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## **Governor Designates New Ohio Judicial Appointments Recommendation Panel Chair**

*Makes Additional Appointments to State Boards, Commissions*

**Columbus, Ohio** – Ohio Governor Ted Strickland announced today appointments to several state boards and commissions.

**The Ohio Judicial Appointments Recommendation Panel** evaluates the qualifications of applicants for judicial vacancies and then makes non-binding recommendations to the Governor for appointment based on their evaluations.

Marianna Brown Bettman, of Cincinnati, has been designated the chair of one of the two Ohio Judicial Appointments Recommendations Panels. She will be replacing James Ray, who had served as a panel chair since 2007. Marianna Brown Bettman has served as a professor of law at the University of Cincinnati since 1999. She had previously served as a judge for the Ohio First District Court of Appeals from 1993-1999. Bettman also writes a monthly newspaper column, *Legally Speaking*, which appears in the *American Israelite* and the *Cincinnati Herald*. She received a bachelor's degree and a law degree from the University of Cincinnati.

**University of Toledo Board of Trustees** has the authority to hire and set the compensation of the president, professors and employees of Toledo University. The Board of Trustees is charged with maintaining the successful operation of the college.

Joseph High, of Perrysburg, has served as the senior vice president of human resources for Owens Corning since 2009. He had previously served as the vice president for human resources at ConocoPhillips from 2001-2004. High also serves as a board member for the Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina in 1976 and a master's degree from Central Michigan University in 1987.

**The Miami University Board of Trustees** has the authority to hire and set the compensation of the president, professors and employees of Miami University. The Board of Trustees is charged with maintaining the successful operation of the college.

Dennis Lieberman, of Clayton, has served as a partner for the law firm of Flanagan, Lieberman, Hoffman & Swaim since 1984. He has also served as an acting judge for the Vandalia Municipal Court since 2006. Lieberman currently serves as a board member on the Montgomery Suicide Prevention Board. He received a bachelor's degree from Miami University in 1975 and a law degree from the University of Dayton in 1978.

Sharon Mitchell, of West Chester, has served as the senior vice president of research and development for Proctor & Gamble since 2007. She had previously served in a variety of positions for Proctor & Gamble since 1973. Mitchell has also served as the board president for the Children's Home of Cincinnati since 2006. She received a bachelor's degree from Miami University.

**Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees** has the authority to hire and set the compensation of the president, professors and employees of Bowling Green State University. The Board of Trustees is charged with maintaining the successful operation of the college.

Kevin Lake, of Columbus, has served as the medical director of the Columbus Southern Medical Center since 1999. He has also served as the chief operating officer of Columbus Southern Medical Group since 1999 and as a member of the medical staff at Grant Hospital since 2001. Lake is a member of the American Osteopathic Association. He received a bachelor's degree from Capital University in 1988 and a doctorate from Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1992.

**Central State University Board of Trustees** sets the tuition and fees of the college, hires and fixes the compensation of the school's employees and does all that is necessary to ensure the successful operation of the college.

Kenneth Lumpkin, of Cleveland, has served as a law partner with firm of Lumpkin McCray since 1995. He has previously served as a councilman for the City of Cleveland and as the assistant law director for the City of Cleveland. Lumpkin received a bachelor's degree from Central State University and a law degree from Howard University.

**Cleveland State University Board of Trustees** sets the tuition and fees of the college, hires and fixes the compensation of the school's employees and does all that is necessary to ensure the successful operation of the college.

Stephanie McHenry, of Shaker Heights, currently serves as the president of ShoreBank, Cleveland Region. McHenry had previously served a partial term as a member of the board of trustees for Cleveland State University. McHenry also served as the senior director of Minority Business Development for the Greater Cleveland Growth Association and as executive director of the Northern Ohio Minority Business Council. McHenry serves on several organizations' governing bodies, including those of the Greater Cleveland Partnership, the Commission on Economic Inclusion, and the University Hospitals of Cleveland. She received a bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College in 1984.

