



AGENDA
CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2015
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
2:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO AGENDA

4. ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE / CONFIRMATION HEARINGS:

- a) R2015-0058: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Dennis G. Kennedy, upon his taking the oath of office, as Fiscal Officer of Cuyahoga County; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

- b) R2015-0059: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Mark D. Griffin, upon his taking the oath of office, as Inspector General of Cuyahoga County; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Collective bargaining matters, including:
 - i) an amendment to a Collective Bargaining Agreement between Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities and Service Employees International Union, District 1199, WV/KY/OH, the Healthcare and Social Services Union, representing approximately 386 employees in various classifications in Adult Services for the period 1/1/2013 - 12/31/2015 to extend the time period to 12/31/2017 and to modify language in various Articles.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS
7. PUBLIC COMMENT UNRELATED TO AGENDA
8. ADJOURNMENT

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County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2015-0058

Sponsored by: County Executive Budish	A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Dennis G. Kennedy, upon his taking the oath of office, as Fiscal Officer of Cuyahoga County; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, pursuant to Article V, Section 5.01 of the Charter of Cuyahoga County, each of the offices provided for in Article V shall be appointed by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by Council; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 5.02 of the Charter provides for the powers, duties and qualifications of the Fiscal Officer; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has nominated Dennis G. Kennedy for the appointment to the position of Fiscal Officer; and,

WHEREAS, the Council has undergone review and scheduled a Confirmation Hearing which was noticed to the public and held in an open meeting on _____, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Council elects to confirm the County Executive's appointment of Dennis G. Kennedy to the position of Fiscal Officer; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that Charter requirements can be complied with and critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue, and to provide for the usual, daily operation of County government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby confirms the appointment of Dennis G. Kennedy to serve as the Fiscal Officer upon his taking the oath of office.

SECTION 2. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health, or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members of Council, this Resolution shall become immediately effective.

SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by _____, seconded by _____, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas:

Nays:

County Council President

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: March 24, 2015

Committee(s) Assigned: Committee of the Whole

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ARMOND BUDISH
Cuyahoga County Executive

MAR 18 2015

Cuyahoga County Council

March 5, 2015

Dan Brady, President
Cuyahoga County Council
Cuyahoga County Administration Building
2079 East 9th Street, 8th Floor
Cleveland, OH 44115

Re: Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer

Dear President Brady:

Pursuant to Article V, Section 5.02 of the Cuyahoga County Charter, I am pleased to nominate **Mr. Dennis G. Kennedy** as the next Fiscal Officer of Cuyahoga County. Mr. Kennedy has a proven track record as a Finance Director for the City of Solon, the City of Beachwood, and the City of Brooklyn. During the revitalization that Cuyahoga County is experiencing, it is vital that the County stays on the proper fiscal course in order to sustain or advance current services, programs and developments.

Mr. Kennedy has been Finance Director for the City of Solon since October 2011, where he has overseen \$40 million in income tax revenue collections for the annual budget; as well as oversee procurement, accounting, payroll, and assist in collective bargaining negotiations. As Finance Director, Mr. Kennedy is also responsible for the annual Financial Report and as a liaison to the auditors. Mr. Kennedy has also been involved with the Ohio Lottery Commission rising to the post of Executive Director, where he was responsible for financial, technical, administrative, and policy components of an organization that generated over \$2.2 billion in annual gross revenue. Mr. Kennedy brings a reputable and extensive career in public fiscal policy to the County in the midst of a crucial revitalization.

Once again, I am proud to nominate Mr. Dennis G. Kennedy as the next Fiscal Officer of Cuyahoga County. I ask that this nomination be addressed as soon as Council's schedule allows. Should you or any of your colleagues have any questions, please feel free to contact my Executive Assistant, Laura Roche at 216-443-7181.

