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Senator Sherrod Brown Recommends the Appointment of Carter M. Stewart as U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio

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Brown Announces Recommendations For Southern District U.S. Attorney and U.S. Marshal

Brown Recommends to President Obama the Appointment of Carter Stewart for U.S. Attorney and Appointment of Cathy Jones for U.S. Marshal

WASHINGTON, D.C.—U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) today announced his recommendations to Pres. Obama for the positions of U.S. Attorney and U.S. Marshal for the Southern District of Ohio. Brown will recommend the appointment of Carter Stewart for U.S. Attorney and the appointment of Cathy Jones for U.S. Marshal in the Southern District of Ohio.

“Carter Stewart will bring the right combination of experience, commitment, and talent to the job of U.S. Attorney,” said Brown. “His prior service as an Assistant U.S. Attorney combined with his extensive litigation experience has given him the perspective and skills necessary to excel as U.S. Attorney.”

“Cathy Jones is ready to be U.S. Marshal,” said Brown. “Her diverse career in law enforcement spans 17 years and her current service as Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal will ensure a seamless transition. Cathy is dedicated to crime prevention and gang resistance.”

U.S. Attorneys and U.S. Marshals are nominated by the President of the United States and must be confirmed by the U.S. Senate. U.S. Attorneys are responsible for the prosecution of criminal cases brought by the federal government, the prosecution and defense of civil cases in which the United States is a party, and the collection of debts owed to the federal government. U.S. Marshals are responsible for protecting the federal judiciary, apprehending federal fugitives, and overseeing the Witness Protection Program, among other responsibilities.

Brown announced today his recommendations for U.S. Attorney and U.S. Marshal in the Southern District of Ohio. He announced his recommendations for the Northern District of Ohio on March 2. The Southern District has court locations in Columbus, Cincinnati, and Dayton and serves more than 5 million citizens in 48 Ohio counties.

Brown's recommendations were based on the advice of a selection commission he assembled. Brown assembled two commissions each comprised of a diverse group of nine community leaders and members of the legal and law enforcement communities. To prevent any conflicts of interest, commission members residing in the Southern District of Ohio reviewed applicants for the Northern District while members residing in the Northern District reviewed Southern District applicants. Each applicant completed an extensive questionnaire, financial disclosure form, and an individual interview with the commission. The Southern District commission met on Friday, February 13, 2009, Friday, February 20, 2009, Thursday, March 5, 2009, and Friday, March 6, 2009 and interviewed a total of 11 candidates for U.S. Attorney and 11 candidates for U.S. Marshal. After completing interviews with all candidates, the commission made recommendations to Brown.

Brown will recommend Carter Stewart for this U.S. Attorney. He is currently an associate with Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease in Columbus, where his practice focuses on commercial litigation, criminal defense, antitrust, and education law. Prior to joining Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease, Stewart was an associate with Bingham McCutchen in San Francisco. He has also served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of California, adjunct law professor at Lincoln Law School of San Jose, and law clerk for U.S. District Court judges Raymond Finch and Robert Carter. Stewart earned his law degree from Harvard Law School, where he served as Executive Editor of the *Harvard Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Law Review*.

Brown will also recommend the appointment of Cathy Jones for U.S. Marshal. Jones is currently the Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal for the Southern District. She has been a federal law enforcement professional for 17 years, and has served as Chief of the Office of Recruiting and Chief of the Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT) Program in the United States Marshal Services (USMS) national office. In addition, she has held positions in the USMS offices in the Northern District of West Virginia, the Western District of Pennsylvania, the Northern District of Ohio, and the Southern District of Ohio. In 2008, she received both the Crime Stoppers Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award and the Outstanding Performance Award from the USMS. Jones received her bachelor's degree from Ohio Dominican College.

Members of the commission making recommendations to Brown for the Southern District positions include Lewis Adkins, of Akron, a partner at Roetzel & Andress; Dennis Eckart, of Cleveland, a principal at the North Shore Associates consulting firm and former partner at Baker Hostetler; Stuart Garson, of Cleveland, who served as the commission's chair and is the founder and managing partner of Garson & Associates; Iris Torres Gugliucello, of Youngstown, the Director of the Law Department for the City of Youngstown and former Assistant Mahoning County Prosecutor and Magistrate for Mahoning County Court of Common Pleas; Betty Pinkney, of Cleveland, District Director to former Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones and former Senior Attorney for the East Ohio Gas Company; Jim Ruvolo, of Toledo, who runs the Toledo consulting firm Ruvolo & Associates; Allen Schulman, of Canton, who manages the firm Allen Schulman & Associates; Tim Swanson, of Canton, who is the Sheriff of Stark County and also serves as Director at Large of the Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association; and Margaret Wong, of Cleveland, the founder of Margaret Wong & Associates and Chair of the Cleveland Bar Association's Immigration Law Section.