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## **Judicial Panel Accepting Applications for Vacancies on Wayne, Pike County Courts**

**Columbus, Ohio** – The Ohio Judicial Appointments Recommendations Panel is accepting applications for vacancies on the Wayne County Municipal Court and the Pike County Court of Common Pleas, Probate and Juvenile Division.

In the case of all judicial vacancies, applicants must follow the guidelines set forth by the Ohio Judicial Appointments Recommendations Panel to ensure their eligibility for appointment.

Applications for both positions 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://governor2.ohio.gov/Portals/0/OJARP/Judicial Questionnaire.pdf](http://governor2.ohio.gov/Portals/0/OJARP/Judicial%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.

### **Wayne County Municipal Court**

The Wayne County Municipal Court position will be vacant as of June 1 due to the retirement of Judge Stuart K. Miller.

Applicants for the Municipal Court position must be a resident and registered elector of Wayne 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 Wayne County appointment will extend until December 31, 2009. To continue service in the position, the appointee must run in the November 2009 judicial election.

Applications for the Wayne County appointment must be received by 5 p.m. May 2.

Candidates must be available to interview in person on May 22 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 Wayne County vacancy.

Beverly Wire, Wayne County Public Defender

Jerry Packard, partner, Logee, Hostetler, Stutzman and Lehman

B. Jean Mohr, retired member of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)

John Johnson, Sr., attorney and former state representative

John Bejcek, president, East Central Ohio Building and Construction Trades Council

Terry Kline, veterinarian and farmer

At-large panel members assigned:

James Ray, panel chair, retired judge of the 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 of Community Concepts, Inc.

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

### **Pike County Court of Common Pleas, Probate and Juvenile Division**

The Pike County Court of Common Pleas position will be vacant as of May 31 due to the retirement of Judge William Wray Bevens.

Applicants for the Court of Common Pleas position must be a resident and registered elector of Pike 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 Pike County appointment will extend until February 9, 2009. To continue service in the position, the appointee must run in the November 2008 judicial election.

Applications for the Pike County appointment must be received by 5 p.m. May 2.

Candidates must be available to interview in person on May 22 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 Pike County vacancy.

Blaine Beekman, executive director, Pike County Chamber of Commerce

Dale Seif, partner, Seif and Shugart, Attorneys-at-Law

Dan Minter, president, United Steel Workers Local 5689

Randy Runyon, assistant executive director, Community Action Agency of Pike County, Inc.

Robert Junk, Pike County Prosecuting Attorney

At-large panel members assigned:

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

Janica Pierce, attorney, Chester Willcox and Saxbe, LLP

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