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Hon. Michael C. Coleman, Mayor City of Columbus 50 West Broad Street Columbus OH 43215

Re: Victorian Village Commission Appointment

Dear Mayor Coleman:

I have had the privilege to serve two terms as your appointee as the City Council designee to the Victorian Village Commission, beginning in 2004. This is to express my interest in being appointed by you to a third term as a Victorian Village Commissioner, beginning July 1, 2012.

It is a distinct honor to be able to play a small part in this Administration's unceasing efforts to support and revitalize downtown Columbus and its surrounding neighborhoods.

A resume is attached. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may provide additional information or be of further service.

Very truly yours, JACK W. DECKER

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RESUME

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LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

Private Practice of Law

Part-time private practice of law, specializing in employment litigation, following retirement from public service. Accomplished and creative attorney with broad experience and outstanding record of success in employment, labor, civil rights and general litigation at trial and appellate levels, and in counseling public agency clients. Among first to be **certified as Specialist in Labor and Employment Law** by the Labor and Employment Law Specialty Board of the Ohio State Bar Association, from January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2011. **"Columbus' Top Lawyers** As Voted By Their Peers," *Business First*, March 25, 2005.

Assistant Attorney General

Ohio Attorney General's Office 30 East Broad Street, 23rd Floor Columbus, Ohio 43215

September 1989 to December 31, 2010

Responsibilities have included:

Principal Assistant Attorney General, Employment Law Section. July 1996 to December 2010. Functionally supervised less experienced Assistant Attorneys General in Section's employment and labor practice in federal courts as Federal Litigation Coordinator. Maintained own caseload and assisted attorneys from other sections upon request. Organized and presented continuing legal education seminars within and outside the Office, including annual presentations for National Association of Attorneys General. Principal clients included several Ohio public universities, Ohio Office of Collective Bargaining. "Best Brief Award," Attorney General's Office, 2000 and 2010.

Coordinator, Collective Bargaining Unit, Employment Law Section, October 1991 to July 1996. Conducted or supervised all litigation for Ohio Office of Collective Bargaining affecting the Ohio Public Employee Collective Bargaining Act before State Employment Relations Board and in state and federal courts. Provided guidance in contract negotiations. Litigated employment-related and other matters, primarily in federal courts.

Chief, Mental Health/Retardation Unit, Federal Litigation Section, April 1991 to October 1991 when section was disbanded in office-wide reorganization. Oversaw all litigation on behalf of Ohio Departments of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Youth Services, and supervised 14 part-time attorneys general conducting commitment hearings.

General Federal Litigation Unit, Federal Litigation Section, January 1991 to April 1991.

Habeas Corpus Unit, Federal Litigation Section, October 1989 to January 1991.

Representative decisions (out of 60 published and 150 additional unpublished but reported on Lexis): *Reeb v. Ohio Dep't of Rehab. & Corr.*, 435 F.3d 639 (6th Cir. 2006); *Feeney v. Shipley*, 164 F.3d 311 (6th Cir. 1999); *Collyer v. Darling*, 98 F.3d 211 (6th Cir. 1996); *Veney v. Hogan*, 70 F.3d 917 (6th Cir. 1995); *Day v. Shalala*, 23 F.3d 1052 (6th Cir. 1994); *Savage* v. *Gee*, 716 F. Supp.2d 709 (S.D. Ohio 2010); *Bishop v. Ohio Dep't of Rehab. & Corr.*, 695 F. Supp.2d 707 (S.D. Ohio 2010) *Ohio EPA v. United States Dep't of Labor*, 121 F. Supp.2d 1155 (S.D. Ohio 2000); *Klemencic v. Ohio State University*, 10 F. Supp. 2d 911 (S.D. Ohio 1998); *Nihiser v. Ohio EPA*, 979 F. Supp. 1168 (S.D. Ohio 1997); *Allied Telephone Co. v. Allied Telephone Sys. Co.*, 565 F. Supp. 211 (S.D. Ohio 1982); *State ex rel. Ohio Dep't of Mental Health v. Nadel*, 98 Ohio St.3d 405 (2003); *State ex rel. Rose v. Ohio Dep't of Rehabilitation & Correction*, 91 Ohio St.3d 453 (2001); *Chubb v. Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation*, 81 Ohio St.3d 275 (1998); *State ex rel. Maurer v. Sheward*, 71 Ohio St.3d 513 (1994).

Department Counsel	Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Transportation Department 180 East Broad Street, 5 th Floor Columbus, Ohio 43215
	May 1986 to September 1989
Staff Counsel	Communications Workers of America/Council of Public Workers 50 West Broad Street, 2 nd Floor Columbus, Ohio 43215
	Ohio Civil Service Employees Ass'n 390 Worthington Road Westerville, Ohio 43082
	January 1983 to August 1985

Represented public employee labor unions and members before State Employment Relations Board and State Personnel Board of Review, in litigation and in contract negotiations.

General Practitioner

November 1978 to May 1986

LEGAL EDUCATION:

Capital University Law School Columbus, Ohio 43206 Juris Doctor May 1978

HONORS AND ACTIVITIES:

Executive Notes Editor, Capital University Law Review. Final responsibility for editing and production of all student writing for the Review, 1977-78. **Staff**, 1976-77.

Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, 1975-78. Justice (President), Hayes Chapter, 1976-77.

UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION:

Marietta College Marietta, Ohio 45750

Haverford College Haverford, Pennsylvania 19041 B.A., Psychology May 1971

September 1967 to January 1969

SECONDARY EDUCATION:

Marietta High School Marietta, Ohio 45750 H.S. Diploma Valedictorian, Class of 1967

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS:

Federal, Ohio and Columbus Bar Associations

Victorian Village Commission – Commissioner/Treasurer

Neighborhood Design Center (Columbus) – Board of Trustees

Short North Civic Association

"Advocate of the Year" - 2005-06

Civil War and Nineteenth Century American History

Amateur Home Renovation/Restoration

REFERENCES & WRITING SAMPLE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST