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Karen Gillmor Leads Industrial Commission of Ohio As New Chairperson

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Industrial Commission of Ohio (IC) announced today that Governor John Kasich appointed Commissioner Karen L. Gillmor as the new Industrial Commission chairperson, effective July 14, 2011.

“I am honored that Governor Kasich has selected me to chair the IC and I am genuinely looking forward to working with my fellow commissioners, Jodie Taylor and Gary DiCeglio,” Chairperson Gillmor said. “As Chairperson, I will use my many years of experience in employment law to ensure expeditious and impartial resolution of all workers’ compensation claims coming before us, and will place a priority on providing exemplary customer service for all injured workers and employers.”

Chairperson Gillmor was appointed as the public member of the Commission on July 13, 2011. Her term expires in June 2017.

“I started this job ready to work on day one and I will be a Chairperson who will do more with less,” Chairperson Gillmor said. “Our customers will experience swift, efficient service, while the rate payers’ dollars will be spent judiciously.”

A native of Ohio, she earned her diploma from Rocky River High School before earning a bachelor’s degree with honors from Michigan State University and a master’s degree and Ph.D. from The Ohio State University.

Her career shows a passionate interest in the fields of health care, labor relations and workers’ compensation. From 1983 to 1986, Chairperson Gillmor served as Chief of Management Planning and Research at the Industrial Commission of Ohio. In this position, she authored a study of self-insurance, which was incorporated into Ohio’s omnibus workers’ compensation reform law. She also served as the employee representative to the Industrial Commission of Ohio’s Regional Board of Review and the Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation Oversight Commission.

Before coming to the IC, she was elected to Ohio’s 26th Senate District seat in 1992, 1996 and 2008. She chaired the Senate Insurance, Commerce and Labor Committee, was a member of the Unemployment Compensation Advisory Committee, and the Labor-Management-Government Committee. She served as vice chair of the State Employment Relations Board from 1997 to 2007 and was a consultant to the United States Secretary of Labor.

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Nationally, Chairperson Gillmor served on the Health Committee of the American Legislative Exchange Council, as well as on the Health and Human Services Committee of the Council of State Governments' Midwestern Region.

Chairperson Gillmor was married to United States Congressman Paul Gillmor, who tragically passed away in 2007. They have five children, Linda, Julie, Paul Michael and twins Connor and Adam.