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**KASICH ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT TO THE BELMONT COUNTY COURT**

COLUMBUS – Today Governor John R. Kasich announced the appointment of Christopher M. Berhalter of Martins Ferry (Belmont Co.) to serve as a judge on the Belmont County Court, Northern Division. Berhalter will assume office on November 18, 2013, and must run in November 2014 to retain the seat for the unexpired term, which ends January 1, 2019. Berhalter is replacing Judge Frank A. Fregiato, who was appointed to the Belmont County Court of Common Pleas.

Berhalter received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism from The Ohio State University, and earned his juris doctorate from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. Since 2005, he has served as the Belmont County Prosecuting Attorney.

Berhalter is a member of the board for the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Upper Ohio Valley as well as the Ohio River Valley Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He began his career at Sommer, Liberati & Berhalter shortly after graduating from law school.

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