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**PENNSYLVANIA ATTORNEY IS
NEW CHIEF COUNSEL OF
FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION**

Secretary of Transportation Federico Peña today announced that Berle M. Schiller, a prominent attorney from Merion, Pa., has joined the Clinton Administration team to serve as chief counsel of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Prior to accepting the position, Schiller was a senior partner at Astor, Weiss, Kaplan & Rosenblum in Philadelphia where he specialized in administrative agency law, insurance defense, litigation and domestic relations for 22 years. He also was Director of the Narcotics Strike Force in the Pennsylvania Department of Justice before joining the private sector.

Since 1989, Schiller has served on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's Disciplinary Board after being appointed and reappointed by the State Supreme Court.

FTA Administrator Gordon J. Linton said, "I am delighted to have someone with Berle's background and expertise joining the agency. I am particularly impressed with the high standards he continually sets for himself. He has extensive experience as a litigator and has participated in a wide range of community activities."

As FTA's chief counsel, Schiller will be responsible for providing legal advice and support to the administrator and FTA management, as well as the Department of Transportation's general counsel on FTA legal matters. The Office of Chief Counsel is also responsible for reviewing development and management of FTA sponsored projects representing the Administration before civil courts and drafting and reviewing legislation and regulations to implement the Administration's programs.

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Schiller helped organize and has served as president of a mental health/mental retardation center in Pennsylvania. He is a past-president of the Lower Merion High School Home and School Association, and has long been active in alumni work at both Bowdoin College and New York University Law School. He is also active in Democratic Party politics.

Schiller received his Juris Doctor degree in 1968 from the New York University School of Law. In 1965, he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine.

Schiller is married, has four children, and his hobbies include hunting, fishing and bicycling.

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