

# AGENDA CUYAHOGA COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES, APPOINTMENTS & EQUITY COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2019 CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR 10:00 AM

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. ROLL CALL
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 4, 2019 MEETING
- 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
  - a) R2019-0264: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's reappointment of various Mayors to serve on the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission representing various Regions for the term 1/1/2020 12/31/2022, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:
    - i. The Honorable Anthony J. DiCicco representing the Hillcrest Region.
    - ii. The Honorable Pamela E. Bobst representing the West Shore Region.
  - b) R2019-0265: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's reappointment of various individuals to serve on the Cuyahoga County Public Library Board of Trustees for various terms, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- i. Edward H. Blakemore for the term 1/1/2020 12/31/2026.
- ii. Patricia A. Shlonsky for the term 2/1/2020 1/31/2027.
- c) R2019-0266: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Teri A. Agosta to serve on the Gateway Economic Development Corporation of Greater Cleveland Board of Trustees for an unexpired term ending 5/31/2022, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
- d) R2019-0279: A Resolution authorizing and ratifying the structure for payment of compensation to 33 County employees whose base salaries exceed the maximum for the applicable salary ranges for their respective positions, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
- e) R2019-0280: A Resolution making an award on RQ45619 to MedMutual Life Insurance Company in the amount not-to-exceed \$5,400,368.00 for group life, voluntary life and accidental death insurance for County employees for the period 1/1/2020 12/31/2022; authorizing the County Executive to execute the contract and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
- f) R2019-0281: A Resolution making an award on RQ45619 to The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America in the amount not-to-exceed \$9,848,526.00 for dental insurance for County employees and their eligible dependents for the period 1/1/2020 12/31/2022; authorizing the County Executive to execute the contract and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
- g) R2019-0282: A Resolution making an award on RQ45619 to Vision Service Plan in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,823,399.00 for vision insurance for County employees and their eligible dependents for the period 1/1/2020 12/31/2022; authorizing the County Executive to execute the contract and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

# 6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

# 7. ADJOURNMENT \*Complimentary parking for the public is available in the attached garage at 900

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<sup>\*\*</sup>Council Chambers is equipped with a hearing assistance system. If needed, please see the Clerk to obtain a receiver.



#### **MINUTES**

CUYAHOGA COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES, APPOINTMENTS & EQUITY
COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2019
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR
10:00 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Brown called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Brown asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Johnson to call the roll. Committee members Brown, Jones, Miller and Conwell were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Gallagher was absent from the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 1, 2019 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the October 1, 2019 meeting.

- 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
  - a) R2019-0225: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Megan L. Van Voorhis to serve on the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County for an unexpired term ending 6/30/2020, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Jeane Holley, Deputy Director of Regional Collaboration addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2019-0225. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Holley pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

Ms. Megan L. Van Voorhis addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Van Voorhis pertaining to her experience, expertise and qualifications, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Brown with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2019-0225 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.

b) <u>R2019-0234:</u> A Resolution adopting various changes to the Cuyahoga County Non-bargaining Classification Plan, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Albert Bouchahine, Manager of Classification and Compensation for the Personnel Review Commission; addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2019-0234. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Bouchahine pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Brown with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2019-0234 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- c) R2019-0237: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's reappointment of various individuals to serve on the Cuyahoga County Archives Advisory Commission for the term 12/1/2019 - 11/30/2023, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:
  - i. Deborah A. Abbott
  - ii. Kieth A. Peppers

Ms. Holley addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2019-0237. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Holley pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

Ms. Deborah A. Abbott and Mr. Kieth A. Peppers addressed the Committee regarding their nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga County Archives Advisory Commission. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Abbott and Mr. Peppers pertaining to their experience, expertise and qualifications, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Ms. Brown, Resolution No. R2019-0237 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council for second reading.

d) R2019-0243: A Resolution making an award on RQ45502 to The James B. Oswald Company in the amount not-to-exceed \$834,650.00 for professional employee benefits consultant services for the period 10/15/2019 - 4/15/2023; authorizing the County Executive to execute the contract and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Holly Woods, Director of Human Resources Benefits & Compensation, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2019-0243. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Woods pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Brown with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2019-0243 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

#### 7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

# County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

# Resolution No. R2019-0264

Sponsored by: County Executive	A Resolution confirming the County		
Budish	Executive's reappointment of various		
	Mayors to serve on the Cuyahoga County		
	Planning Commission representing various		
	Regions for the term 1/1/2020 - 12/31/2022,		
	and declaring the necessity that this		
	Resolution become immediately effective.		

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 713.22 provides for the organization and maintenance of a county planning commission; and,

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission membership consists of three county representatives and representatives of eight separate planning regions. The regional representatives are mayors of one of the communities in each planning region who are appointed by the County Executive, except for the City of Cleveland representative, who is appointed by the Mayor of Cleveland; and,

WHEREAS, members of the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission shall serve a three-year term; and,

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Charter Section 6.04, entitled Special Boards and Commissions, states that "[w]hen general law or any agreement with another public agency or court order provides for appointment of members of a special board or commission or other agency by the board of county commissioners, such appointment shall be made by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by the Council,"; and,

WHEREAS, the County Executive has nominated various Mayors for reappointment to serve on the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission representing various Regions for the term 1/1/2020 - 12/31/2022 as follows:

- a) The Honorable Anthony J. DiCicco representing the Hillcrest Region; and
- b) The Honorable Pamela E. Bobst representing the West Shore Region; and,

WHEREAS, this Council by a vote of at least eight (8) members determines that it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that Charter requirements can be complied with and critical services provides by Cuyahoga County can continue and to provide for the usual, daily operation of a County Board.

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby confirms the County Executive's reappointment of various Mayors to serve on the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission representing various Regions for the term 1/1/2020 - 12/31/2022 as follows:

- a) The Honorable Anthony J. DiCicco representing the Hilcrest Region; and
- b) The Honorable Pamela E. Bobst representing the West Shore Region.

