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

Columbus, Ohio – The Ohio Judicial Appointments Recommendation Panel is currently accepting applications to fill a vacant seat on the Mahoning County Court of Common Pleas, Probate Division, due to the retirement of Judge Timothy P. Maloney effective November 30.

Applicants for the Court of Common Pleas position must be a resident and registered elector of Mahoning 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 Mahoning 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 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 Mahoning County appointment must be received by 5 p.m. October 19.

Candidates must be available to interview in person on November 7 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 Mahoning County vacancy:

Janet Tarpley, Mahoning County director, Parenting Project

John McNally, attorney and Mahoning County Commissioner

Arlette Gatewood, retired staff representative, United Steel Workers of America

Alan R. Kretzer, attorney, Law Office of Alan R. Kretzer

Lynn Roman, public relations consultant, Multimedia Farms

J. Gerald Ingram, attorney and president of the Mahoning County Bar Association

At-Large Panel Members:

James Ray (panel chair), retired judge, Lucas County Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division

Janica Pierce, attorney, Chester Willcox and Saxbe, LLP

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

Betty Davis, president, Community Concepts, Inc.

Isabel Frammer, court certified Spanish/English interpreter; chair of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Judicial Interpreters and Translators