**Owens Community College Board of Trustees** appoints the administrative officers, faculty and staff necessary to operate the college. It does all things necessary to properly operate and maintain the college.

William Takacs, of Toledo, currently serves as the president and managing partner for the firm of Gallon, Takacs, Boissoneault & Schaffer. He had previously served as the managing partner for the firm of Gallon and Takacs from 1991-2005. He is a member of the Ohio, Michigan and American Bar Associations. Takacs received a bachelor's degree from Kent State University in 1973 and a law degree from the University of Toledo in 1976.

**The Ohio University School of Osteopathic Medicine Advisory Board** sets the tuition and fees of the college, hires and fixes the compensation of the school's employees and does all that is necessary to ensure the successful operation of the college.

Deborah Phillips-Bower, of Columbus, has been the owner of RE/MAX Premier Choice since 1993. She has also served as a member of the board of trustees for Ballet Met of Columbus since 1992 and on the Women's Sustaining Board for the Franklin Park Conservatory. Phillips-Bower received a bachelor's degree from Ohio University.

**Terra State Community College Board of Trustees** appoints the administrative officers faculty and staff necessary to operate the college.

Sandra L. Wise, of Fremont, is a member of the North East Regional Board of Dental Examiners, the Sandusky County Board of Health, and previously served on the Ohio State Dental Board. She is a registered and licensed dental hygienist, receiving an associate degree from Cuyahoga Community College in 1973.

**The Board of Regents** advises and assists the Governor, the General Assembly, the state universities and the state agencies concerned with higher education on matters of long range financing and development of the state's higher education facilities.

Lana Moresky, of Shaker Heights, previously served on the board of trustees for Lake Erie College. She also served as the director of the Department of Community Services for the Cuyahoga County Auditor's Office from 1984-1999. Moresky has also served as the vice president of the Heights Fund since 1990 and served as an executive board officer for Women's Law Fund from 2003-2008. She received a bachelor's degree from Pennsylvania State University in 1967.

Daniel Hurwitz, of Aurora, has served as the president of Developers Diversified Realty since 2007. He had previously served Developers Diversified Realty as executive vice president from 2004-2007. He also previously served as a senior vice president for Real Estate and Corporate Development from 1991-1999. Hurwitz received a bachelor's degree from Colgate University in 1986.

Timothy Burke, of Cincinnati, has served in a variety of capacities for the Manley Burke Legal Professional Association since 1977, including serving as president since 2006. He

has also served as the law director for the Village of Lockland since 1982 and as the law director of the Village of Evendale since 2002. Burke previously served as the executive director of Little Miami, Inc. from 1975-1976. He received a bachelor's degree from Xavier University in 1970 and a law degree from the University of Cincinnati in 1973.

Bonnie Milenthal, of Columbus, currently serves as a partner for the Milenthal Group. She had previously served as the vice president of community relations for HMS Partners Advertising. Milenthal also serves as a member of the boards of trustees for Wilberforce University and as a board member for the Columbus Urban League. She received a bachelor's degree from the Ohio State University in 1970.

**The State Lottery Commission** acts as an advisory body to the administration of the state lottery. Members should have prior experience in business administration, management, sales, marketing, or advertising.

Paul Burens, of Bay Village, has served as a social service professional for the Cuyahoga County Department of Children and Family Services since 1996. He had previously served in the Facilities and Real Estate Division for the Office of the Ohio Auditor from 1994-1995. Burens received a bachelor's degree from John Carroll University.

**The School Employees Retirement System** is responsible for the administration and management of the State Employees Retirement System.

Richard Sensenbrenner, of Cleveland, has served as the commissioner of accounts for the City of Cleveland since 2005. He had previously served as the budget and planning coordinator for the Columbus College of Art & Design from 2000-2005. He also served as the treasurer for the City of Columbus from 1994-1996. Sensenbrenner has served as a board member for the Pinnacle Homeowner's Associations since 2007. He received a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from the Ohio State University in 1986 and 1989, respectively.