**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 at least 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.

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**Armond Budish**Cuyahoga County Executive

November 15, 2019

Dan Brady, President Cuyahoga County Council 2079 E. Ninth Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Cleveland, OH 44115

Re: Cuyahoga County Planning Commission (CPC)

Dear President Brady,

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 713.22, I am pleased to nominate the following individuals for re-appointment to the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission:

- Mayor Anthony DiCicco (Hillcrest Region), 3-year term, 01/01/2020 12/31/2022
- Mayor Pamela Bobst (West Shore Region), 3-year term, 01/01/2020 12/31/2022

There are no specific requirements of Executive nominees. Regional members must be a Mayor representing community within the designated area.

There are no other candidates on file for these positions.

There are no known conflicts of interest for which an advisory opinion has been requested. This board is uncompensated.

Thank you for your consideration of this appointment. Should you or any of your colleagues have any questions, please feel free to contact Michele Pomerantz in my office at 216-443-7125.

Sincerely,

Armond Budish

Cuyahoga County Executive

# Anthony J. DiCicco

# **Career Summary**

# Mayor/Safety Director

City of Mayfield Heights 6154 Mayfield Road Mayfield Hts., Ohio 44124 2013 to present

- •11th Mayor to serve the City of Mayfield Heights
- •Managing over 140 full time employees in addition to the Department of Police, Fire, Building, Office of Aging and Human Services, Recreation Department, Service Department, Finance, Human Resources, and Engineering Department
- •Managed an operating budget exceeding 22 million dollars yearly, ensuring fiscal responsibility

# City Accomplishments

- Elected to City Council 2008
- •Elected Council President 2012
- Current Chairman Planning Commission
   Served on Board of Zoning Appeals, Parks and Recreation Commission and Commission on Aging

## DiCicco & Sons Funeral Home

- Managing Director, DiCicco and Sons Funeral Home Mayfield Hts. Ohio
- Licensed Funeral Director
- •Responsibilities include managing 12 full time employees, industry compliance
- Licensed Insurance Agent

# **Education**

Gilmour Academy Class of 1979 Musician's Institute, Hollywood CA. 1982 Riverside City College, Riverside CA 1985

# **Professional Affiliations**

Ohio Funeral Director's Association Cuyahoga County Funeral Director's Association Cuyahoga County Mayor's & City Manager's Association Schnurman House Board of Directors

# PAMELA E, BOBST MAYOR CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, OHIO



# **Contact Information:**



# **Elected Experience:**

Mayor, City of Rocky River, June 2006 to present

Board Member, Cuyahoga County Planning Commission, 2017 to present

Board Member, Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, 2008 to present

Member, Policy Committee and Planning Committee, NOACA, 2016 to present

Chair, Legislative Affairs Committee, 2017 to present

Cuyahoga County Mayors and City Managers Association

Chair, Westshore Council of Governments, 2016

President, Safe Air for the Environment, 2020

Vice President, Safe Air for the Environment, 2008

Rocky River City Council - Council-at-Large, six terms

Council President, 2002 to 2006

President Pro Tem, 1998 to 2002

Councilmember, 1996 to 2006

Member, Finance Committee

Member, Government and Judicial Contracts Committee

Past Chairman, Environmental Committee

Past Chairman, Buildings and Equipment Committee

Past Chairman, Ad Hoc Communications Committee Past Chairman, Parks and Recreation Committee Rocky River Parks and Recreation Commission, 1998 to 2005

# **Education:**

Kent State University, Community Health Education, M.Ed., 1985 Northeastern Illinois University, Health Care Access/Public Health, B.A., 1983 University of Minnesota, Dental Hygiene, G.D.H., 1979

# Civic Activities and Memberships:

# Community West Foundation/Fairview Lutheran Foundation

Board of Directors, 2006 to present

Advancement Committee Member, 2006 to present

# Fairview Hospital Community Advisory Board

Board Member, 2006 to present

# Rocky River Chamber of Commerce

Member, 1998 to present

Second Vice-President 2002 to 2005

Board of Directors, 1999 to 2005

Chairman, Governmental Affairs Committee, 1999 to 2005

Chairman, Communications Committee, 2002 to 2005

# Rocky River Republican Club

Board Member, 2002 to present

# Republican Party of Cuyahoga County

Executive Committee Member, 2005 to present

Finance Committee Member, 2005 to present

# Rocky River Women's Club

Past President and Member, 1988 to present

# Beach Cliff Garden Club

Member, 2000 to present

# Rocky River Historical Society

Member, 2001 to present

# North Coast Health Ministry

Board of Trustees, 2000 to 2012

## Awards:

**Bill Pinter Award 2017**, presented by Rotary International, Lakewood/Rocky River Foundation

Woman of Accomplishment 2007, presented by Cleveland Clinic Hospitals Exemplar Award 2008, presented by Community Challenge/Recovery Resources

# County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

# Resolution No. R2019-0265

Sponsored by: County Executive	A Resolution confirming the County		
Budish	Executive's reappointment of various		
	individuals to serve on the Cuyahoga County		
	Public Library Board of Trustees for various		
	terms, and declaring the necessity that this		
	Resolution become immediately effective.		

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Public Library Board of Trustees was created pursuant to the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 3375.22; and,

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Public Library Board of Trustees is a separate political subdivision authorized by the State of Ohio to establish policies, and develop an annual budget while Board members represent the citizen's interest, promoting the highest level of library service appropriate to the community, in accordance with state law; and,

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Charter Section 6.04, entitled Special Boards and Commissions, states that "[w]hen general law or any agreement with another public agency or court order provides for appointment of members of a special board or commission or other agency by the board of county commissioners, such appointment shall be made by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by the Council,"; and,

WHEREAS, members of the Cuyahoga County Public Library Board of Trustees shall be appointed to serve a seven-year term; and,

WHEREAS, the County Executive has nominated the following individuals for reappointment to serve on the Cuyahoga County Public Library Board of Trustees for various terms:

- a) Edward H. Blakemore for the term 1/1/2020 12/31/2026; and
- b) Patricia A. Shlonsky for the term 2/1/2020 1/31/2027; and,

WHEREAS, this Council by a vote of at least eight (8) members determines that it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that Charter requirements can be complied with and critical services provides by Cuyahoga County can continue and to provide for the usual, daily operation of a County Board.

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby confirms the County Executive's reappointment of various individuals to serve on the Cuyahoga County Public Library Board of Trustees for various terms as follows:

- a) Edward H. Blakemore for the term 1/1/2020 12/31/2026; and
- b) Patricia A. Sholonsky for the term 2/1/2020 1/31/2027.

