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Mayor Frank G. Jackson Swears in Three New Positions in the Departments of Public Safety and Law

CLEVELAND – Mayor Frank G. Jackson today swore in three new positions in the Departments of Public Safety and Law. [View video](#) and [photo](#) from today's ceremony.

George E. Coulter, Assistant Director of Public Safety Administrative Operations – In his new role, Coulter will coordinate the daily administrative and personnel operations of the department. Coulter is an administrative professional with more than 20 years' experience in the private, non-profit and public sectors.

He has served the City of Cleveland since 2019 as the General Manager of Administrative Services in the Office of Professional Standards. He was previously an Executive Officer and Project Manager at Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority Police (CMHA). Prior to joining CMHA, Coulter spent three years as a fellow, focused on human capital and economic development at the Center for Community Solutions.

He has previously worked in education, training and workforce preparation at Greater Cleveland Partnership and as a Business Development Director at Youth Opportunities Unlimited. Coulter holds a Bachelor of Arts in Communications from Ohio University and several certifications in training, planning and workforce development from Case Western Reserve University and John Carroll University.

Karrie Howard, Assistant Director of Public Safety – In his new role, Howard will work under the Director of Public Safety to oversee operations for the Divisions of Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Office.

Mayor Jackson appointed Howard as the Chief Assistant Prosecutor in 2018. Howard has experience in both the private and public sector. He previously served in a private practice as Counsel at Thacker Robinson Zinz, focusing on criminal and civil litigation.

In the public arena, he was an Assistant Prosecutor for the City of Cleveland, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Cuyahoga County, and Assistant United States Attorney for the U.S. Attorney's Office for

the Northern District of Ohio. In these positions Howard successfully litigated numerous criminal matters ranging from misdemeanors to complex state and federal felony cases.

Howard is a Captain in the United States Air Force Reserves, serving as an Assistant Staff Judge Advocate at the Youngstown Air Reserves Station. In this role, he advises military leadership and civilian personnel on ethical matters and in legal issues relating to taxes, contracts, land use and violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Howard earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He later earned a Juris Doctorate from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law; and certificates in Leadership and Human Resource Management from the University of Maryland University College (UMUC).

Jonathan Cudnik, Interim Chief Assistant Prosecutor – In his new role, Cudnik will file criminal felony offenses as well as charge and prosecute criminal misdemeanor and traffic offenses. In addition to prosecuting cases he will manage the daily activities of the City Prosecutor's Office and supervise the City's assistant prosecutors.

Cudnik has provided dedicated service to the City Prosecutor's Office for more than 12 years. He joined the office in 2007 as an Assistant Prosecutor and was later promoted to the Deputy Appellate Prosecutor. As an Assistant Prosecutor, Cudnik has proven himself to be a skilled litigator and advocate. He regularly litigates before the Cleveland Municipal Court and has also argued before the Ohio 8th District Court of Appeals and the Ohio Supreme Court.

A lifetime resident of the City of Cleveland, Cudnik is keenly aware of the challenges and successes of the City of Cleveland. He currently resides with his wife and four children in the same west side neighborhood in which he was raised. Cudnik is a 2003 graduate of Cleveland Marshall College of Law.

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