Sincerely,

Armond Budish
Cuyahoga County Executive

DENNIS G. KENNEDY

SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO 44121

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Finance Director, City of Solon

October 2011 – present

Responsibilities: Act as Chief Financial Officer for successful Northeastern Ohio suburb with a population base of over 23,000. Duties include service as Tax Administrator for \$40 million income tax revenue collection, development, preparation and maintenance of annual budget (General Fund \$36 million). Oversee purchasing/procurement, accounting, financial statement preparation, payroll, budgeting and sewer billing functions. Assist in collective bargaining negotiations and perform specialized reports and analyses as requested by Mayor or Council. Prepares Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and serves as primary liaison with auditors and audit committee.

Finance Director, City of Brooklyn

September 2007 – December 2011

Responsibilities: Serve as Chief Financial Officer for Northeastern Ohio suburb with a population of approximately 10,000. Supervise budget preparation and monitor performance of \$23 million annual appropriations. Oversee all financial functions of department including financial statement preparation, tax administration, payroll, accounts receivable, accounts payable and CAFR development. Increased ending fund balances for the General and Capital Improvement Funds through the end of 2007. Serve as adviser on collective bargaining committee negotiations. Assist Economic Development Director in designing strategies and programs to attract new businesses and strengthen annual tax revenue.

Accomplishments: Recommended development of rainy day fund. Recommended corrective budgetary action plans to resolve severe revenue reduction issues. Implemented various strategies to reduce expenditures. City General Fund balance at one point was approximately \$25,000. Over time before departure the General Fund ending balance approached \$7 million.

Vice President – Product Development, The Lottery Corporation

March 2005 – August 2007

Responsibilities: Coordinated marketing and sales programs for Cincinnati-based Internet gaming company for use by domestic and international lottery organizations. Developed new gaming concepts and multi-partner merchandising proposals for use by lotteries in an effort to increase annual sale revenue. Produced financial forecast, sales budgets and various financial reports in accordance with needs of CEO and CFO. Served as company liaison with domestic and international governmental administrative and legislative agencies.

Executive Director, Ohio Lottery Commission

May 2000 – December 2004

Responsibilities: Chief operating officer for state agency that generates gross revenue in excess of \$2.2 billion annually and \$630-\$650 million net profits for education. Responsible for all financial, technical and administrative operations and policy development. Supervised a staff of 330 distributed among Cleveland headquarters, nine regional offices, one disaster recovery center and one central warehouse – Administered operating budget of approximately \$450 million per year. Experience in legislative affairs, media and inter-governmental communications strategy and management. Reports on proceedings and results of operations to nine member board of Commissioners.

Accomplishments: Increased gross sales three consecutive years concurrent with staff and operating expense reductions. Was assigned by Ohio Attorney General the responsibility for administration of all charitable gaming in Ohio. Served as Vice-President of 11 state multi-jurisdictional lottery association. Supervised conversion of gaming system technology to include central operating system and field distribution of 9,000 remote terminals. Chief agency liaison for all political, legislative and media issues.

Assistant Executive Director, Ohio Lottery Commission **July 1999 – May 2000**

Responsibilities: Assisted Executive Director with administration of day-to-day operations of agency. Appointed interim agency director by Governor in May 2000 and subsequently appointed to the Executive Director position and confirmed by State Legislature.

Finance Director, City of Beachwood **May 1996 – July 1999**

Responsibilities: Managed all financial operations for Northeast Ohio suburb.

Accomplishments: Assumed position with General Fund Balance of \$12 million; left three years later with General Fund Balance of \$46 million. Produced first ever CAFR for City. Instituted formal, extensive financial reporting system for City Council. Supervised transfer of tax administration functions to regional agency. Reduced expenses for health care and general insurance through bidding and negotiation. Administration representative for collective bargaining.

Deputy Director – Finance, Ohio Lottery Commission **January 1992 – May 1996**

Responsibilities: Supervised all financial and budgetary matters for revenue-producing state agency. Supervised a staff of approximately 30 employees devoted to purchasing, accounting, accounts receivable/payable, budget and internal audit. Appointed to position after serving an internship and holding various subordinate financial/accounting positions.

Ohio Lottery Commission (various) **1976-1991**

Initially employed as student intern. Attended college while working full-time. Progressed through various finance/accounting positions (Accountant, Budget Officer, Fiscal Officer) culminating in appointment as Deputy Director of Finance.

