

W. CURTIS STITT

PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER – CENTRAL OHIO TRANSIT AUTHORITY – COLUMBUS, OHIO

W. Curtis Stitt was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of the Central Ohio Transit Authority by its Board of Trustees, effective February 1, 2012. In this capacity, Stitt is responsible for leading overall functions of COTA's transit operations and is accountable for directing the development and implementation of plans to provide quality mass transit services in Columbus and central Ohio. Prior to the CEO appointment, Stitt served as COTA's Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer.

Stitt brings a unique perspective to the CEO office, having also served 12 years as legal counsel for COTA, including 6 years as General Counsel and V.P. of Legal and Government Affairs. As General Counsel, Stitt led the legal department, served as government and legislative affairs counsel and was COTA's ethics officer. He was responsible for assuring compliance and coordinating legal services provided by in-house attorneys and several outside law firms.

Before joining COTA, Stitt held several legal and administrative leadership positions responsible for regulation of financial institutions in the state of Ohio including Superintendent of Ohio's Division of Financial Institutions which was responsible for regulating 550 Ohio-chartered commercial banks, thrifts and credit unions, and more than 5,000 consumer finance licensees. Prior to that, Stitt was Superintendent of the Ohio Division of Credit Unions and Legal Counsel to the Division of Banks and the Division of Credit Unions. Stitt also served three years as Corporations Counsel for the Ohio Secretary of State and three years as Appellate Counsel in the office of the Franklin County Public Defender.

Throughout his career, Stitt has pursued what he affectionately refers to as his "other full time job." For thirty-five years, he has organized, administered and coached youth track and field programs. Stitt has also coached nationally ranked track and field athletes and provided legal representation for athletes including a world-class athlete for whom he secured eligibility in time to qualify for the 1992 U.S. Olympic Track & Field Team for the Barcelona Olympics where she won a silver medal in the 100 meter hurdles. In 1987, Stitt founded the New World Track Club, Inc. He has coached New World members to 160 medals at national championship meets, including eleven gold and seventeen silver medals.

A 2003 Jefferson Award Finalist prize recognized Stitt for his volunteer community service with New World Track Club and young people in central Ohio. Stitt was also a 2009 Jewel Award recipient for his development of and work with New World programs.

Stitt earned a Juris Doctor Degree from Northern Kentucky University, Chase College of Law, where he was a member of the Moot Court Board. Stitt is licensed to practice law in state of Ohio, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. He is a member of the Ohio and Columbus Bar Associations. Stitt also holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Kent State University where he is a Life Member of the Alumni Association.

Stitt serves on the Board of Directors of Experience Columbus, Capital University Board of Trustees and has served other community organizations in central Ohio including the Council for Ethical Leadership, Franklinton Board of Trade; Advisory Board for the Council for Ethical Leadership at Capital University, and the Gloria Friend (Mt. Olivet) Christian Academy. He is a past president of the Columbus Chapter of the National Council of Black Lawyers and former member of the Executive Committee of the National Board of Directors of USA Track & Field, the U.S. governing body for the sport on the national and international levels.

Stitt is a member of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, he is married, has one daughter who is currently a student at The Ohio State University and has one granddaughter.

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Diverse, extensive experience in several legal, senior administrative and executive positions including President and CEO, senior vice president and general counsel of an Ohio political subdivision; chief executive officer and legal counsel for Ohio financial institution regulatory agencies; ethics and compliance officer; and government affairs counsel.

CENTRAL OHIO TRANSIT AUTHORITY, Columbus, Ohio

January 1999 – Present

President & CEO (February 1, 2012 – Present)

Senior Vice President and Chief Operations Officer (April, 2011- January 31, 2012)

Vice President Legal & Government Affairs – General Counsel (February, 2005 – April, 2011)

Responsible for providing sound and timely legal advice and representation to COTA's Board of Trustees, CEO, officers and other employees to ensure state and federal regulatory compliance and to enhance their ability to serve the public in the implementation of its services.

