

David Goodman Director of Ohio Department of Commerce

David Goodman was appointed Director of the Ohio Department of Commerce by Governor John R. Kasich, effective January 10, 2011.

As a dedicated public servant with a proven record of effective advocacy and leadership, Goodman is committed to reducing the regulatory burden on business and improving the business climate to bring jobs to Ohio.

The Ohio Department of Commerce is one of the state's chief regulatory agencies. Among the wide range of regulations enforced by the Department are those that apply to state-chartered financial institutions, mortgage brokers and loan originators, securities, real estate brokers and appraisers, the state fire code, liquor control, construction compliance, minimum and prevailing wages, unclaimed funds, underground storage tanks, elevators and cable providers.

Director Goodman had just completed his second full term as a State Senator when appointed to the Kasich Cabinet. While serving in the Ohio Senate, Goodman served as Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee for Civil Justice, through which important tort and corporate governance reform initiatives were shepherded. Additionally, Goodman served on: the Ways and Means and Economic Development Committee, the Environment Committee, and the Committee on Health, Human Services, and Aging.

Born in Bexley, Goodman began his career in public service as an Assistant Attorney General for the state of Ohio. In 1995, Goodman ran for and was elected to Bexley City Council, where he played a key role in enacting legislation that increased competition among utility providers to lower rates for Bexley residents. In 1998, Goodman was appointed to serve the remainder of an unexpired term in the Ohio House of Representatives and was elected to a full term later that year.

Goodman is a graduate of Bexley High School, Miami University and the Case Western Reserve University College of Law.