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## **Governor Appoints Glenda Smith to the Butler County Court (Area III) & Kathleen Romans to the Butler County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division**

**Columbus, Ohio** – Governor Ted Strickland today announced the appointment of Glenda Smith to the Butler County Court (Area III) and the appointment of Kathleen Romans to the Butler County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division.

“In her years as a public servant and attorney, Glenda has exemplified hard work, legal expertise, and commitment to her community. She also brings a diversity of experience to the bench that will make her an outstanding judge,” Strickland said.

Smith, 47, of Fairfield Township, fills a seat on the Butler County Court (Area III) that was vacated due to the resignation of Judge Robert Hendrickson on August 15th.

Smith will begin September 6, 2008.

Smith has maintained a private practice in Fairfield Township since 2001 and has presided as a hearing examiner for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles since 2007. She represented law enforcement officers as a deputy attorney general in Indiana from 1992-1993, and protected the interest of vulnerable citizens as a *guardian ad litem* in the Hamilton County Public Defender’s Office from 1999-2001. She has also taught a variety of law-related courses as an adjunct professor at both Cincinnati State and Columbus State. Smith received her bachelor’s degree from the Indiana University in 1989, and both her master’s and legal degree from Indiana University in 1992.

“I am humbled by Governor Strickland’s appointment and assure that I will serve the court and community with high standards,” Smith said.

Kathleen Romans, 59, of Middletown, fills a seat on the Butler County

Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division that was vacated due to the death of Judge David Niehaus on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

“Kathleen has served Butler County for more than two decades as a respected attorney dedicated to protecting Butler County families and children,” Strickland said. “Kathleen is ready to assume the important responsibilities of a juvenile judge.”

Romans will begin September 6, 2008.

Romans was appointed by the late Judge Niehaus as magistrate of the Butler County Juvenile Court in 2003, and continues her service in that court. Romans has also maintained a private general law practice since 1983. Prior to becoming a juvenile magistrate, Romans was a supervising assistant prosecuting attorney in Butler County Juvenile Court for over eighteen years (1983-2001).

Among her community activities, Romans served on the Middletown Regional Hospital Foundation Board from 1994-2003 and chaired the Ohio Children’s Trust Fund Board of Butler County from 1994-1998. She is active in the legal community as both an attorney and magistrate, dedicating much time to working on issues of domestic violence, child assault and abuse of children.

Romans received her bachelor’s degree from Miami University in 1973 and her law degree from Dayton Law School in 1983.

“As a long-term resident of Butler County, I am deeply honored by this appointment and I look forward to continuing my service to my community in this role,” Smith said.

A high resolution photo of Smith is available at the following link:

<http://www.governor.ohio.gov/News/Photos/GlendaSmith/tabid/826/Default.aspx>

A high resolution photo of Romans is available at the following link:

<http://www.governor.ohio.gov/News/Photos/KathleenRomans/tabid/825/Default.aspx>