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Judicial Panel Accepting Applications to Fill Vacancy in Sandusky County Court

Columbus, Ohio – The Ohio Judicial Appointments Recommendation Panel is currently accepting applications to fill a vacant seat on the Sandusky County Court of Common Pleas, General and Domestic Relations Division. The vacancy will occur on March 31, 2008 as a result of the retirement of Judge James R. Sherck.

Applicants for the Court of Common Pleas position must be a resident and registered elector of Sandusky 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 Sandusky County appointment will extend until February 9, 2009. To continue service in the position, the appointee must run in the November 2008 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.

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 Sandusky County appointment must be received by Friday, March 7, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

Candidates must be available to interview in person on Friday, March 21, 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 Sandusky County vacancy:

Roger Wise – Farmer and President of Ohio Farmers Union

James Ellis – Attorney, Arnold, Caruso, Green & Belazis, Ltd.

Robert Heid – Attorney, Heid Law Offices

Karen Wagner – Member, Fremont City Council

Delores Burel – Program Director, Bridge the Gap

Barbara Tuckerman – Director, Sandusky County Board of Elections

At-large panel members assigned are:

Janet E. Jackson, Chair -- President and CEO of United Way of Central Ohio

Meg Flack -- Board Member of the Ohio League of Women Voters

Doloris Learmonth -- Managing partner at Peck Shaffer and Williams LLP in Cincinnati

Joy Malek Oldfield – Partner at Hill Hardman Oldfield, LLC, in Akron

Charles “Rocky” Saxbe – Former state representative, currently a senior partner in the Columbus law firm of Chester, Wilcox and Saxbe, LLP