**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 at least 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.

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Armond Budish Cuyahoga County Executive

November 15, 2019

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

Re: Cuyahoga County Public Library Board of Trustees

Dear President Brady,

Pursuant to Section 3375.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, I submit the following nominees for re-appointment to the Cuyahoga County Public Library Board of Trustees:

- Edward H. Blakemore, 7-year term, 01/01/2020 12/31/2026
- Patricia A. Shlonsky, 7-year term, 02/01/2020 01/31/2027

The System serves 47 communities. Its mission is to be at the center of community life by creating an environment where reading, lifelong learning and civic engagement thrive. Functionally, the Board governs the Library's overall operations.

The Board is comprised of seven members. Four members are appointed by the County Executive, and three members are appointed by the judges of the Court of Common Pleas. Ohio Revised Code requires that Board members be qualified electors of the library district.

I have attached a copy of the nominee's resume for your review.

There are no known conflicts of interest for which an advisory opinion has been requested. This board is uncompensated. There are four other candidates on file that applied for this position.

Thank you for your consideration of this appointment. Should you or any of your colleagues have any questions, please feel free to contact Michele Pomerantz in my office at 216-443-7125.

Sincerely,

Armond Budish Cuyahoga County Executive

# **EDWARD H. BLAKEMORE**

Accomplished, experienced, and collaborative legal and business Executive with 19 years of experience managing and efficiently delivering legal services in both corporate and law firm environments. Results-oriented business leader with a strong focus on the cost-effective and timely delivery of legal services and overall client satisfaction.

- Commercial Litigation and Disputes
- Product Liability & General Liability
- Internal Investigations
- Environmental, Health & Safety
- Outside Counsel Selection & Management

- Legal Spend Management
- Internal and External Training
- Management of Teams
- Contract Negotiation
- Employment Law

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ROCKWELL AUTOMATION, Cleveland, OH Chief Litigation Counsel Chief Investigative Counsel for the Ombudsman 2016-Present

2017-2019

Manage the Litigation function of the Law Department including all legal services associated with formal lawsuits and claims as well as providing proactive strategic counseling to several business units.

- Obtained dismissals or cost-effective business resolutions on numerous lawsuits and disputes.
- Created multiple internal training programs that were deployed and continue to be used to reduce risk
  and promote best practices including: effective business communications, records retention
  strategies, and pre-litigation and litigation lessons learned.
- Deploy external training to Rockwell Automation distributors and business partners.
- Assumed responsibility for global records management and retention in 2019.
- Investigated 47 employee complaints in 2 years as the Ombudsman's Chief Investigative Counsel.
- Led a cross-functional team that created a new comprehensive policy for insider risk investigations.
- Implemented a strategy for the selection and retention of diverse outside legal counsel.
- Provide regular counseling to business stakeholders to limit risk and achieve desired outcomes.
- Manage a team of paralegals and a records retention manager.
- Recognized as Law Department "Value Champion" in 2018.

# **EATON CORPORATION,** Cleveland, OH **Counsel** (2013-2015)

**Senior Attorney** (2008-2013)

2008-2015

Managed and delivered legal services including: contract review and commercial, employment, and general liability litigation.

- Responsible for tracking the key litigation metrics reported to senior management including: total
  cases dismissed without payment, number and total value of cases defended without retaining
  outside counsel, cases resolved for <\$25,000, and total cases resolved versus incoming lawsuits
  annually.</li>
- Managed the workflow for a team of 4 litigation paralegals including: the assignment of lawsuits, subpoenas, and special projects, quarterly team meetings, and career development.
- Managed and obtained favorable results for Eaton by working with outside defense counsel on several high exposure lawsuits and potential claims including:

- Defense verdict in a wrongful termination jury trial in Los Angeles, CA where the plaintiff's last settlement demand was \$2 million in a jurisdiction notorious for large plaintiff's verdicts.
- Defense verdict, after a jury trial, where an active employee alleged racial discrimination and hostile work environment claims and her last settlement demand was \$800,000.
- Summary judgment, affirmed on appeal, in a reverse discrimination employment lawsuit where the plaintiff's last settlement demand was \$1 million.
- Summary judgment, affirmed on appeal, in a lawsuit alleging wrongful termination of a distributor in California where the plaintiff's last settlement demand was \$2.5 million.
- Amicably resolved a 10-year property remediation dispute for <33% of total settlement reserve.
- Served as primary law department contact for corporate HR and provided guidance on potential terminations, reductions in force, EEOC claims, and employee relations matters.
- Supported corporate supply chain function by negotiating contracts with its primary suppliers.
- Partnered with Environmental, Health & Safety ("EHS") legal team on the collaborative management
  of litigation risk after serious workplace accidents and the defense and resolution of environmental
  regulatory and property remediation matters.
- Partnered with the corporate EHS team on the creation of a comprehensive "playbook" for all
  employee fatalities/severe injuries to ensure all applicable corporate functions worked in concert to
  mitigate overall risk, conduct a confidential internal investigation, interact with governmental entities
  and investigators, and provide support to the impacted employee and his/her family.
- Served as co-editor of Law Notes quarterly newsletter which provided practical guidance to senior leadership on emerging legal issues and changes in the law.
- Co-chaired Law Department's Inclusion and Diversity Committee.
- Promoted to Counsel in 2013.

# MANNION & GRAY, Cleveland, OH Of Counsel

2006-2008

Practice areas: commercial litigation, transportation litigation and appellate litigation.

Developed a client base of medical malpractice insurers, excess insurers, transportation insurance providers, and small to medium-sized businesses. First chair jury and bench trial experience included.

# SUTTER, O'CONNELL, MANNION & FARCHIONE, Cleveland, OH Litigation Associate

2003-2006

Practice areas: professional malpractice, product liability, general liability and toxic tort litigation. Participated as 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> chair litigator in jury trials involving birth trauma injuries, breach of patient informed consent, post-operative medical care liability, and injuries due to vehicle product defects.

# BUCKLEY KING, Cleveland, OH

2003

# **Litigation Associate**

Practice areas: commercial litigation and general liability defense litigation.

Counseled business owners and insurance companies on business disputes and negotiated settlements of personal injury lawsuits.

# FREUND, FREEZE & ARNOLD, Dayton, OH

1998-2003

Litigation Associate (2000-2003)

Law Clerk (1998-1999)

Practice areas: public sector, professional malpractice, and commercial litigation.

