

Ohio Governor Names Mason to Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission *Roetzel attorney boasts broad experience in Ohio oil & gas regulation*

Roetzel's **Donald L. Mason**, Of Counsel, has been appointed by Ohio Governor John Kasich to serve as the State's representative to the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission. Mason's term began on August 21, 2015 and he will continue to serve at the pleasure of the governor.

The Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (the "Commission") is comprised of a majority of states in the US and several international affiliate jurisdictions, including several provinces in Canada and the nations of Egypt and Venezuela. The Commission helps member states efficiently maximize oil and natural gas resources through sound regulatory practices while protecting our nation's health, safety and the environment. The Commission serves as the collective voice of member governors on oil and gas issues, and advocates states' rights to govern petroleum resources within their borders. It the nation's only dedicated forum for governors, state appointees and key policy staff focusing on key oil and natural gas issues.

"Don's appointment as the Governor's representative to the Commission honors his many years of work in oil and gas regulation in Ohio," said **Lewis W. Adkins, Jr.**, Practice Group Manager of the firm's Public Law, Regulatory and Finance Group. "He really is the perfect person to represent the State of Ohio, and its interests, to the Commission and we're sure he'll do an outstanding job."

At Roetzel, 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. 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.

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.

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