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James S. Simon Joins OAQDA

Akron attorney has expertise in public, business and real estate law

COLUMBUS – Governor John Kasich has appointed James S. Simon to serve as a member of the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority. Simon’s eight-year term begins June 27, 2016 and will end June 30, 2024.

Simon, a resident of Akron, is partner in the real estate, public law and business practice group of Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, LLC. His practice focuses on representing individuals, businesses, tax-exempt organizations and government clients in real estate and business acquisitions, leasing transactions, public and low-income housing finance transactions, multiparty negotiations, and zoning and compliance matters. In addition, he represents clients before state and local executive agencies and elected officials with respect to transactional, public policy and regulatory matters.

“I am delighted and honored to join OAQDA as it assists large and small businesses, as well as local governments and universities finance clean energy facilities,” Simon said. “I’m pleased to have this unique opportunity to use my experience to serve the State in this capacity.”

Simon joins current Authority members Michael H. Keenan, chair; Thomas E. Niehaus, vice chair; Ted Celeste; and ex-officio members Richard Hodges, director of the Ohio Department of Health and Craig W. Butler, director for the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

He graduated from Bennington College with a B.A. in American Studies in 1997 and the University of Akron School of Law with his JD, *magna cum laude*, in 2000.

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“We are pleased to have Jim join the Authority. He brings important legal expertise and knowledge of public law to enhance our work with business and government entities as we work to advance the OAQDA mission of fostering and preserving clean air in Ohio,” said Chadwick Smith, OAQDA Executive Director.

The Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (OAQDA) is a non-regulatory government agency created to help Ohio businesses comply with clean air regulations. Since its creation in 1970, the Authority has provided technical and financial help to hundreds of large and small Ohio businesses, awarding more than \$8 billion to finance air quality projects. For more information about OAQDA and its services, please visit its web site at www.ohioairquality.org.