Participated as 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> chair litigator in trials involving police misconduct, improper maintenance of roadways, catastrophic personal injuries due to product defects, professional negligence, and breach of contract.

#### **EDUCATION**

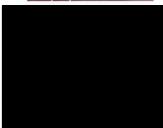
- The University of Dayton School of Law, Dayton, OH, J.D.
- Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA B.A. Sociology, Phi Beta Kappa, magna cum laude

# COMMUNITY SERVICE, PUBLIC SPEAKING, AND AWARDS

- Cuyahoga County Public Library, Member, Board of Trustees, (2010-present), President, (2016-2018), Liaison, Foundation Board (2016-Present)
- Applewood Centers, Inc., Member, Board of Trustees, (2012-Present), Co-Chair, Development Committee (2014-Present)
- Norman S. Minor Bar Association, Trailblazer Award Recipient, 2019
- ALFA International, Member, Client Advisory Board, (2018-Present)
  - o "What Clients Want" webinar CLE presentation (February 2019)
  - o "Financial Challenges Facing In-House Counsel" live CLE presentation (September 2019)
- Cleveland Marshall College of Law, Member, Visiting Committee, 2009-2016
- Case Western Reserve University Summer Legal Academy, Board of Trustees, 2006-2016
- National Business Institute, 2007-present & Association of Corporate Counsel, 2013-present Presented CLE programs on several subjects including the following topics: Mediation: Staying in Control to Achieve Business Driven Outcomes; Hot Topics in Employment Law; Dirty Litigation Tactics: How to Deal with "Rambo" Litigators; Advanced Personal Injury Strategies: Mastering Your Practice; Automobile Cases from Start to Finish; Civil Court Procedure and Strategy Boot Camp; The Effective Negotiation of Settlement Agreements; Ethical Considerations in Personal Injury Cases.
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, Member, Board of Trustees, (2009-2011), Chair, Certified Grievance Committee (2010-2011)
- City Club of Cleveland, Board of Trustees Member, 2007-2008
- Norman S. Minor Bar Association Annual Trailblazer Luncheon, Keynote Speaker, 2013

Partner-In-Charge, Cleveland | Chair, Employee Benefits, Tax and Trusts & Estates





#### Practices/Industries

- Employee Benefits
- ERISA Litigation
- Executive Compensation
- Cybersecurity & Privacy

#### Education

Miami University (B.A., 1981)

The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law (J.D., with honors, 1984)



Patricia A Shlonsky



#### Overview

Patty serves as Partner-In-Charge of Ulmer & Berne's Cleveland office. In addition to guiding the office's development, client service, business, and operations efforts, Patty chairs the firm's Employee Benefits and Tax Practice Groups. With more than 30 years of experience, Patty's practice focuses on assisting clients in the establishment qualification, and maintenance of all types of employee benefit plans. She advises clients regarding employee benefit compliance issues, benefits issues which arise in mergers and acquisitions, privacy and data security issues under HIPAA, health benefits, executive compensation, and represents clients involved in governmental and private dispute resolution. Patty also has comprehensive experience handling all types of ERISA litigation. She has achieved the highest ranking, AV Preeminent®, from Martindale-Hubbell®, is ranked as one of Ohio's leading Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation lawyers by *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, and is named to The Best Lawyers in America® in Employee Benefits Law. Patty is an avid reader and editor of a book review blog — FromBriefsToBooks.com.

# **Experience**

- Represents clients in connection with establishment, qualification and consultation regarding all types of employee benefit plans, including 401(k), employee stock ownership plans, defined benefit plans, and nonqualified deferred compensation.
- Represents clients in connection with all types of employee benefit compliance issues and governmental and private dispute resolution.
- Represents clients in connection with litigation brought by governmental entities and employers and fiduciaries in connection with all types of ERISA litigation, including routine claims for benefits, breach of fiduciary duty claims, wrongful termination of employment for purposes of denying employee benefits (510 claims), COBRA disputes and defending employers against multiemployer benefit plan claims.
- Represents clients in connection with establishment, consultation, and termination of executive compensation.
- Represents clients in connection with legal issues affecting medical and other welfare benefits.
- Assists clients in understanding their obligations and avoiding costly penalties through guidance and interpretation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
- Counsels clients regarding benefits issues in mergers and acquisitions.
- Counsels fiduciaries in connection with ERISA obligations.
- Represents clients in connection with HIPAA privacy and data security compliance.
- Provides counsel to clients with regard to distribution planning in connection with individual retirement accounts and qualified plan assets.



Partner-In-Charge, Cleveland | Chair, Employee Benefits, Tax and Trusts & Estates

# **Experience (Cont)**

- Experience in handling government audits.
- Represents businesses of all sizes, fiduciaries, insurers and financial providers in connection with all types of ERISA issues on a regular basis.
- Extensive experience regarding virtually all aspects of employee benefits and ERISA, including counseling clients with respect to the design and establishment, maintenance, modification, merger, spin-off and termination of all types of employee pension and welfare benefit plans, including profit-sharing, 401(k) and pension plans, employee stock ownership plans (ESOPs), 403(b) annuities, cafeteria plans, self-insured medical plans and medical reimbursement programs, disability plans and voluntary employee beneficiary associations (VEBAs); drafting of governing and support documents and administrative forms; preparation of appropriate filings with governmental agencies, including the Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Department of Labor and Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, relating to such matters as plan qualification, tax-exempt status, plan mergers and plan termination; advising with respect to operational and administrative issues relating to such matters as nondiscrimination testing, anti-cutback issues, plan distributions, participant loans, investment direction, qualified domestic relations orders, prohibited transactions, fiduciary responsibility, and COBRA and HIPAA compliance; analysis of controlled group and affiliated service group status; and representing clients in audit controversies with the Internal Revenue Service and U. S. Department of Labor.
- Assist clients in obtaining Employee Plan Compliance Resolution System (EPCRS) Compliance Statements and
  in seeking private letter rulings, advisory opinions, and prohibited transaction exemptions with respect to
  proposed transactions.
- Past client representations include: assisting Fortune 500 company with HIPAA compliance; assisting publicly
  traded entity with all retirement plan issues, including employer stock held in 401(k) plan; assisting insurers and
  self-insured employees in connection with health and welfare disability claims, defending service providers in
  breach of fiduciary duty claims, defending insurers and self-insured employers in welfare benefit claims,
  defending administrators in COBRA disputes and defending employers in ERISA 510 claims.