EDUCATION and PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS:

- Graduated from Cleveland State University, with a B.B.A., major in accounting
- Certified Public Accountant (CPA.25709)
- Graduated Cleveland Saint Joseph High School

Professional and personal references will be available upon request

In over 30 years of public service related to finance and administration, every public entity I have represented has received unqualified opinions on their financial statements as a result of audits supervised by the Office of the Auditor of State.



ACCOUNTANCY BOARD OF OHIO

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John R. Kasich, Governor
John E. Patterson, Executive Director

March 11, 2015

CITY OF SOLON FINANCE DEPT
34200 BAINBRIDGE RD
SOLON, OH 44139-2955

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as verification that Mr. Dennis G. Kennedy passed the CPA Examination and earned his CPA certification on September 17, 1990. Mr. Kennedy is currently licensed as a Certified Public Accountant until December 31, 2015. His license will be renewable at that time.

If you have further questions or need further verification, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Karen Salyer
Certification Secretary

The State of Ohio



Accountancy Board of Ohio

We it know that

Bernia George Kennedy

having passed all examinations and complied with all other requirements prescribed by statute, is admitted to practice as a

Certified Public Accountant

is registered as such by the Accountancy Board of Ohio and is empowered to assume such title, by and under the authority of the State of Ohio.



In Witness Whereof, this certificate, No. 25,709 is granted under the seal of said Board, at Columbus, this 17th day of September, 1990.

Robert A. Carroll
PRESIDENT

Engene E. Miller
SECRETARY

Cleveland State University

JAMES J. NANCE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

THE PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEES OF CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY
UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE FACULTY HAVE CONFERRED UPON

Dennis G. Kennedy

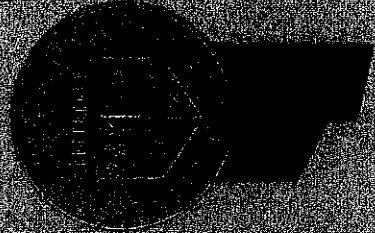
THE DEGREE OF

Bachelor of Business Administration

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SATISFACTORY FULFILLMENT
OF THE REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO THIS DEGREE

CONFERRED AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

THIS FIFTEENTH DAY OF JUNE, 1965



[Signature]

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County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2015-0059

Sponsored by: County Executive Budish	A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Mark D. Griffin, upon his taking the oath of office, as Inspector General of Cuyahoga County; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, the Agency of Inspector General was established pursuant to O2011-0019 as codified on July 12, 2013 in Chapter 204 of the Cuyahoga County Code; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 204.01 of the Cuyahoga County Code provides for the powers and duties of the Inspector General; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 204.01(C)(2) of the County Code, the County Executive has nominated Mark D. Griffin for the appointment to the position of Inspector General; and

WHEREAS, the Council has undergone review and scheduled a Confirmation Hearing which was noticed to the public and held in an open meeting on _____, 2015; and

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ARMOND BUDISH
Cuyahoga County Executive

March 5, 2015

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Cuyahoga County Council

Dan Brady, President
Cuyahoga County Council
Cuyahoga County Administration Building
2079 East 9th Street, 8th Floor
Cleveland, OH 44115

Re: Cuyahoga County Inspector General

Dear President Brady:

Cuyahoga County government, in its current incarnation, was shaped in the wake of a corruption scandal that we, as a County, promised never to repeat again. As a result, in addition to stricter ethics rules and regulatory compliance, the Office of the Inspector General was created as a watchdog of operational compliance and ethics for all County employees. The Inspector General is tasked with delving beyond the bureaucracy to figure out the nature of rules and to liaise with the proper entities to ensure that the County, and its employees, is following the rules proactively. That is why I am proud to nominate **Mr. Mark Griffin** as the next Inspector General for Cuyahoga County pursuant to Ordinance Number O2011-0008, Chapter 409, Section 409.01.

