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A Homecoming For The Industrial Commission Of Ohio's Newest Commissioner

COLUMBUS – The Industrial Commission of Ohio (IC) is pleased to welcome Jodie M. Taylor back to the agency as its newest Commissioner.

“I am looking forward to representing the employers in the state of Ohio to the best of my ability,” Ms. Taylor said. “Having been appointed the employers’ representative, I think that is my first responsibility.”

Taylor was appointed by Governor Ted Strickland to replace Commissioner Bill Thompson as the employer member of the Commission. Her term began July 1, 2009 and ends in June 2015.

She brings an abundance of legal knowledge from both the private and public sector to the agency. From 1997 to 2000, she served as an assistant to a former IC Commissioner. In this role, Taylor performed legal and legislative research, assisted during hearings, and gained an extensive understanding of the agency.

After leaving the IC, Taylor served as an attorney for two Columbus law firms, where she represented state-fund and self-insured employers at all levels of IC hearings throughout Ohio. Taylor is also a frequent lecturer on workers’ compensation issues. She began her legal career as an attorney with an Akron law firm, where she represented injured workers before the IC.

Commissioner Taylor earned her bachelor’s degree from Miami University in 1991. In 1995, she received her law degree from the University of Akron School of Law. She is a member of the Ohio State Bar Association and Columbus Bar Association.

She lives with her husband, Michael, in Columbus.

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The Industrial Commission of Ohio serves injured workers and Ohio employers through expeditious and impartial resolution of issues arising from workers' compensation claims, and through establishment of adjudication policy. The Commission, headquartered in Columbus, has five regional and nine district offices throughout the state. The IC heard more than 177,000 claims in calendar year 2008 for employers and injured workers.

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