#### **Presentations**

# Plan Design & Compliance

- Cleveland Fiduciary Summit (August 2019)
- "DOL Fiduciary Rule and the Futures and Derivatives Industry," Midland IRA and Ulmer DOL Fiduciary Rule Seminar (August 2017)
- "Rules of Engagement: Exploring the DOL Fiduciary Rule & Its Effect on Providers of Investment Advice," Annual Ulmer Financial Services & Securities Litigation Client CLE Seminar (November 2016)
- "Wellness Programs, HIPAA, and the EEOC: What To Do With All The Regulation," Ohio Chamber of Commerce CLE Seminar (October 2016)
- "ACA Reporting Struggles, Lessons Learned, and Emerging Trends," Seminar and Panel Discussion (June 2016)
- "What's Up With Compliance?," Health Action Council, Webinar (February 2016)
- "Current Impact of the Affordable Care Act," Tax Club of Cleveland (September 2015)
- "The Department of Labor as an Investment Management Regulator and Current Areas of Focus During Examinations," Co-Presenter, Chicago Compliance Group (September 2014)



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# **Presentations (Cont)**

# Plan Design & Compliance (Cont)

- "Employers' Obligations under the Affordable Care Act," Ohio State Bar Association webinar (July 2014)
- "Affordable Care Act (Obama Care)," 50th Annual Midwest Labor and Employment Law Seminar (October 2013)
- "Affordable Care Act Technical Updates," SS&G Webinar (September 2013)
- "Employee Benefit Issues & M&A," ACI's 2nd National Advanced Compliance and Benchmarking Forum (May 2013)
- "Patient Prosecution and Affordable Care Act of 2010: Implications for 2013 and Beyond Require Planning and Preparation Now," Ulmer & Berne LLP Employment Law Update Seminar (May 2013)
- "Putting Health Reform into Action: Next Steps for Employers," SS&G Health Care Reform Update (January 2013)
- "The New Retirement Plan Fee Disclosure Rules: What's Next for Plan Sponsors?" The Cleveland Chapter of WEB (September 2012)
- "The Mandate Decision & You," Britton Gallagher Benefits (July 2012)
- "Health Benefit Considerations for Labor and Employment Lawyers," 48th Annual Midwest Labor and Employment Law Seminar (October 2011)
- "Tax Issues in Settlement and Separation Agreements," 47th Annual Midwest Labor and Employment Law Seminar (October 2010)
- "Contingent Workers and Employee Benefits Should We Worry?" American Conference Institute (May 2010)
- "Employment Contracts: Drafting Critical Provisions, Including Executive Compensation, Noncompete and Proprietary Information Provisions," 45th Annual Midwest Labor and Employment Law Seminar (October 2008)
- "Fee Disclosure and PPA Update," 2008 Annual Plan Sponsor Seminar (October 2008)
- "Defined Contribution Plan Changes Fiduciary Liability Issues," Pension Protection Act of 2006 Seminar (December 2006)
- "Defined Contribution Plan Changes ERISA and the Pension Protection Act," Teleconference sponsored by the Global Knowledge Congress (November 2006)
- "409A," Accountant's Training Session (November 2006)
- "Benefits Issues," Rockwell Automation (August 2006)
- "COBRA Notice Issues," Ulmer & Berne Employment & Labor Law Seminar (May 2006)
- "ERISA Considerations for Financial Service Providers," Hot Topics: Financial Services Update 2006 (May 2006)
- "Employee Benefits and ERISA and Retirement Plan Administration: EGTRR Benefit Changes Part I,"
   Cleveland Tax Institute, Cleveland Bar Association (October 2001)



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# **Presentations (Cont)**

# Plan Design & Compliance (Cont)

- "ASPPA Benefits Council of Cleveland," presentation with IRS Specialists from Chicago regarding Employee Plans Compliance Resolution System (June 2001)
- "Understanding HIPAA as It Applies to Health Care Provider's Use of Health Information," Aultman Health System Medical Staff (September 2000)
- "Legal Considerations in Maintaining the Privacy of Medical Records," The Benefits Forum, Manufacturers Alliance (June 2000)
- "Employee Benefits Considerations in Mergers and Acquisitions," Cleveland Tax Institute, Cleveland Bar Association (November 1999)
- "Administering Employee Benefits to Ensure Compliance With a Litany of Complex and Conflicting Federal Laws," Personnel Law Update 1998, Council on Education and Management (June 1998)
- "Cutting Edge Issues in Employee Benefits," Cleveland Tax Institute, Cleveland Bar Association (October 1997)

# **ERISA Litigation**

- "ERISA Litigation Update," 46th Annual Midwest Labor and Employment Law Seminar (October 2009)
- "Winning ERISA Litigation," PriceWaterhouseCoopers General Counsel Forum (August 2008)
- "ERISA Update for Financial Services Providers," Hot Topics: Financial Services Update 2007 (November 2007)
- "What's New in Employee Benefits," Midwest Labor & Employment Law Seminar, Ohio State Bar Association Labor and Employment Law Section (October 2003)
- "Employee Benefits "Promises to Keep," Midwest Labor & Employment Law Seminar, Ohio State Bar Association Labor and Employment Law Section (November 2002)
- "Benefits Issues in Downsizing the Executive," Midwest Labor & Employment Law Seminar, Ohio State Bar Association Labor and Employment Law Section (October 2001)
- "Preemption Under ERISA," Midwest Labor & Employment Law Conference, Ohio State Bar Association Labor and Employment Law Section (October 1999)
- "ERISA Developments Affecting the Employment Relationship," Midwest Labor & Employment Law Conference,
   Ohio State Bar Association Labor and Employment Law Section (October 1997)

#### **Executive Compensation**

- "What's New with Deferred Compensation," Cohen & Company Continuing Education Program (July 2015)
- "Executive Compensation and Employee Benefits Issues in Financially Troubled Times," 52nd Annual Cleveland Tax Institute (November 2009)
- "Executive Compensation and the New 409A Regulations," Tax Seminar (May 2007)
- "409A," Accountant's Training Session (November 2006)
- "409A," Ohio Society of CPAs (December 2005)



