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Vince Papsidero  
COLUMBUS DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT  
109 North Front Street  
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RE: Nomination to East Franklinton Review Board

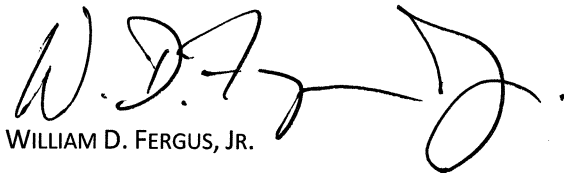
Dear Vince:

I am writing to express my thanks for nominating me to the East Franklinton Review Board. As a real estate attorney and downtown resident, I am very interested and invested in the development of the downtown area. I view this nomination as an opportunity to have a positive impact on the downtown area and the community as a whole.

My current resume is enclosed herewith. I look forward to working with you, Mayor Coleman, and the other community leaders who have been nominated to the Board.

Sincerely,

PETERSON, CONNERS, FERGUS & PEER LLP



WILLIAM D. FERGUS, JR.

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Enclosure

## **CURRICULUM VITAE – WILLIAM D. FERGUS, JR.**

### **PROFESSIONAL LICENSES:**

STATE OF OHIO: Admitted May 1995

FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO: Admitted May 1995

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:**

OHIO STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

COLUMBUS BAR ASSOCIATION

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

COLUMBUS BAR ASSOCIATION:

- Real Property Committee Chairperson, July 2011 to present.
- Real Property Law Institute Co-chairperson, 2010 and 2011.
- CBA liaison to Columbus Board of Realtors' Standard Forms Committee, May 2010 to present.

### **CERTIFICATIONS AND AWARDS:**

- Ohio State Bar Association Certified Specialist, Residential Real Property Law
- Columbus Board of Realtors® 2012 Instructor of the Year

### **EDUCATION:**

CAPITAL UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL, Columbus, Ohio

Night Division, August, 1991 to December, 1994

J.D., Magna Cum Laude; Order of the Curia.

GPA: 3.51 (4.0 scale); CLASS RANK: 9th in a class of 211.

Member, Capital University Law Review

Author, *A Court Without a Controversy*, 23 Capital University Law Review 1075 (1995)

AmJur & C.J.S. awards, Property I & II

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, Columbus, Ohio

June 1977 to June 1981

M.A., Political Science

Passed Ph.D. qualifying examination

Areas of specialization: Political and Economic Development, Asian Politics, Political Theory.

OHIO UNIVERSITY, Athens, Ohio

September 1972 to June 1976

History and Political Science. B.S.Ed., Cum laude

**EXPERIENCE:**

Private Practice, January 2007 to present.

PETERSON, CONNERS, FERGUS & PEER LLP

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Partner in six member full-service business law firm. My principal areas of concentration within the firm are in real estate, auction law, probate and small business representation.

Private Practice, May 2002 to December 2006.

103 North Union Street, Delaware, Ohio 43015

Engaged in the general practice of law, in association with G. Scott Miller, Esq. and Lawyer's Title Agency of Delaware, Inc., concentrating in real estate, probate, estate planning and small business representation.

Legal Review Counsel, August 2001 to April 2002.

NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC., 3000 Corporate Exchange Drive, Suite 200, Columbus, Ohio 43231

Local counsel for Nextel's antenna site development operations in Ohio and Indiana. Specific responsibilities included drafting, negotiating and reviewing leases for antenna sites, and oversight of legal aspects of antenna site property management.

Corporate Counsel, April 1999 to October 2000.

TITLE FIRST AGENCY, INC., 555 South Front Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215

Associate legal counsel and executive staff member of \$20 million, 300 employee company with operations in six states. Specific responsibilities included administering, drafting, negotiating and reviewing all leases and contracts, title insurance claims and litigation administration, creation and maintenance of joint venture entities, coordination of outside counsel, and legal counseling of entire staff and management. I also provided sales and marketing assistance to the Vice President of Corporate Sales.

General Counsel, November 1997 to April 1999.

COMMONWEALTH NETWORK CORPORATION, 185 South Fifth Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215

Responsible for all legal affairs of a start-up radio network company and its subsidiary American Cyber Corporation, a reseller of long distance telephone services nationwide. Specific responsibilities included advising the CEO on all legal affairs, contract negotiation, drafting and review, litigation management and telecommunications regulatory compliance.

Associate, January 1995 to November 1997.

MATAN, GEER & WRIGHT, 261 South Front Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215

Engaged in the general practice of law, concentrating in business law and real estate law; served as computer network administrator; was primarily responsible for representing American Cyber Corporation, a major client of the firm, during all of 1997.