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## **“Two Judges Added To Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court, Commercial Docket”**

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**(Cleveland)** – The number of Judges handling the Commercial Docket in Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court will double in 2014.

Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice Maureen O’Connor has appointed Judges Nancy A. Fuerst and Joseph D. Russo to sit on the Commercial Docket, joining current Judges Richard J. McMonagle and John P. O’Donnell.

Judge Fuerst, the former Administrative Judge, will begin handling commercial cases immediately. Judge Russo will begin handling cases on July 1, 2014. Commercial Docket Judges also continue to hear criminal and civil cases.

In June of this year, the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court voted to adopt the Commercial Docket on a permanent basis and expand the number of Commercial Docket judges from two to four.

The Commercial Docket was originally established as a pilot project in 2008 by the late Chief Justice Thomas Moyer to explore the value of handling commercial cases by specially trained Judges. The Commercial Docket has been well-received by attorneys who deal in commercial litigation.

The Commercial Docket has also been publically supported by Chief Justice O’Connor and the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association.

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