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# Presentations (Cont)

#### **Individual Retirement Accounts**

- "Nonqualified Plans: Their Place in Retirement Planning," Ohio Society of CPAs (January 2000)
- "The New Retirement Plan Fee Disclosure Rules: What's Next for Plan Sponsors?" The Cleveland Chapter of WEB (September 2012)
- "Distribution Planning For Retirement Benefits The 2001 Proposed Regulations," Luncheon Meeting,
   Cleveland Bar Association Trust and Estates Group (May 2001)
- "Individual Retirement Accounts," Cleveland Tax Institute, Cleveland Bar Association (November 1998)
- "Individual Retirement Accounts and Other Retirement Developments," 26th Charitable Tax Seminar, Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland (June 1998)
- "Distribution Planning and Charitable Giving for Retirement Benefits," Hot Topics in Estate Planning, The Cleveland Foundation (August 1997)

#### General

- "Perspectives from Local Female Rainmakers and Leaders," panelist, Ladder Down Cleveland (August 2019)
- "Planning in the Digital Age," Ulmer Tax Seminar Series II (August 2018)
- "How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Fiduciary Rule. An Advisor's Primer to making a Living Under the New Regime," NAIFA Cleveland monthly program series (May 2017)
- "Women as Visionary Leaders," panelist, 3rd Annual Women's Law & Leadership Conference (October 2014)

#### **Publications**

- "DOL Seeks to Clarify Fiduciary Rule Timing With Temporary Enforcement Policy," Ulmer & Berne LLP *Client Alert* (March 2017)
- "U.S. Supreme Court Upholds Key Provisions of the Affordable Care Act," Ulmer & Berne LLP, Client Alert (June 2015)
- "IRS Amendments to Prohibit Lump-Sum Windows for Retirees Already Receiving Annuity Payments,"
   Ulmer & Berne LLP, Client Alert (July 2015)
- "Trends in Health Care and Pension Benefits," chapter author, Recent Changes in Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation, 2014 ed.: Leading Lawyers on Understanding ERISA Changes, Navigating Disclosure Guidelines, and Designing Compliance Strategies, Thomson Reuters/Aspatore (April 2014)
- "Female Powerbrokers Q&A: Ulmer & Berne's Patty Shlonsky," Law360 (January 2014)
- "Sixth Circuit Says Severance Payments Not Subject to FICA," Ulmer & Berne LLP, Client Alert (October 2012)
- "Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC) for Insured and Self-Insured Group Medical Plans Required Commencing," Ulmer & Berne LLP, Client Alert (September 2012)
- "Department of Labor Provides Additional Guidance for Compliance with Looming Fee Disclosure Requirements," Ulmer & Berne LLP, Client Alert (August 2012)



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#### Involvement

#### **Professional Affiliations**

- American Bar Association
- Ohio State Bar Association
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
- WEB (Worldwide Employee Benefits)
- American College of Employee Benefits Counsel (Fellow)
- American Society of Pension Professionals and Actuaries Benefits Council of Cleveland (Former Vice President and Trustee)

# **Community Involvement**

- Cuyahoga County Public Library (President, Board of Trustees)
- The City Club of Cleveland (Vice President, Board of Directors; Co-Chair, Program Committee)
- BVU: The Center for Nonprofit Excellence (Board of Directors)
- Cuyahoga County Public Library Foundation (Board Member 2008-2016)
- The Center for Community Solutions (Vice Chair, Board of Directors; Chair, Policy & Program Advisory Committee)
- The Cleveland Jewish Community Federation (Member, Retirement Fund Committee)
- Leadership Cleveland (Member, Class of 2012)
- College Now (Former Board of Directors)
- Dress for Success Cleveland (Honorary Board Member; Board Member 2003-2011; Past Board Chair 2005-2008)

## Firm Involvement

- · Partner-In-Charge, Cleveland Office
- Management Committee
- · Employee Benefits, Tax and Trust Estates, Chair

# **Honors & Distinctions**

- Crain's Cleveland Business "Women of Note" Award Recipient (2017)
- Ranked as one of Ohio's "Leaders in Their Field" in Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation by Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business (2007-2019)
- Designated Best Lawyers Employee Benefits (ERISA) "Lawyer of the Year" in Cleveland (2015; 2017)
- Named to The Best Lawyers in America, Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law; Litigation ERISA (2003-2020)
- "Notable Women in Law," Crain's Cleveland Business (2018)
- Named a "Woman Worth Watching" by Profiles in Diversity Journal (2016)



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# **Honors & Distinctions (Cont)**

- Lexology Client Choice Award (2016)
- Named to the Ohio Super Lawyers list (2004-2009; 2011-2019)
- AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated Martindale-Hubbell
- Named a "Top Lawyer" by Northern Ohio Live Magazine (August 2003)
- Recognized as one of the Top 50 Female Lawyers in the State of Ohio and one of the Top 25 Female Lawyers in Cleveland by Ohio Super Lawyers (2013; 2014; 2016)

#### **Admissions**

- State of Ohio
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Tax Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan



# County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

# **Resolution No. R2019-0266**

Sponsored by: County Executive	A Resolution confirming the County			
Budish	Executive's appointment of Teri A. Agosta			
	to serve on the Gateway Economic			
	Development Corporation of Greater Cleveland Board of Trustees for an			
	unexpired term ending 5/31/2022, and			
	declaring the necessity that this Resolution			
	become immediately effective.			

WHEREAS, the Gateway Economic Development Corporation of Greater Cleveland was established pursuant to the provisions of ORC Section 307.696; and

WHEREAS, the powers and duties for the Gateway Economic Development Corporation of Greater Cleveland Board of Trustees are to determine responsibilities affiliated with the construction and maintenance of facilities as well as property issues, financing obligations and capital repairs for the sports facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Gateway Economic Development Corporation of Greater Cleveland Board of Trustees shall consist of five members; two appointed by the City of Cleveland, two appointed by the County of Cuyahoga and one member jointly appointed; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Charter Section 6.04, entitled Special Boards and Commissions, states that "[w]hen general law or any agreement with another public agency or court order provides for appointment of members of a special board or commission or other agency by the board of county commissioners, such appointment shall be made by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by the Council," and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has nominated Teri A. Agosta (replacing William J. Reidy) to be appointed to serve on the Gateway Economic Development Corporation of Greater Cleveland Board of Trustee for an unexpired term ending 5/31/2022; and

WHEREAS, this Council by a vote of at least eight (8) members determines that it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that Charter requirements can be complied with and critical services provides by Cuyahoga County can continue and to provide for the usual, daily operation of a County Board.

