



CITY OF CLEVELAND

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Mayor Jackson Administered Oath of Office to New Cleveland Community Police Commission Member

CLEVELAND – Today, Mayor Frank G. Jackson administered the oath of office to Richard Knoth as the newest member of the Cleveland Community Police Commission. Knoth fills the vacancy left by Dr. Rhonda Williams who left in May 2017 when she accepted a position at Vanderbilt University as the John L. Seigenthaler Chair in American History.

The mission of the Community Police Commission is to make recommendations on policies and practices related to community and problem-oriented policing, bias-free policing, and police transparency; to work with the many communities that make up Cleveland for the purpose of developing recommendations for police practices that reflect an understanding of the values and priorities of Cleveland residents; and to report to the City and community as a whole and to provide transparency on police department reforms.

Knoth has more than 30 years of trial experience in commercial litigation and intellectual property law. He has experience with national and international companies in jury and bench trials in courts throughout the country. In addition, Knoth has argued more than 50 appeals in both state and federal courts throughout the United States. And he is often called upon to represent companies undergoing government investigations.

Other experiences include:

Prosecuted software conversion/misappropriation claims and obtained a favorable seven-figure jury verdict, punitive damages and permanent injunction in a California multifaceted enterprise resource planning (ERP) litigation.

Defended patent claims and pursued third-party contribution/indemnity in federal court involving developing technology in the field of digital satellite transmission.

Find his full biography [here](#).

About the City of Cleveland

The City of Cleveland is committed to improving the quality of life of its residents by strengthening neighborhoods, delivering superior services, embracing diversity and making Cleveland a desirable, safe city in which to live, work, play and do business. For more information on the City of Cleveland, visit online at www.city.cleveland.oh.us, Twitter at @cityofcleveland or Facebook at www.facebook.com/cityofcleveland.