**The Board of Building Standards** provides for the adjudication hearings where any political subdivision issues an order attempting to enforce any provisions of the State Building Code or any rule or regulation.

Timothy Galvin, of Columbus, has served as the president of Brexton Construction since 2001. He had previously served as the president of Equity Concepts Development Corporation from 1989-2002. Galvin is a past president of the Ohio Associated General Contractors of America. He graduated from Bishop Ready High School and later received his Ohio Real Estate Sales License in 1988.

**The Power Siting Board** compiles and publishes the general locations of power plant sites and the general locations of transmission line routes within its jurisdiction.

Lorry Wagner, of Solon, had served as the president of Phillips Electric since 2006 before retiring in 2008. He had previously served as the chairman and CEO of Phillips Electric

from 1989-2006. He had also served as a project developer for the Great Lakes Science Center from 2005-2008. Wagner currently serves as an executive committee member for the Great Lakes Offshore Wind Task Force. He received a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from Purdue University in 1973 and 1975, respectively. He also received a doctorate from Purdue University in 1981.

**The Private Water Systems Advisory Board** advises the director of the Ohio Department of Health regarding the revocation or non-renewal of the registration of a private water systems contractor and makes recommendations to the director regarding the amount of surety bond required of private water systems contractors.

Robert Derge, Jr., of Cincinnati, has served as a health commissioner for the Clinton County Health Department since 1984. He had previously served as an environmental scientist for the northwest district office of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency from 1978-1981. He also served as the president of the Association of Ohio Health Commissioners from 1994-1995. Derge received a bachelor's degree from Bowling Green State University in 1978 and a master's degree from East Tennessee State University in 1983.

Thomas Bell, of Columbiana, has served as the owner and operator of Bell Well Drilling since 1976. He graduated from Columbiana High School in 1970 and attended Muskingum College.

**The Recreation and Resources Commission** advises the director of the Department of Natural Resources on any plans and programs for the management, development, utilization and conservation of the state's natural resources.

Leonard Roberts, of Montgomery, has served as the director of community involvement for the Dayton Early College Academy since 2008. He had previously served as the executive assistant and the clerk of commission for the Dayton City Commission from 2004-2008. Roberts also served as the deputy director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources from 1988-1991. He received a bachelor's degree from Wayne State University in 1969 and a master's degree from Antioch College in 1973

**The Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council (ODDC)** is a planning and advocacy body committed to community inclusion for people with developmental disabilities.

Tanya Benore, of Sylvania, currently serves as a self-advocate board member for the Building Allies Committee. She had previously served as the treasurer for the Toledo Chapter of People's First. Benore graduated from Northview High School in 2003.

Emily Schmidlin, of Kent, has served as a research intern for the Hattie Larlham Research Institute since 2007. She had previously served as an intern in the editorial office of the Kent State University Press from 2006-2007. Schmidlin graduated from Theodore Roosevelt High School in 2005 and is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree from Kent State University.

**The State Board of Landscape Architect Examiners** enforces rules governing the standards for education, experience, services, conduct, and practice to be followed in the practice of the profession of landscape architects.

Timothy Schmalenberger, of Hilliard, currently serves as the principal manager of the landscape architecture firm MSI. He is a member of the American Society of Landscape Architects and the National Recreation & Parks Association. Schmalenberger also serves on the board of governors for the Knowlton School of Architecture at The Ohio State University. He received a bachelor's degree from the Ohio State University in 1980.

**The Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs** is charged with gathering and disseminating information and conducting hearings, conferences, investigations, and special studies on problems and programs concerning Spanish-speaking people. It also secures appropriate recognition of the accomplishments and contributions of Spanish-speaking people to the state.

Andres Gonzalez, of Cleveland, has served as the director of diversity for the Cleveland Clinic since 2007. He had previously served as the executive director of the workforce development agency El Barrio from 2005-2007. Gonzalez also serves as a member on the civic organizations of the Hispanic Roundtable and the Nueva Luz Urban Resource Center. He received a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from Cleveland State University.

