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## **Governor Appoints Frank Ardis, Jr. to Mansfield Municipal Court**

**Columbus, Ohio** – Ohio Governor Ted Strickland announced today the appointment of Frank Ardis, Jr. to the Mansfield Municipal Court.

Frank Ardis, Jr., 60, of Mansfield, fills the seat vacated by the retirement of Judge Jeff Payton on December 31.

“Frank has served this community with integrity and the highest professional standards,” Strickland said. “The legal experience and dedication he brings to this judgeship will serve Mansfield well.”

Ardis will take the bench on January 25, 2010. To retain the seat, he must run in the November 2011 general election.

Ardis has served as a senior partner for the law firm of Bayer, Jerger & Ardis since 1974. He also serves as a part-time assistant prosecutor for Richland County. Ardis previously served as a part-time assistant law director for the City of Mansfield and as a part-time magistrate for the Richland County Domestic Relations and Juvenile Court from 1987-1992.

Ardis is also an active member of his community. He serves on the board of directors for the Day Spring Residential Care Facility and as a member of the Ohio Association for Justice. Ardis previously served as a member of the board trustees for North Central State College.

“I welcome this opportunity to continue serving the people of Mansfield and look forward to tackling the challenges that come with such extraordinary responsibility,” Ardis said.

Ardis received a bachelor’s degree from the Ohio State University in 1971 and a law degree from the University of Akron in 1974.

