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Governor Appoints Mary Wiseman to Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas

Columbus, Ohio – Ohio Governor Ted Strickland announced today the appointment of Mary Wiseman to the Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas.

Wiseman, 45, of Dayton, has been appointed to the judicial seat that will be vacated October 31 by the retirement of Judge John W. Kessler.

Wiseman was one of three individuals recommended by the Ohio Judicial Appointments Recommendations Panel in June for the judicial seat vacated by the death of Judge G. Jack Davis on the Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas. For the current appointment, the Governor's Office has chosen to forgo the creation of a new OJARP panel to screen applicants, due to the short period of time between the Montgomery County vacancies and Wiseman's receipt of a high recommendation by the previously formed panel.

"Mary was an exceptional candidate for appointment to the court in June, and I am pleased to have the opportunity to appoint her to the current vacancy," Strickland said. "Mary is an experienced attorney and public servant who will bring great value to the court."

Wiseman, who holds more than 19 years worth of litigation experience, currently works for Coolidge Wall Co., LPA, in Dayton. She is also an adjunct professor of trial practice and evidence at the University of Dayton School of Law and an adjunct instructor for the paralegal program at Sinclair Community College.

Wiseman served on the Dayton City Council from 1998-2002. In addition, she was a partner at Faruki Ireland and Cox, PLL, in Dayton, from 1991-2005.

She currently serves on the boards of Legal Aid of Western Ohio/Advocates for Basic Legal Equality and the Volunteer Lawyer's Project for Greater Dayton, which recruits lawyers in the Montgomery County area to represent low-income individuals in civil litigation on a volunteer basis. Wiseman also serves on the Montgomery County Public Defender Commission, which provides free representation in criminal cases to those in financial need.

Wiseman graduated with a bachelor's degree from Ball State University in 1984 and received a law degree from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in 1988. She is a member of the Ohio State Bar Association and American Bar Association.

“This appointment gives me the great opportunity to continue my commitment to making our Montgomery County community a better place to live,” Wiseman said.

Wiseman will take the bench on November 5.