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Franklin County Judge Guy L. Reece Assumes National Chairmanship

Franklin County Common Pleas Court Judge Guy L. Reece, II is the new Chair of the National Conference of State Trial Judges. Judge Reece assumed the Chair during the annual meeting of the American Bar Association in Chicago earlier this month.

Judge Reece's peers selected him to head the Conference, which boasts more than 1,000 general jurisdiction judges from across the country in its membership. Judge Reece is past President of the Ohio Common Pleas Judges Association and brings his 20 years of experience as a trial judge in Common Pleas Court to his new leadership role.

The focus of the National Conference of State Trial Judges during Judge Reece's year as Chair is to implement the Judicial Division's overall theme "Securing Our Future – Diversity and Inclusion Access to Justice, Judicial Independence and the Rule of Law."

At the February 2019 midyear meeting, the Conference will present a program focusing on Human Trafficking, while also participating in the Judicial Clerkship program for minority students.

At the annual meeting in August 2019, the Conference will celebrate former Chair William D. Missouri, past trial court judge from Maryland, for the manner in which he dealt with friends and foes. Going forward, the conference will annually award the William D. Missouri Civility Award to a distinguished judge for his/her exemplary civility. Numerous programs on civility are also planned over the course of the year.

"I'm humbled and honored to serve my colleagues in the ABA in this capacity," Judge Reece said. "We have dedicated our professional lives to making sure that justice is served fairly in our communities, and the work we do together in the National Conference of State Trial Judges will seek to advance the ideals of trust and fairness in our courtrooms."

Judge Reece has a long record of community engagement and service. He is past President of the Simon Kenton Council of the Boy Scouts of America, past President and current member of the Metropolitan YMCA Board and trustee at Ohio Dominican University. He is also a retired Colonel from the U.S. Army and sits on the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Foundation Board.

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