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**Ohio Attorney General Richard Cordray and County Council
Welcome New President of the Ohio State Bar Association**

On Monday, June 21, Summit County Council and Attorney General Richard Cordray presented longtime attorney Carmen Roberto with official commendations for his years of service to the community and his new role as president of the Ohio State Bar Association (OSBA). Roberto was selected to become the new president of the OSBA at the organization's May 6 annual convention in Dayton. He will officially take over his new duties effective July 1, 2010.



“I have some hope which I have acquired over the last several years of traveling around the state that there seems to be a resurgence of the kind of thought and enthusiasm that I saw in the sixties,” Roberto said after accepting the commendations. “I know there are many people out there in the law profession that want to do good things.”

Cordray said he knows that getting elected to the presidency of the OSBA is a “very arduous undertaking.”

“The State Bar President is a special person,” Cordray said. “It means that you have the respect of your peers and you have earned that respect over years of service.”

Summit County Councilman John Schmidt, of District 2, said he can think of three words that can summarize Mr. Roberto's character – honesty, integrity and principled.

“Those traits are qualities that are sorely needed in this day and age,” said Schmidt.

Long active in the local community with a number of governmental and charitable endeavors, Roberto practices with the Akron firm Bernlohr Wertz, LLP, in the areas of criminal defense and civil litigation. He has served on the City of Green's Planning Commission and the Lake Township Zoning Board. Roberto was also a former law director for the City of Cuyahoga Falls. He graduated from the University of Akron School of Law in 1973.

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