**The Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund** invests monies contained in the disability and pension fund in a manner which will yield a maximum profit for the fund.

Robert Baker, of Cleveland, has served as the director of finance for the City of Shaker Heights since 2008. He had previously served as the director of finance for the City of Cleveland from 2002-2005. He also served as a partner in the law firm of Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue from 1992-1999. Baker currently serves as an executive committee member for the Business Advisers of Cleveland. He received a bachelor's degree from Yale College in 1965 and a law degree from Yale Law School in 1968.

**The Medical Quality Foundation Board** funds activities to improve the quality of medical care rendered to the public.

James Castle, of Columbus, has served as the president of the Ohio Hospital Association since 1989. He had previously served as the president of the Maine Hospital Association from 1984-1989. Castle received a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan in 1968 and a master's degree from Michigan State University in 1972.

Marcia Summers, of Upper Arlington, has served in private practice as a board certified obstetrician and gynecologist since 2002. She has been a member of the American Medical Association since 1998 and served as an Ohio delegate for the Women Physicians Congress in 2006.

**The Labor-Management Government Advisory Council** advises the workers'

compensation oversight commission and the administrator of workers' compensation on the quality and effectiveness of rehabilitation services and makes recommendations pertaining to the bureau's rehabilitation program.

Elayne Marie Siegfried, of Medina, has served as the director of human resources and purchasing for the City of Parma since 2004. She had previously served as the director of the volunteer legal services program for Community Legal Aid Services from 2001-2004. Siegfried also serves as a member of the Medina County Planning Commission. She received a bachelor's degree from Shippensburg University in 1991 and a law degree from Case Western Reserve University in 1994.

**The Governor's Council on Juvenile Justice** exercises leadership in improving the overall quality of the juvenile justice system in the state and advises the Department of Youth Services on the overall needs of the juvenile justice system.

David Stucki, of Brewster, has served as the senior judge of the Stark County Family Court since 2005. He had previously served as an administrative judge for the domestic relations division of Stark County Court of Common Pleas from 1999-2005. Stucki also previously served the Stark County Court of Common Pleas as a presiding judge from 1997-2005. He received a bachelor's degree and a law degree from the University of Akron in 1981 and 1985, respectively.

Penny Wyman, of Columbus, has served as the executive director for the Ohio Association of Child Caring Agencies since 1985. She had previously served as legislative aide for State Representative Vern Cook from 1982-1985. Wyman is also a member of the executive leadership council for the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. She received a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from the Ohio State University in 1973 and 1980, respectively.

Yeura Venters, of Lewis Center, has served as the director of the Franklin County Public Defender Office since 2001. He had previously served the Franklin County Public Defender Office as the Juvenile Unit Supervisor from 1989-2001. Venter also serves as a board member for the Central Ohio Association of Juvenile Lawyers. He received a bachelor's degree from Wittenberg University in 1974 and a law degree from Capital University in 1977.

Albert Neff, of Columbus, has served as the director for the Center for Learning Excellence at The Ohio State University since 2000. He had previously served as the superintendent of schools for the Ohio Department of Youth Services from 1988-2000. Neff received a bachelor's degree and a doctorate from the Ohio State University in 1969 and 1983, respectively.

Linda Shipbaugh, of Massillon, has served as the director of SHIP, a children's group home, since 1991. She previously served as case manager at the Child and Adolescent Service Center from 1985-1989. She also served as a teacher at the Indian River School for Boys from 1984-1985. Shipbaugh received a bachelor's degree from Ashland College in 1967.

Kendra Kec, of Whitehouse, has served as the assistant court administrator for the Lucas County Juvenile Court since 2004. She had previously served the Lucas County Juvenile Court as the special projects director from 2000-2004. Kec also served as a faculty member for the National Partnership for Juvenile Services in 2007. She received a bachelor's degree from Bowling Green State University in 1995 and a master's degree from the University of Toledo in 2006.

