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Judicial Panel Accepting Applications to Fill Vacancy on Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas

Columbus, Ohio – The Ohio Judicial Appointments Recommendation Panel is currently accepting applications to fill a vacant seat on the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, General Division, due to the retirement of Judge Lillian J. Greene, effective June 25, 2008.

Applicants for the Court of Common Pleas position must be a resident and registered elector of Cuyahoga 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 2008 judicial election.

In the case of all judicial vacancies, 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. Details and the full text of the application procedure are available on the judicial panel's section of the governor's Web site, <http://www.governor.ohio.gov/>.

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

Additional details about OJARP and the application process can be found at <http://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 Cuyahoga County appointment must be received by 5 p.m. on July 24.

Candidates must be available to interview in person on August 5, 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 panel for the current Cuyahoga County vacancy:

Bill Mason, Cuyahoga County Prosecutor

Kenneth Fisher, attorney, Kenneth J. Fisher Co., LPA

Darlene Evans McCoy, attorney, Calfee Halter and Griswold LLP

Terence Joyce, secretary-treasurer, Laborer's Local #310

Peter Lawson Jones, attorney and Cuyahoga County Commissioner

Marsha Fudge, attorney and mayor of Warrensville Heights

At-large panel members:

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 senior partner in the Columbus law firm of Chester, Wilcox and Saxbe, LLP