



ANNOUNCEMENT

Governor Pence appoints new Alcohol and Tobacco Commission Director

On December 3, 2014 Governor Pence named Judge David Cook as Director of the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission. He replaces Alex Huskey, a ten-year veteran of the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission. Mr. Huskey left the agency to assume the role of President of a community college, local to his hometown of Marion, Indiana.

Judge Cook at the time of appointment served on the Marion County Superior Court 7 Criminal Division and was appointed to this role by the Indiana Supreme Court in February 2014.

“Judge David Cook is a widely respected and reputable lawyer and has served the citizens of Indianapolis for many years,” Governor Pence said. “I appreciate his willingness to lead the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission and I know that with his extensive experience he will continue to serve Hoosiers well in this new role.”

Previous to his service in the Marion County Superior Court, Judge Cook has served as Chief Public Defender of Marion County, Master Commissioner in the Marion County Circuit Court, and in the Marion County Prosecutor’s Office, along with several years practicing law at various private practices in Indianapolis. In addition, Judge Cook is currently an Adjunct Professor of Trial Advocacy at Indiana University School of Law and has worked as an Adjunct Professor at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis’ School of Public and Environmental Affairs.

He is a former member of the Indiana Public Defender Council Board of Directors and a current member of the National Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys, and has received multiple recognitions, including the Indianapolis Bar Association President’s Award, the Indianapolis Bar Association Manager’s Award, the Indiana Community Corrections Board of Director’s Award, and the Indiana Public Defender Board of Directors Distinguished Service award. He has also been listed as a top lawyer on the Indianapolis Business Journal Distinguished Lawyer’s list (2007) and eight times as an Indiana Super Lawyer (every year from 2006-2013).

Judge Cook is a graduate of Ball State University, where he received his Bachelor’s degree, and Indiana University – Indianapolis School of Law, where he received his Juris Doctorate.

Judge Cook assumed his role on Jan. 5, since his current term as Marion County Superior Court Judge expired.

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