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## **Governor Appoints Alan Acker to Franklin County Probate Court**

**Columbus, Ohio** – Governor Ted Strickland announced today the appointment of Alan Acker to the Franklin County Probate Court.

Alan Acker, 57, of Gahanna, fills the seat vacated by Judge Eric Brown upon his appointment as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio.

“I’m proud to appoint Alan to the Franklin County Probate Court as he brings to the bench over 30 years of experience as an attorney focusing on probate and estate planning,” Strickland said. “Alan has also demonstrated a commitment to improving his community through his service on civic organizations and through his efforts to educate the next generation of legal professionals as an adjunct professor and legal scholar.”

Acker will take the bench on June 7. To retain the seat, he must run in the November 2010 general election.

Acker has served as a private practicing attorney for the past 32 years with an emphasis on estate planning, estate and gift taxation, income taxation of trusts and estates, and charitable giving issues. He created the innovative E&E Trust and Will Drafting System, an internet-based system designed to help Ohio attorneys draft trusts, wills, and financial powers of attorney. Acker is also an adjunct faculty member at Capital University Law School.

Acker is an active member of his community. He currently serves as the president of the Columbus Jewish Foundation and as a trustee of the Columbus Jewish Federation, the Temple Israel Foundation and the WHV Foundation.

"I am honored by the appointment and the opportunity to focus my attention to the administration of the probate court," Acker said. "I could not be more excited to work with the terrific staff at the Probate Court and to continue to serve the citizens of Franklin County."

Acker received a bachelor’s degree from the University of Illinois in 1974 and a law degree from the Chicago-Kent College of Law in 1977.