Most recently, Mr. Griffin has been a Shareholder of Thorman Petrov Griffin where he has represented whistleblowers and wrongfully terminated employees in federal and state court, the Department of Labor, the Internal Revenue Service, and the Securities and Exchange Commission. Mr. Griffin has a distinguished career in employment law and policy, including cases under the False Claims Act. Mr. Griffin has also litigated cases regarding transportation unions and housing policy (eminent domain issues). Overall, Mr. Griffin has the skills, experience, and integrity to operate the Office of the Inspector General above and beyond the expectations of the people of Cuyahoga County.

Once again, I am proud to nominate Mr. Michael Griffin as the next Inspector General. I ask that this nomination be addressed as soon as Council's schedule allows. Should you or any of your colleagues have any questions, please feel free to contact my Executive Assistant, Laura Roche at 216-443-7181.

Sincerely,

Armond Budish
Cuyahoga County Executive

February 20, 2015

Hon. County Executive Armond Budish
Cuyahoga County Administration Building
2079 East Ninth Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Dear Executive Budish,

Please accept this letter and resume as my application for the position of Cuyahoga County Inspector General.

I have the skills to be an effective Inspector General. As an attorney, I have represented whistleblowers in federal court, state court, the Department of Labor, the Internal Revenue Service and the Securities and Exchange Commission. I have practiced law for more than twenty years. A substantial part of my practice includes the investigation of dishonest and fraudulent conduct. I have litigated cases under the False Claims Act, involving allegations that certain defendants defrauded the United States. I have also represented whistleblowers who revealed fraudulent practices in major hospital chains, assisted living facilities and pharmacies.

As an example, my experience includes representing individual U.S. Treasury agents who investigate money-laundering and financial fraud. I have represented, and continue to represent, special agents in their own whistleblower cases within the Internal Revenue Service and the Treasury Department.

In my law practice, I have been fortunate to have been involved in several significant cases which involved complicated financial investigations. The *Cellnet* Case involved discriminatory pricing of cellular telecommunications services and resulted in, among other things, a \$22 million settlement for my client – supposedly the largest single-plaintiff settlement in Cuyahoga County at the time. The *Penn. Central* Case lasted over 40 years and resulted in a \$14.8 million settlement for 32 former employees. Both of these cases required intensive investigations into payment practices of contractors or employees.

Academically, I have training and education that is relevant to the duties of the Inspector General. I have a Masters' Degree in Public Policy from Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government. I graduated first in my class from Case Western Reserve Law School. I received my bachelor's degree in Economics and Political Science from the University of Pennsylvania where I took classes in managerial and financial accounting at the Wharton School.

As a shareholder in a private law practice, I am also a small business owner. I have not worked in government since I left the U.S. Peace Corps in Cameroon, West Africa in 1989. I understand the importance to small businesses of honest and effective government.

The Office of the Inspector General is critical to assuring that taxpayers receive the services they pay for. I believe that Cuyahoga County is on the cusp of a great decade of growth and success. Without honest and effective services, we risk falling backwards. As Inspector General, I intend to make sure that we continue our progress.

Very Truly Yours,


Mark Griffin

MARK GRIFFIN

Orange Village, Ohio 44022

EDUCATION

CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY

Cleveland, Ohio

School of Law

J.D. May 1994

G.P.A.: 4.11/4.33 Class Rank: 1st/177 (if ranked with class of 1994)

Awards: *Summa cum laude*

Order of the Coif

Society of Benchers' Award for Character & Academics

Hergengroeder Award for Best Male Student in Trial Advocacy

Halter Scholarship for Academic Excellence

Activities: Law Review, Notes Editor
Elected Vice-President of Student Bar Association
American Bar Association Law School Chapter Liaison

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Cambridge, Massachusetts

John F. Kennedy School of Government

1989-1991

Master of Public Policy

Concentration in Housing Policy and Urban Economic Development

Graduates studies included accounting, finance and management of public sector entities.

Activities: Teaching Assistant for Negotiation Analysis

Elected Graduation Class Marshal

Elected Co-Chair of Kennedy School Student Government

Member of Student Government Finance Committee

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Bachelor of Arts, Economics and Political Science

1983-1986

Wharton School classes included six semesters of managerial & financial accounting, finance and management.