Legislative & Government Affairs Counsel (1999-2005)

Responsible for developing the regional transit authority's annual legislative and lobbying plan. Directed activities of government affairs team. Developed and implemented strategies for securing state and federal capital and operating funds. Handled a variety of legal matters for general counsel.

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, Columbus, Ohio

July 1985 to January 1999

Superintendent, Division of Financial Institutions (1995 - 1999)

Managed division with 120 employees, responsible for supervision and regulation of 550 banks, savings banks, savings & loans and credit unions and 5000 consumer finance licensees.

- Implemented consolidation of four financial divisions, reducing expenses by \$1.5 million over two years.
- Organized and streamlined consumer finance applications procedures resulting in reduction of processing time from an average of seven months to 60 days.

Superintendent, Division of Credit Unions (1994 - 1995)

Responsible for supervision and regulation of 320 Ohio-chartered credit unions.

- Reorganized examination report review process, reducing average processing time from 110 days to 20 days.
- Engineered consolidation of Divisions of Banks, Credit Unions, Savings & Loans/Savings Banks and Consumer Finance to create the Division of Financial Institutions.

Legal Counsel, Division of Banks and Division of Credit Unions (1985 - 1994)

Advised the divisions' management and field examiners on bank regulation and supervision.

- Wrote policy and procedures for insurance and securities sales in Ohio-chartered banks.
- Served as regulator-appointed conservator of insolvent bank, successfully transferring assets and liabilities to a going concern.
- Prepared for and oversaw litigation handled by outside counsel.
- Wrote supervisory orders and joint supervisory orders with the FDIC and Federal Reserve Bank.
- Presided over administrative hearings for financial institutions and securities-related matters.

OFFICE OF THE OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE, Columbus, Ohio

1983 - 1985

Corporations Counsel

Served as legal counsel to the Secretary of State and Corporations Division managers.

Managed attorneys and staff responsible for examining incorporation, merger and other business filings.

FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE, Columbus, Ohio

1980 - 1983

Appellate Counsel

Represented indigent persons in criminal appeals in state and federal courts. Fifty-five per cent success rate.

EDUCATION

J.D., Northern Kentucky University, Chase College of Law **B.A.**, Political Science, Minor Economics, Kent State University

LICENSES & AFFILIATIONS

Licensed in Ohio, Federal District Court for the Southern District of Ohio and the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals

Member of the Ohio and Columbus Bar Associations

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COMMUNITY SERVICE – HONORS AND RECOGNITION

EXPERIENCE COLUMBUS

Board of Directors

CAPITAL UNIVERSITY

Board of Trustees

COUNCIL FOR ETHICAL LEADERSHIP AT CAPITAL UNIVERSITY

Former Advisory Board Member

***Columbus Business First* TOP CORPORATE COUNSEL Award**
finalist – 2011

JEWEL AWARD

Jewel Award for Community Achievement - 2009

JEFFERSON AWARDS FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

Award Finalist – 2003

COUNCIL FOR ETHICAL LEADERSHIP

Former member of Board of Directors

FRANKILNTON BOARD OF TRADE

Former member of Board of Directors

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF BLACK LAWYERS (NCBL) – COLUMBUS CHAPTER

Past President

Past Vice President

GLORIA FRIEND (MOUNT OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH) CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Past Chairman of the Board of Trustees

NEW WORLD TRACK CLUB, INC.

Founder – 1987

Board of Trustees Member, President and Coach – 1987 to present

Coached 160 national medalist including eleven national champions

COLUMBUS JAGUAR TRACK CLUB

Former President and Coach

USA TRACK & FIELD

Ohio Association Board of Directors

National Athletics Board of Review Member

Ohio Association Athletics Board of Review National

President's Award Honoree

Former Member – National Board of Directors

Former Member – National Executive Committee

Former Member – National Law & Legislation Committee

Past Chairman – National Associations Committee

Former Member – National Doping Control Review Board

Past President – Ohio Association

Past Vice President for Track & Field – Ohio Association

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Life Member