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Governor Announces Appointment of Timothy Franken to Mahoning County Court

Columbus, Ohio – Governor Ted Strickland announced today the appointment of Timothy Franken to the Mahoning County Court of Common Pleas, General Division. The seat was vacant due to the retirement of Judge Maureen Cronin.

“Tim brings years of legal expertise to the bench, along with the integrity and dedication to public service that will make him an effective and fair judge,” Strickland said.

Franken, 59, of Canfield, is currently the chief trial counsel for the Mahoning County Prosecutor’s Office. In this position, he reviews criminal cases, supervises and trains trial lawyers and serves as the lead counsel on death penalty cases and high level felony indictments.

Franken was the chief of the criminal division of the Mahoning County Prosecutor’s Office from 2000-2006 and an assistant prosecutor for the office from 1997-2000.

Franken worked in private practice from 1979-2000 and has also served as a business law instructor at Youngstown State University and as counsel for the Western Reserve Transit Authority.

Franken is a member of the Mahoning County Bar Association, the Ohio State Bar Association, and the National Association of District Attorneys. In 1996, he received the Lawyer of the Year Award from the Mahoning County Bar Association.

Franken graduated with a bachelor’s degree from Youngstown State University in 1974 and received his law degree from the University of Akron in 1978.

“As a life-long resident of the Mahoning Valley, I am committed to our community and look forward to serving this court with honesty, fairness and the utmost respect for the law,” Franken said.

Franken will begin as judge on October 1, and his term will extend until January 9, 2009.

A high-resolution photo of Franken is available at the following link:
<http://governor.ohio.gov/Portals/0/FrankenHighResHeadshot.jpg>

