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## **Judicial Panel Accepting Applications to Fill Vacancy in Circleville Court**

Columbus, Ohio – The Ohio Judicial Appointments Recommendation Panel is currently accepting applications to fill a vacant seat on the Circleville Municipal Court. The vacancy was created because of the untimely death of Judge John R. Adkins

Applicants for the municipal court position must be a resident and registered elector of Pickaway County and not yet 70 years old on the day they begin their duties, as dictated by Ohio law. In addition, they must be admitted to practice law in Ohio and have maintained their legal license for six years prior to assuming the judicial post or served as a judge of a court of record in any jurisdiction in the United States.

The term of the Circleville appointment will extend until December 31, 2009. To continue service in the position, the appointee must run in the November 2009 judicial election.

In the case of all judicial vacancies, applicants must follow the guidelines set forth by Ohio Judicial Appointments Recommendation Panel to ensure their eligibility for appointment.

Applications must be submitted directly to the judicial panel and will then be distributed to the at-large and regional panel members. Details and the full text of the application procedure are available on the Ohio Judicial Appointments Recommendations Panel's website at [www.ojarp.org](http://www.ojarp.org).

Requirements for all applicants include submitting a letter of interest, resume, panel questionnaire at <http://governor2.ohio.gov/Portals/0/OJARP/Judicial%20Questionnaire.pdf> and no more than six letters of recommendation.

All materials submitted by applicants for a judicial vacancy will be considered public record under Ohio law. Applicant communication with panel members must be

directed to the entire panel; all attempts to contact or influence a panel member are prohibited. Applicant questions and concerns should be addressed to Kent Markus or Jeff Ruppert in the Governor's Office at (614) 466-3555.

Applications for the Circleville appointment must be received by Monday, March 10, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

Candidates must be available to interview in person on Tuesday, March 25, 2008 in Columbus. Individual candidate times and interview locations will be determined at a later date.

Governor Strickland has selected the following individuals to serve on the regional committee for the current Circleville vacancy:

Larry Schieber – pharmacist, Circleville Medicine Shoppe

Amy Elsea – president, Pickaway County Chamber of Commerce

Mike Kelley –business manager, Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 189

Michael Hess – attorney, Bower & Hess law firm; president, Pickaway County Bar Association

Philipp Roar – officer, Circleville Police Department; Circleville Chapter Ohio Patrolman's Benevolent Association

Kathy Crowder-Dorsey – attorney, Dorsey Law Office

The at-Large panel members assigned to the current Circleville vacancy are:

Panel Chair James Ray – retired judge, Lucas County Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division.

Janica Pierce – attorney, Chester Willcox & Saxbe, LLP.

John Kulewicz – attorney, Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP.

Betty Davis – president, Community Concepts, Inc.

Isabel Framer – court certified Spanish/English interpreter and chair of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Judicial Interpreters and Translators.