Leslie Abel, of Canton, had served as the executive director of the Stark County Community Mental Health Board from 1979-2007 before retiring in 2008. She now serves as the chair of the Institutional Review Board at the Mercy Medical Center. Abel received a bachelor's degree from the College of St. Charles Borromeo in 1967 and a master's degree from Kent State University in 1974.

Yvonne Hunnicut, of South Euclid, has served as a policy associate for Voice for Ohio's Children since 2007. She previously served as the parent involvement coordinator for the Council for Economic Opportunities in Greater Cleveland from 2001-2007. Hunnicut also serves on the coordinating committee for the Ohio Early Childhood Education Coalition. She received a bachelor's degree from Wilberforce University in 1996.

Richard Broderick, of Springfield, has served as the superintendent for Northeastern Local Schools since 2003. He had previously served the Northeastern Local Schools as the director of curriculum from 2001-2003. Broderick also serves as a member of the Buckeye Association of School Administrators. He received a bachelor's degree from Miami University in 1976 and a master's degree from the University of Dayton in 1984.

**The Waterways Safety Council** reports to the Chief of the Division of Watercraft on plans and programs for the construction, maintenance and operation of refuge harbors and coordination with shore erosion projects. It also submits to the Governor recommendations for amendments to Ohio laws relating to refuge and light craft vessel harbor.

Chad Taylor, of Wilmington, has served as the vice president for South Shore Marina since 2002 and as a member of the United States Coast Guard Reserve since 2000. He has also served as the chair of the Southern Ohio Marine Trades Association since 2004. Taylor graduated from Blanchester High School and attended Southern State Community College.

**The Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Licensing Board** provides for examination and licensing of hearing aid dealers, fitters and trainees. When necessary, the board has the authority to revoke licenses and investigate charges of false advertising or malpractice.

Darshan Vyas, of Tipp City, has served as an otolaryngist for the Hearing Services of Sidney since 1998. He has also served as an adjunct professor at Wright State University since 1999. Vyas received a bachelor's degree and a medical degree from the University of Michigan in 1988 and 1993, respectively.

**The State Accountancy Board** sets forth rules of professional conduct to ensure the

maintenance of a high standard of integrity within the accounting profession. It is responsible for conducting CPA examinations and subsequent certification for “Certified Public Accountants”.

W. Michael Fritz, of Blacklick, has served as an assurance partner for Deloitte & Touche LLP since 1989. He had previously served as an executive board member for the Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants from 2006-2008 and is a past president of the Columbus Chapter of Governmental Accountants. Fritz received a bachelor’s degree from Ohio University.

**The Ohio Expositions Commission** conducts one fair or exposition annually and may conduct more if they so decide. The Commission manages the State Fair.

David P. Corey, of Columbus, has served as the president of the government relations firm PACA since 1989. He had previously served as the director of research and development for the United Commercial Travelers of America. He also serves as the executive director of the Ohio State Corners Association. Corey received a bachelor’s degree from Michigan University in 1985 and a master’s degree from the Ohio State University in 1991.

Sherrilyn Farkas VanTassel, of Cadiz, has served as the executive director for Russell Nesbitt Services since 2004. She has also served as a private practicing attorney since 1996. VanTassel had previously served as an attorney for Legal Aid of West Virginia. She received an associate’s degree from Jefferson Community College in 1985, a bachelor’s degree from Wheeling Jesuit University in 1990, and a law degree from Duquesne University School of Law in 1994.

Michael Noel, of Portsmouth, had served as the building and maintenance supervisor for the Scioto County Juvenile Center before retiring in June, 2008. He had previously served as the assistant maintenance supervisor for the Scioto County Courthouse. Noel has served as the director of the Scioto County Agriculture Society for the past 48 years. He graduated from Portsmouth High School in 1959.

**The Clean Ohio Council** is charged with reviewing and approving applications and entering into an agreement with the applicant to award a grant or make a loan for the applicant’s brownfield cleanup project.