Activities: Silver Medal, 1986 National Fencing Championships

All-Ivy Fencing Team, 1985 & 1986

U.S. Team, World Junior Fencing Championships Budapest, Hungary 1983

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ATTORNEY

Cleveland, Ohio

Thorman Petrov Griffin f/k/a/ Thorman & Hardin-Levine Co., LPA

2009 to present

I represent whistleblowers, wrongfully terminated executives and employees in federal court, state court, the Department of Labor, the Internal Revenue Service and the Securities and Exchange Commission. A substantial part of my practice includes the investigation of dishonest

and fraudulent conduct. I have litigated cases under the False Claims Act, involving allegations that certain defendants defrauded the United States. I have also represented whistleblowers who revealed fraudulent practices in major hospital chains, assisted living facilities and pharmacies.

My practice also includes investigations into whether there are violations of state and federal wage laws, including the Fair Labor Standards Act. These cases require a determination of proper classification of employees, analysis of the work performed, and comprehensive accounting for the compensable hours worked and wages paid or owed. My practice also includes representing employees in employment discrimination and retaliation claims. Among other cases, I have won a \$3.6 million decision in favor of senior-executive of a national realty firm.

ATTORNEY

The Griffin Law Firm

Cleveland, Ohio

2004 to 2009

After nearly ten years in a major Cleveland law firm, I opened my own law practice. Approximately 80% of my time was devoted to litigation on behalf of small- and medium- sized companies across a range of commercial disputes, with particular experience in matters related to telecommunications. Examples include:

- **Fraud Verdict Against Organized Crime Associate.** Tried and won a \$1.7 million verdict against a former associate of the Scarfo Crime family of Philadelphia. The case was tried in the United States District Court for the District of Nevada. The case presented significant problems of choice-of-law and also required that we successfully pierce the corporate veil of a closely-held corporation. After a three-week trial in May 2008, we won judgments against the corporation as well as its officers in their personal capacities.
- **Penn Central – United Transportation Union Litigation.** Tried and won a \$12 million verdict before a three-judge arbitration panel. This amount later increased to over \$14 million as a result of additional interest. Represented 32 former UTU members who were employed by the Penn Central Railroad. Plaintiffs' claims arise from the Railroad's breach of employment guaranties from a prior Merger Protection Agreement. This case was originally filed in 1969. The Railroad delayed resolution of this forty-four year old case through numerous appeals to the Sixth Circuit and the Surface Transportation.
- **East Bank of the Flats - Eminent Domain Issues.** Represented Telecom Acquisition Corporation in negotiations with the Cleveland Port Authority to acquire land needed for the comprehensive redevelopment of the East Bank of the Flats by the Port and by the Wolstein Group. Working with the client, we decided that protracted eminent domain litigation was not in the best interests of the client. Telecom Acquisition Corporation was the first property owner to sell to the Port Authority. As a result, we avoided litigation and achieved a reasonable price. My client was also able to re-invest the sales proceeds in other properties in the Flats area of Cleveland.

ATTORNEY

Cleveland, Ohio

Hahn, Loeser & Parks LLP

1994-2004

Partner, 2004; Associate 1994-2003

I began my legal career in 1994 as an Associate with Hahn Loeser & Parks. As a young associate, I spent a significant amount of my time defending asbestos cases brought against W.R. Grace Corporation. During my first three years of practice, I took literally hundreds of depositions, and filed numerous motions for summary judgment. Through Hahn Loeser, I worked for three months for Cleveland Legal Aid and provided pro bono services on a death penalty case in Mississippi.

My primary focus, however, was on developing a broad litigation practice with experience in cases involving commercial contract disputes, labor/employment law and corporate fraud. I also represented numerous telecommunications enterprises in litigation in at the Federal Communications Commission, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and in state and federal courts.

At Hahn Loeser, my most significant case was on behalf of the plaintiff in *Westside Cellular, Inc. d/b/a Cellnet v. GTE et al.* ("The Cellnet Case"). This was the first case of a wireless reseller brought before the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. Plaintiff Cellnet alleged specific anti-competitive claims against Defendants AirTouch Cellular n/k/a Verizon Wireless and Ameritech Wireless n/k/a Cingular.

