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Governor Appoints Rocky Coss to Highland County Court of Common Pleas

Columbus, Ohio – Governor Ted Strickland today announced the appointment of Rocky Coss to the Highland County Court of Common Pleas, General Division.

“Rocky has served Highland County for more than three decades as a respected attorney and active community member,” Strickland said. “I have no doubt that he will be an excellent judge.”

Coss, 57, of Hillsboro, fills a seat on the Highland County Court of Common Pleas that was vacated due to the disbarment of Judge Jeffrey Hoskins on July 3.

Coss will begin on August 25. To retain the seat, he must run in the November 2008 judicial election.

Coss has served in private practice in Hillsboro since 1976 and as an assistant prosecuting attorney for Adams County since 2001. He was the Highland County prosecuting attorney from 1977-2001. He also served as a faculty instructor for criminal investigations and constitutional law at Southern State Community College.

Among his community activities, Coss serves as a member and past president of the Hillsboro Rotary Club, board member and past president of the Highland County Society for Children and Adults and a member of the Highland County Children’s Services Board.

Coss received his bachelor’s degree from the Ohio State University in 1973 and his law degree from Ohio State in 1975.

“As a life-long resident of Highland County, I am deeply honored by this appointment and look forward to serving my community in this role,” Coss said.

A high resolution photo of Coss is available at the following link:
<http://www.governor.ohio.gov/News/Photos/RockyCoss/tabid/815/Default.aspx>

