## RESUME

# JACK W. DECKER

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#### **LEGAL EXPERIENCE:**

Accomplished and creative attorney, with broad experience and outstanding record of success in administrative, employment and labor law, in litigation and trials, and in counseling public agency clients. Was 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.

**Contract Hearing Examiner** 

Ohio Board of Nursing 17 South High Street, Suite 400 Columbus, Ohio 43215 September 2012 to present

Ohio Department of Aging 246 N. High Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Columbus, Ohio 43215 July 2015 to present

**Assistant Attorney General** 

Ohio Attorney General's Office 30 East Broad Street, 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor Columbus, Ohio 43215 September 1989 to December 31, 2010

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 before federal courts, State Employment Relations Board, State Personnel Board of Review and other administrative agencies. Organized and presented continuing legal education seminars within and outside the Office, including annual presentations for National Association of Attorneys General. Clients included Ohio public universities, agencies including Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. "Best Brief Award," Attorney General's Office, 2000, 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 (6<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1999); Collyer v. Darling, 98 F.3d 211 (6<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1996); Veney v. Hogan, 70 F.3d 917 (6<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1995); Day v. Shalala, 23 F.3d 1052 (6<sup>th</sup> 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 Columbus, Ohio 43215 May 1986 to September 1989

**Staff Counsel** 

Communications Workers of America/Council of Public Workers & Ohio Civil Service Employees Ass'n Columbus, Ohio 43215

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

#### OTHER RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT:

Social Worker

Orient State Institute Orient, Ohio 43146 January 1974 to August 1975

Social worker at large state institution for developmentally disabled residents; responsible for coordinating resident out-placements meeting resident's special needs for half of institutional catchment area.

### **LEGAL EDUCATION:**

Capital University Law School Columbus, Ohio 43206

Juris Doctor May 1978

**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 & SECONDARY EDUCATION:**

Marietta College Marietta, Ohio 45750

B.A., Psychology

May 1971

Haverford College

September 1967 to

Haverford, Pennsylvania 19041

January 1969

#### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS:**

Victorian Village Commission (Historic Preservation Review Commission) – Commissioner (2004-present), Vice Chair (2015-present)

Neighborhood Design Center (Columbus) –Board of Trustees (2011-present); President (2016-18); Immediate Past President (2018-19).

Volunteer Mediator, Settlement Week, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio Ohio State and Columbus Bar Associations