Gwen McFarlin, of Cincinnati, currently serves as the director of behavioral health services at Christ Hospital. She has also served as a trustee for Springfield Township since 1995 and as the chairperson for the Hamilton County Planning Partnership. McFarlin received a bachelor’s degree from Miami University in 1983 and a master’s degree from University of Cincinnati 1995.

**State Fire Commission** is charged with recommending courses of action to be taken by the Fire Marshall in carrying out his duties.

Jenny Lynn Barlos, of Maumee, has served as a member of city council for the City of

Maumee since 1994. She also serves as the client service director for Assistance Dogs of America. Previously, she served as an instructor at Owens Community College. Barlos received a bachelor's degree from Bowling Green State University in 2001.

**The State Board of Emergency Medical Services** is charged with preparing a plan for the statewide regulation of emergency medical services during times of disaster. The board oversees an Emergency Medical Services Grant program to improve quality and accessibility of EMS services within the state.

Deanna Dahl-Grove, of Cleveland, currently serves as an associate professor of pediatrics at Case Western Reserve University. She also serves as a member of the Emergency Medical Services for Children Committee and the Ohio American Academy of Pediatrics. Dahl-Grove received a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University in 1980 and a master's degree from Case Western Reserve in 1986.

Joyce Fischer, of New Richmond, has served as an administrative assistant for the New Richmond Fire and Emergency Medical Service department since 1993. She previously served as a staff nurse at Mercy Hospital. Fischer received an associate's degree from Christ Hospital of Nursing and Health Services.

John Alan Kubincanek, of North Ridgeville, currently serves as the emergency medical service continuing education coordinator at Cuyahoga Community College. Kubincanek previously served as an emergency medical consultant and program manager at Cuyahoga Community College and as the quality assurance coordinator at Lorain County Community College. He received an associate's degree from Cuyahoga Community College in 1981.

William Mallory, of Lancaster, has served as a firefighter and emergency medical technician for the Madison Country Fire Department since 1989. He also serves as member of the Central Ohio Fire Prevention committee and the International Association of Fire Fighters. Mallory has previously served as a firefighter for the City of Lancaster. He graduated from Lancaster High School in 1977.

John Pakiela, of Macedonia, currently serves as the director of paramedic education at Akron General Hospital and as the associate director for Medflight of Ohio. He received a bachelor's degree from John Carroll University in 1994 and a doctorate from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1998.

Wendy Jane Pomerantz, of Cincinnati, has served as an emergency staff physician at Cincinnati Children's Hospital since 1998. She previously served as an associate faculty member in the Center of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at the University of Cincinnati. Pomerantz also provides instruction for the Ohio Department of Public Safety on Emergency Medical Services. She received a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas-Austin in 1988, a doctorate from Southwest Medical Schools-Dallas in 1992, and a master's degree from John Hopkins University in 1998.

William Quinn Jr., of Trenton, currently serves as a paramedic supervisor for the Hamilton

Fire Department. He is certified in advance cardiac life support, pediatric advanced life support, basic trauma life support and as a fire inspector. Quinn is also licensed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as a hazardous materials technician.

Craig Self, of Dayton, has served as the vice president of business development for the Good Samaritan Hospitals in Dayton since 2007. He also serves as a board member for the Greater Ohio Healthcare Leaders' Forum. Self received an associate's degree from Darton College in 1992, a bachelor's and master's degree from Franklin University in 1997 and 1998, respectively.

**The Emergency Response Commission** aims to improve statewide preparedness and response to emergencies and promote public awareness of potential hazards. The commission consists of representatives from professional and volunteer firefighters, county emergency and local emergency response agencies, environmental advocacy groups, and petroleum refiners or chemical manufacturers.

Ricky Dale Hoffman, of Bremen, has served as an instructor for the Ohio Fire Academy since 1988. He had previously served as a hazardous waste consultant for Fairfield County and as adjunct instructor at University of Findlay and Hocking College. Hoffman received a bachelor's degree from Hocking College in 2007.