The Cellnet Case was the culmination of ten years of litigation in a process that bifurcated the liability findings from the damages determination. The Cellnet Case was litigated before ten different adjudicatory bodies including the United States Supreme Court, the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, the Federal Communications Commission, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, the Ohio Supreme Court, two different United States District Courts, the Ohio Eighth District Court of Appeals and the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, and the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas.

Although the settlement reached in 2003 was purportedly confidential, Cingular's corporate partner, Convergys, issued a press release stating that Cingular had paid \$22 million in settlement. Cellnet's settlement with the principal defendant, Verizon Wireless, remains confidential. Nonetheless, Verizon Wireless' counsel has represented that they succeeded in the Cellnet litigation by eliminating 75% of Cellnet's claims for \$1.2 billion.

During the course of my telecommunications practice, I have provided legal counsel on a wide range of issues to Cleveland Mobile Radio Communications, Inc., Revolution Communications, Discount Cellular, USA Cellular, Wireless Outlet, Wireless Associates, NOW Communications, Inc., Auto-Accents, Inc., PBM Wireless, JeffRand Communications, Kusner Communications, Intermessage Communications, Advanced Cellular, and Excellular Communications.

During the course of my practice, I reviewed and negotiated numerous reseller and dealer contracts with the evolving set of cellular carriers including contracts from GTE Mobilnet, CellularOne, Ameritech Cellular, Cincinnati SMS Limited Partnership, New Par Communications, Airtouch Cellular, Verizon Wireless, Cingular and AT&T.

I was admitted to the Partnership in 2004.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER

Cameroon, West Africa

United States Peace Corps Volunteer

1987-1989

Selected as first Peace Corps Volunteer to work in the Kingdom of Rey Bouba. Organized and managed village-level development projects. Worked as an agricultural extension consultant training farmers in new technologies. Tripled the number of local women's agricultural cooperatives, started first area women's corn-grinding enterprise, completed construction of first primary school under local Community Development Office. Trained staff in Cameroonian Office of Community Development. Worked exclusively in French.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

London, England

House of Commons, British Parliament

1987

Researched pending legislation for Greg Knight, M.P. (Derby North)(Conservative Party), prepared drafts of speeches and responded to constituent inquiries.

PERSONAL



**United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
540 Potter Stewart U.S. Courthouse Building
100 East Fifth Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202-3988**

**Deborah S. Hunt
Clerk**

**Telephone
(513) 564-7000**

March 12, 2015

Mark D. Griffin
3100 Terminal Tower
50 Public Square
Cleveland, OH. 44113

Re: Statement of Discipline

To Whom It May Concern:

Our court has no grievance committee. We have no record of any charges being filed against Mark D. Griffin in the Court of Appeals. His name is in good standing on our attorney's roll.

Very Truly Yours,
Deborah S. Hunt, Clerk

Michelle Senger
Michelle Senger
Deputy Clerk

Enclosure

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT

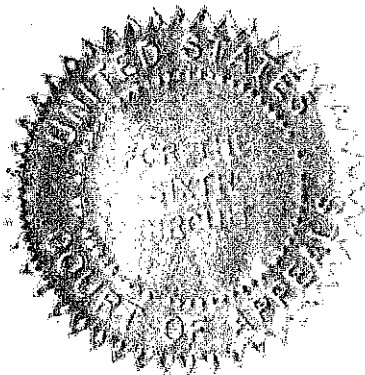
TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, GREETINGS:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

Mark D. Griffin,

OF **Cleveland,** STATE OF **Ohio,**
WAS ON MOTION, FIRST MADE TO THE COURT ON **HIS** BEHALF, DULY
ADMITTED AND QUALIFIED AS AN ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR OF
THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT ON
THE **25th** DAY OF **JULY,** IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND **Ninety Six,** AND THAT **HE,** IS NOW IN GOOD
STANDING.

In Testimony Whereof, I Deborah Hunt,
Clerk of said Court, have hereunto set my
hand and affixed the seal of the said
Court, at the City of Cincinnati, Ohio this
12th day of **March** in the year of our
Lord two thousand and fourteen.



