

## Donald L. Mason Joins Roetzel's Columbus Office

Roetzel is pleased to announce that **Donald L. Mason** has joined the firm and will serve Of Counsel in the Columbus office.

“Don’s extensive experience in government and in energy and utility regulation contributes additional depth to our regulatory and energy practices,” said **Erika Haupt**, Partner-in-Charge of the firm’s Columbus office. “He is a perfect fit and we look forward to working with him in the continued growth of our practice in those areas.”

Mr. Mason focuses his practice on energy and environmental policy with an emphasis on regulated public utilities and oil and natural gas development. He served two terms as Commissioner of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. During his tenure, he was appointed to several state and national committees dealing with energy policy. He represented Ohio on the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC), where he chaired various committees, eventually becoming vice-chair. In addition, Mr. Mason served at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources as Chief of the Division of Oil and Gas, and was appointed by former U.S. Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham and reappointed by Secretary Samuel Bodman to serve on the National Petroleum Council. He was also a government representative and chairman on the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Committee.

Mr. Mason earned his B.A. from Muskingum College and his J.D. from Capital Law School. Long committed to public service, he was elected to the Zanesville City Council shortly after college graduation and, at the age of 26, was elected mayor of the city of Zanesville, where he oversaw natural gas and cable negotiations, water and sewer infrastructure development and other public works projects. Mr. Mason is a Rotarian with 31 years of perfect attendance and is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow. He is also a 32<sup>nd</sup> degree Mason, Shriner, and a member of the several other Masonic organizations and the Knights of Columbus. He continues to serve Muskingum County as trustee and past president of the Muskingum County Library System. He is in his 33rd year as an Ohio wrestling official and has been was selected to referee the Ohio High School State Wrestling Championships multiple times.

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