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Judicial Panel Accepting Applications to Fill Vacancy on Licking County Municipal Court

Columbus, Ohio - The Ohio Judicial Appointments Recommendation Panel is currently accepting applications to fill a vacant seat on the Licking County Municipal Court.

The Licking County Municipal Court seat became vacant on March 31 due to the appointment of Judge David Branstool to the Licking County Common Pleas Court.

Applicants for the Licking County Municipal Court position must be residents and registered electors of Licking 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.

To continue service in the position, the appointee must run in the November 2011 general election.

To apply for any judicial vacancy, applicants must follow the guidelines set forth by the 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. Additional details about OJARP and the application process can be found on the OJARP Web site at www.ojarp.org.

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 Licking County Municipal Court appointment must be received by 5 p.m. June 1, 2010. Candidates for the Licking County Municipal Court must be available to interview on June 11 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 panel for the current Licking County Municipal Court vacancy:

Wendy Williams, executive director, Community Mental Health and Recovery Board of Licking and Knox Counties

Scott Turguson, attorney, Southeastern Ohio Legal Service

Bonnie Bell Clark, retired administrator, Newark City Schools

Lawrence S. Miller, stockbroker, investment adviser

Officer Darrin Logan, patrol officer, Newark City Division of Police and president and district representative, Lodge #127, Fraternal Order of Police

David Hite, attorney, Law Offices of David L. Hite

At-large panel members:

Marianna Brown Bettman (chair), professor, University of Cincinnati College of Law; former judge, First District Court of Appeals

Joy Malek Oldfield, partner at Hill Hardman Oldfield, LLC

John Kulewicz, partner, Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease, LLP

Isabel Frammer, interpreter, former chair of the Board of Directors of the National

Derric McDonald, patrol officer, Dayton Police Department