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## **Governor Announces Appointments to 11 Judicial Vacancies**

**Columbus, OH** – Ohio Governor Ted Strickland today announced appointments to 11 current judicial vacancies on courts in Clermont, Franklin, Lucas, Madison, Montgomery, Paulding and Putnam counties, and in the cities of Cleveland, Dayton and Sidney.

### **Clermont County Municipal Court**

Governor Strickland appointed Kenneth Zuk to fill the vacancy on the Clermont County Municipal Court created by the election of Judge Thomas R. Herman to the Clermont County Court of Common Pleas. Zuk, a current Common Pleas Court judge and a former solo practitioner and assistant public defender, will take the bench effective January 7, 2011.

### **Cleveland Municipal Court**

Governor Strickland appointed Lynn McLaughlin Murray to fill the vacancy on the Cleveland Municipal Court created by the election of Judge Kathleen Ann Keough to the 8<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeals. Murray, a magistrate with the Cleveland Municipal Court and a former assistant director of law with the City of Cleveland Tax Division, will take the bench effective January 7, 2011.

### **Dayton Municipal Court**

Governor Strickland appointed Christopher Roberts to fill the vacancy on the Dayton Municipal Court created by the death of Judge Dennis Greaney. Roberts, a magistrate for the Dayton Municipal Court and a former general practice attorney, will take the bench effective January 7, 2011.

### **Franklin County Municipal Court**

Governor Strickland appointed Eric Brown to fill the vacancy on the Franklin County Municipal Court created by the election of Judge Julia Lillian Dorrian to the 10<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeals. Brown, the current chief justice of the Ohio Supreme Court and a former judge on the Franklin County Probate and Common Pleas Courts, will take the bench effective January 2, 2011.

### **Lucas County Common Pleas Court**

Governor Strickland appointed Myron Duhart to fill the vacancy on the Lucas County Common Pleas Court created by the December 17 resignation of Judge Charles J. Doneghy. Duhart, a general practice attorney and a small business owner, will take the bench effective January 7, 2011.

### **Madison County Municipal Court**

Governor Strickland appointed Eric Schooley to fill the vacancy on the Madison County Municipal Court created by the announced resignation of Judge R. David Picken. Schooley, a private practice attorney with an emphasis on litigation and criminal law matters, will take the bench effective January 7, 2011.

### **Montgomery County Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division**

Governor Strickland appointed Timothy Wood to fill the vacancy on the Montgomery County Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division created by the resignation of Judge Judith A. King, effective December 31. Wood, a magistrate for the Montgomery County Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division and former managing attorney at Hyatt Legal Services specializing in domestic relations and bankruptcy, will take the bench effective January 7, 2011.

### **Montgomery County Common Pleas, General Division**

Governor Strickland appointed Steven Dankof to fill the vacancy on the Montgomery County Common Pleas, General Division created by resignation of Judge AJ Wagner, effective December 31. Dankof, a private practice attorney specializing in civil and criminal litigation, will take the bench effective January 7, 2011.

### **Paulding County Court**

Governor Strickland appointed Suzanne Shuman Rister to fill the vacancy on the Paulding County Court created by the election of Judge Tiffany Beckman to the Paulding County Common Pleas Court. Rister, a private practice attorney, will take the bench effective January 7, 2010.

### **Putnam County Common Pleas, Probate and Juvenile Division**

Governor Strickland appointed Michael A. Borer to fill the vacancy on the Putnam County Common Pleas, Probate and Juvenile Division created by the resignation of Judge Daniel Gerschutz, effective December 31. Borer, a private practice attorney and village solicitor for Leipsic, Pandora, Cloverdale, Dupont and Miller City, will take the bench effective January 7, 2011.

### **Sidney Municipal Court**

Governor Strickland appointed Duane Goettemoeller to fill the vacancy on the Sidney Municipal Court created by the resignation of Judge Donald G. Luce, effective December 31. Goettemoeller, a private practice attorney and an assistant prosecuting attorney in Shelby County, will take the bench effective January 7, 2011.