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby confirms the County Executive's appointment of Teri A. Agosta to serve on the Gateway Economic Development Corporation of Greater Cleveland Board of Trustees for an unexpired term ending 5/31/2022.

**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 at least 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.

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Cuyahoga County Executive

November 19, 2019

Dan Brady, President Cuyahoga County Council 2079 E. Ninth Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Cleveland, OH 44115

Re: Gateway Economic Development Corporation of Greater Cleveland Board of Trustees

Dear President Brady,

I am pleased to nominate the following individual for appointment to the Gateway Economic Development Corporation of Greater Cleveland Board of Trustees:

• Terri A. Agosta, unexpired term ending 05/31/2022 (replacing William J. Reidy)

Gateway is an Ohio non-profit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 307.696. The Board of Trustees of this corporation is composed of representatives from the City of Cleveland as well as Cuyahoga County.

There are no other candidates on file for these positions. I have attached Ms. Agosta's resume for your review.

There are no known conflicts of interest for which an advisory opinion has been requested. This board is uncompensated.

Thank you for your consideration of this appointment. Should you or any of your colleagues have any questions, please feel free to contact Michele Pomerantz in my office at 216-443-7125.

Sincerely,

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# TERI A. AGOSTA

# **Summary**

Accomplished General Manager with over 20 years of leadership positions with Hilton Hotel Corporation in five different hotels and resorts. Demonstrated expertise in repositioning hotels and resorts and increasing profitability and market share. Prior hotel experience with independents and boutique four-star properties. Sales and Marketing leadership was entry point into the hotel Industry. Leadership built on strong marketing and operational skills.

# **Demonstrated Accomplishments**

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- □ Increased market share by over 10 index points in all hotels; consistently rated as first or second in the market place.
- Focused on strong profit margins---in all departments, particularity food and beverage.
- Guest service scores above company average, and consistently in green status at year-end.
- □ All quality assurance, food and beverage and operational audits consistently above average.
- □ Team member scores increased in the high nineties percentile.
- Labor productivity standards achieved through focused scheduling review.
- Consistent team meetings to develop fun, team member morale, and creative and expanded revenue opportunities.
- Synchronized sight inspections to insure high conversions of tentative.

#### **Achievements and Awards**

- Past three properties achieved all green balance scorecards, during tenure as General Manager.
- □ Largest Rev-Par increase (2001 Doubletree-WDC).
- □ Hotelier of the Year-Delaware Hotel and Lodging Association (2003).
- General Manager of the Year-Hospitality Sales and Marketing Association International-Arizona Chapter (2010).
- □ Profitability Award-Pointe Hilton Squaw Peak (2012).
- ☐ Six of Six KPI's Green (2012).

# **Development and Promotion**

- Mentored and promoted at numerous Executive Committee members to more advanced positions in new hotels at each property.
- Focused on promoting number twos to management positions and Executive Committee
  members.
- Identified one to two "leaders in training" a year to move up within the corporation.

#### Renovation and Construction

- Completed over 45 million dollars in renovation at Pointe Hilton Squaw Peak, to include new Spa and Health Club.
- Completed over six million dollars in cap-ex and facility improvements at Doubletree Hotel-Wilmington.
- □ Completed Room Design and Public Area Renovation of Doubletree WDC.

#### **EXPERIENCE**

# **HILTON WORLDWIDE, Cleveland, OH**

General Manager, Hilton Cleveland Downtown

2015-Present

Manages a \$272 million new-build, county-owned, 600-room convention center hotel opening June 2016 and host hotel for the 2016 Republican National Convention.

Initiated and build Hilton's presence in Cleveland including corporate partnership and philanthropic opportunities.

# HILTON WORLDWIDE, Phoenix, AZ

2006-2015

# General Manager, Pointe Hilton Squaw Peak Resort

Manager daily operations of 24 acre resort to encompass 574 suites, three restaurants, spa and waterpark. Opened 2 million dollar Spa and Health Club.

Managed 45 million dollar renovation of Resort.

Increased RevPar Index by 11.5% in four years from 99.7 to 116.4.

Rebranded and re-opened new neighborhood-style resort restaurant.

# **HILTON WORLDWIDE, Wilmington, DE**

2000-2006

# General Manager, Doubletree Hotel

Increased revenue by 28% and IBFC by 39% in four years.

Increased yield by 23 points in four years.

10 out of 12 "Green" ratings in 2003; 9 out of 10 in 2004; and all "Green" ratings in 2005.

Strong group marketer.

Introduced complete meeting packages to hotel.

# HILTON WORLDWIDE, Washington, DC

1998-2000

# General Manager, Doubletree Hotel

Increased total revenues by 27.6% year over year.

Increased GOP 62.7% year over year.

Achieved 113.4 yield.

# HILTON WORLDWIDE, Baltimore/Washington Airport Director of Marketing, Doubletree Guest Suites

1995-1998

Achieved 103% of budgeted revenue

Positioned hotel in training market, securing three new training accounts: Bell Atlantic, PDA and Goldwell. Motivated and trained new sales team managers to consistently exceed goals.

# HILTON WORLDWIDE, Baltimore, MD

1993-1995

# Director of Marketing, Doubletree Inn at the Colonnade

Transitioned hotel from independent to successful Doubletree.

Exceeded budgeted revenue by 107%.

Hotel awarded "General Manager of the Year" in response to increased revenues and yield penetration during my tenure.

# MARKETING ENVIRONMENTS, Chicago, IL

1991-1993

**Director of Marketing** 

# PRIME MANAGEMENT, Chicago, IL

1989-1991

**Regional Director of Marketing** 

1986-1988

CONGRESS HOTEL, Chicago, IL Director of Marketing

# SHERATON HOTEL, Towson, MD

1986-1988

**Director of Marketing** 

# POTOMAC HOTEL GROUP, Washington, DC

1981-1986

**Director of Marketing** 

#### **EDUCATION**

Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration/Marketing

Grand Valley University, Grand Rapids, MI

Studied abroad at L'Institute D'Tours, France

# County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

# Resolution No. R2019-0279

Sponsored by: County Executive	A Resolution authorizing and ratifying the		
<b>Budish/Department of Human</b>	structure for payment of compensation to 33		
Resources	County employees whose base salaries		
	exceed the maximum for the applicable salary		
	ranges for their respective positions, and		
	declaring the necessity that this Resolution		
	become immediately effective.		

