of Marketing - Lung Cancer, Olympus Corporation of the Americas, Inc. Resutek is a passionate believer in equality and human rights, especially for women.

**Karen Kern** is a returning member to the NOVA Board of Directors. She is a Licensed Social Worker who has worked with the Penn Foundation, most recently as its Outpatient Director, providing overall management for the organization's Mental Health Outpatient services.

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"It is very exciting to have our new slate of Officers on the NOVA Board of Directors as well as two new board members and one returning board member," said Penelope Ettinger, NOVA's Executive Director. "Each brings their respective expertise and commitment to NOVA's mission, which is exceptional. I am delighted to have the opportunity to work with all of them."

### **About NOVA**

NOVA supports, counsels and empowers victims of sexual assault and other serious crimes in Bucks County and works to prevent and eliminate violence in society through advocacy, training, community education and prevention programs. Founded in 1974, NOVA is a non-profit 501(c)(3), community-based organization operating out of three offices in Fairless Hills, Jamison and Perkasie. Services are made possible through the financial support of federal, state and local government grants and contracts, corporations, foundations and private donations. All contributions are tax deductible to the extent provided by law. For more information, visit [www.NOVABucks.org](http://www.NOVABucks.org).

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**Editor's note: Photos and captions provided on the next 2 pages.**

### **Photo: NOVA-Sarah Larson**

Sarah Larson, Executive Vice President, Client and Public Relations, Furia Rubel Communications, will serve as president of NOVA's of the board of directors.



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**Photo: NOVA-Dr. Twain Gonzales**

Dr. Twain Gonzales, a licensed clinical psychologist who has worked in a private psychology practice for over two decades, will serve as vice president of NOVA's board of directors.



**Photo: NOVA-Carin A. O'Donnell, Esq.**

Carin A. O'Donnell, Esq., a shareholder and member of Stark & Stark's Accident & Personal Injury and Construction Injury Groups, will serve as secretary of NOVA's board of directors.



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**Photo: NOVA-Charles T. Field**

Charles T. Field, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Penn Community Bank (PCB), will serve as treasurer of NOVA's board of directors.



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