

**VAN WERT COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS**

**Probate and Juvenile Divisions**

**108 East Main Street**

**Van Wert, Ohio 45891**

**Rex D. Fortney**  
**Judge**

**Probate: 419-238-0024**

**Juvenile: 419-238-1118**

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November 4, 2011

The Honorable John Kasich  
Governor, State of Ohio  
Riffe Center, 30<sup>th</sup> Floor  
77 South High Street  
Columbus, OH 43215-6117

The Honorable Maureen O'Connor  
Chief Justice, Ohio Supreme Court  
65 South Front Street  
Columbus, OH 43215-3431

Re: Retirement

Dear Governor Kasich and Chief Justice O'Connor:

After much personal deliberation, I have decided to resign from my position as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Probate and Juvenile Divisions, of Van Wert County effective December 31, 2011. This resignation is for the purposes of retirement following twenty-seven years as judge. I do not plan on returning to private practice and will be available for assignment as a judge on an as-needed basis.

I have sincerely appreciated the opportunity to serve as judge and be a part of the great judicial community of Ohio and Van Wert County.

If you have any questions or if additional documentation is needed, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

Rex D. Fortney  
Probate and Juvenile Judge

pc: Van Wert County Commissioners  
Martin Burchfield, Chairman of Van Wert County Republican Party  
Supreme Court Fiscal Office