WHEREAS, the County Executive implemented a general wage increase effective January 2019, while the 2019 Non-Bargaining salary ranges were approved in March 2019 with no increase to those ranges, resulting in the base salaries of 33 employees that exceed the maximum for the applicable salary ranges for their respective positions; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Non-Bargaining salary ranges did not reflect an increase based on the Department of Human Resource's recommendation to the Personnel Review Commission that, as a best compensation practice, salary ranges should not move at the same rate as the general wage increase.

WHEREAS, the County Executive/Department of Human Resources has recommended a one-time compensation structure for those 33 County employees whose salaries exceed the maximum for the applicable salary ranges for their respective positions; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue and to provide for the usual, daily operation of a County entity.

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby authorizes and ratifies the following compensation structure for payment of compensation to 33 County employees whose base salaries exceed the maximum for the applicable salary ranges for their respective positions:

(1) for 2019, allow the base salaries of the 33 impacted employee salaries to exceed the maximum for their salary ranges as a result of the January 2019 general wage increase, with compensation paid in 2019 prior to the adoption

- of this Resolution authorized and ratified as if the same were duly authorized at the time of their occurrence; and
- (2) for 2020, following both a planned 2020 general wage increase and a planned increase to the 2020 non-bargaining salary ranges, allow the base salaries of the 33 impacted employee salaries to reach the maximum for their applicable salary ranges, and pay the remainder of the general wage increase as a lump-sum payment.

**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 at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature, (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, or (3) its passage by at least eight members of Council after disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

**SECTION 3.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council 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.

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Committee(s) Assigned: Human Resources, Appointments & Equity
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# County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

# Resolution No. R2019-0280

Sponsored by: County Executive	A Resolution making an award on RQ45619		
<b>Budish/Department of Human</b>	to MedMutual Life Insurance Company in		
Resources	the amount not-to-exceed \$5,400,368.00 for		
	group life, voluntary life and accidental death		
	insurance for County employees for the		
	period 1/1/2020 - 12/31/2022; authorizing		
	the County Executive to execute the contract		
	and all other documents consistent with said		
	award and this Resolution; and declaring the		
	necessity that this Resolution become		
	immediately effective.		

WHEREAS, the County Executive/Department of Human Resources has recommended an award on RQ45619 to MedMutual Life Insurance Company in the amount not-to-exceed \$5,400,368.00 for group life, voluntary life and accidental death insurance for County employees for the period 1/1/2020 - 12/31/2022; and

WHEREAS, the primary goal of this project is to provide group life, voluntary life and accidental death insurance for County employees; and

WHEREAS, the project is 100% funded by the Hospitalization Regular Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue and to provide for the usual, daily operation of a County entity.

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby makes an award on RQ45619 to MedMutual Life Insurance Company in the amount not-to-exceed \$5,400,368.00 for group life, voluntary life and accidental death insurance for County employees for the period 1/1/2020 - 12/31/2022.

**SECTION 2.** That the County Executive is authorized to execute the contract and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution.

**SECTION 3.** 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 at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature, (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, or (3) its passage by at least eight members of Council after disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

**SECTION 4.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council 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.

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# County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

# Resolution No. R2019-0281

Sponsored by: County Executive	A Resolution making an award on RQ45619		
<b>Budish/Department of Human</b>	to The Guardian Life Insurance Company of		
Resources	America in the amount not-to-exceed		
	\$9,848,526.00 for dental insurance for		
	County employees and their eligible		
	dependents for the period 1/1/2020 -		
	12/31/2022; authorizing the County		
	Executive to execute the contract and all		
	other documents consistent with said award		
	and this Resolution; and declaring the		
	necessity that this Resolution become		
	immediately effective.		

WHEREAS, the County Executive/Department of Human Resources has recommended an award on RQ45619 to The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America in the amount not-to-exceed \$9,848,526.00 for dental insurance for County employees and their eligible dependents for the period 1/1/2020 - 12/31/2022; and

WHEREAS, the primary goal of this project is to provide dental insurance for County employees and their eligible dependents; and

WHEREAS, the project is 100% funded by the Hospitalization Regular Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue and to provide for the usual, daily operation of a County entity.

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby makes an award on RQ45619 to The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America in the amount not-to-exceed \$9,848,526.00 for dental insurance for County employees and their eligible dependents for the period 1/1/2020 - 12/31/2022.

**SECTION 2.** That the County Executive is authorized to execute the contract and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution.

**SECTION 3.** 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 at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature, (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, or (3) its passage by at least eight members of Council after disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

**SECTION 4.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council 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.

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# County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

# Resolution No. R2019-0282

Sponsored by: County Executive	A Resolution making an award on RQ45619		
<b>Budish/Department of Human</b>	to Vision Service Plan in the amount not-to-		
Resources	exceed \$1,823,399.00 for vision insurance		
	for County employees and their eligible		
	dependents for the period 1/1/2020 -		
	12/31/2022; authorizing the County		
	Executive to execute the contract and all		
	other documents consistent with said award		
	and this Resolution; and declaring the		
	necessity that this Resolution become		
	immediately effective.		

WHEREAS, the County Executive/Department of Human Resources has recommended an award on RQ45619 to Vision Service Plan in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,823,399.00 for vision insurance for County employees and their eligible dependents for the period 1/1/2020 - 12/31/2022; and

WHEREAS, the primary goal of this project is to provide vision insurance for County employees and their eligible dependents; and

WHEREAS, the project is 100% funded by the Hospitalization Regular Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue and to provide for the usual, daily operation of a County entity.

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby makes an award on RQ45619 to Vision Service Plan in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,823,399.00 for vision insurance for County employees and their eligible dependents for the period 1/1/2020 - 12/31/2022.

**SECTION 2.** That the County Executive is authorized to execute the contract and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution.

**SECTION 3.** 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 at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature, (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, or (3) its passage by at least eight members of Council after disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

**SECTION 4.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council 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.

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