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Governor Appoints State Sen. Lance Mason to Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas

Columbus, Ohio – Governor Ted Strickland today announced the appointment of state Sen. Lance Mason to the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, General Division.

“Through his work as a state legislator and attorney, Lance has exemplified the hard work, legal expertise, and commitment to Cuyahoga County that will make him an effective and respected judge,” Strickland said.

Mason, 40, of Cleveland, fills a seat on the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas that was vacated due to the retirement of Judge Lillian J. Greene. Mason will begin his service on August 25.

A state senator since 2007, Mason represents more than 330,000 constituents in the Greater Cleveland area, and currently serves as the minority whip and ranking minority member of the Senate Criminal Justice Committee. Mason also practices law with Baker Hostetler LLP.

Mason was a member of the Ohio House of Representatives from 2002-2007, serving as the assistant minority whip and ranking minority member of the House Criminal Justice Committee.

He previously served as the district director for the office of Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones from 1999-2002 and as the assistant county prosecutor for Cuyahoga County from 1996-1999. He served from 1992-1995 as a litigator at the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C.

Mason received a bachelor’s degree from the College of Wooster in 1989 and a law degree from the University of Michigan Law School in 1992.

“It has been an honor to represent Cuyahoga County in the state legislature, and I look forward to this new opportunity to serve our community,” Mason said.

A high-resolution photo of Mason is available at the following link:
<http://www.governor.ohio.gov/News/Photos/MasonPicture/tabid/808/Default.aspx>