Deborah S. Hunt
Clerk, United States Court of Appeals
for the Sixth Circuit

Michelle Serger
Deputy Clerk

The Supreme Court of Ohio

CERTIFICATE

I, SUSAN B. CHRISTOFF, Director of the Attorney Services Division of the Supreme Court of Ohio, do hereby certify that I am the custodian of the records of the Office of Attorney Services of the Supreme Court and that the Attorney Services Division is responsible for reviewing Court records to determine the status of Ohio attorneys. I further certify that, having fulfilled all of the requirements for admission to the practice of law in Ohio,

Mark Davies Griffin

was admitted to the practice of law in Ohio on November 14, 1994; has registered as an active attorney pursuant to the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio; is in good standing with the Supreme Court of Ohio; and is entitled to practice law in this state.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the Supreme Court, this 12th day of March, 2015.

SUSAN B. CHRISTOFF
Director, Attorney Services Division

Susan B. Christoff
Attorney Services Specialist

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CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

ss.

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

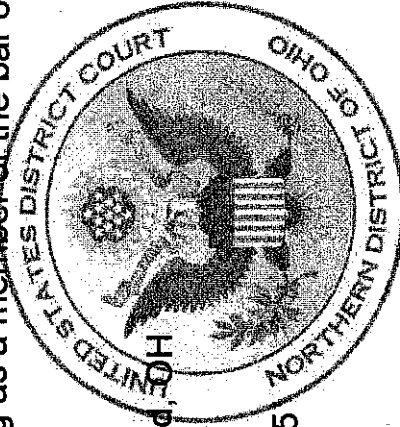
I, GERI M. SMITH, Clerk of the United States Court for the Northern District of Ohio, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that **MARK D. GRIFFIN, 0064141**, was duly admitted to practice in said Court **May 19, 1995** and is in good standing as a member of the bar of said Court.

Dated at Cleveland, OH

on March 16, 2015

GERI M. SMITH
Clerk of Court

By: s/Colleen Gallagher
Deputy Clerk



Supreme Court of the United States
OFFICE OF THE CLERK
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20543



**MARK GRIFFIN
OF CLEVELAND, OH**

was duly admitted and qualified as an Attorney and Counselor for the Supreme Court of the United States on the sixth day of September, in the year two thousand and two, and is now a member of the Bar of this Court in good standing.

In testimony, whereof, as Clerk of said Court, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at the City of Washington, this twenty-third day of March 2015.

Scott S. Harris
*Clerk of the Supreme Court
of the United States*

By

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Terry Ruff".

Assistant Admissions Officer


United States District Court
Southern District of Ohio

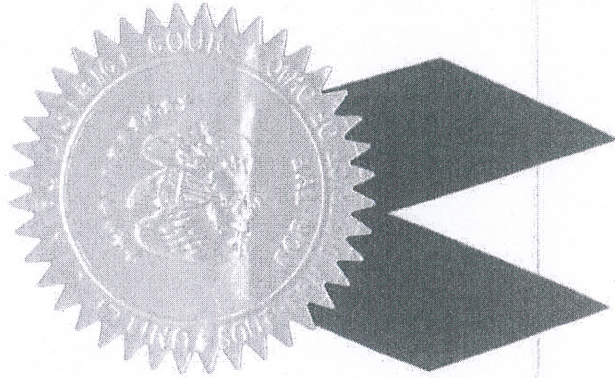
I, James Bonini, Clerk of the United States District Court,
do hereby certify that

Mark Griffin

was duly admitted and qualified to practice as an Attorney in the
District Court on the 5th day of June, 2008.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto set my hand and affix
this seal of said Court, at my office in Columbus, Ohio
this 5th day of June, 2008.


Clerk of Court





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To Whom It May Concern:

Mark D Griffin graduated from the College of Arts & Sciences at the University of Pennsylvania. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree with majors in Political Science and Economics on May 19, 1986.

Mr. Griffin's dates of full-time attendance were September 01, 1983 to May 19, 1986.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janet Marie Ansert".

Janet Marie Ansert
Deputy University Registrar

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