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25th ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE FOR OHIO'S ETHICS LAW

CONFERENCE TO HOST DR. RUSHWORTH KIDDER, PRESIDENT OF THE INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL ETHICS, AND OTHER PARTICIPANTS

The Ohio Ethics Commission is celebrating 25 years of ethics awareness in Ohio with the anniversary of Ohio's Ethics Law that became effective in 1974. On October 18, 1999 the Commission will co-sponsor a 25th Anniversary Conference Recognizing Ohio's Ethics Law at the Adam's Mark Hotel in downtown Columbus from 8:00 am until 4:15 pm.

The Conference is sponsored by the Ohio Ethics Commission, the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline of the Supreme Court of Ohio, and the Joint Legislative Ethics Committee, the three state agencies who administer Ohio's Ethics Law for state and local public officials, judges and legislators. The 25th Anniversary Conference is also supported by The George Gund Foundation and The John Glenn Institute for Public Service and Public Policy.

"This conference will be an excellent opportunity to talk about 25 years of increased attention to ethics and professionalism and to ask general questions about the role these play in encouraging professional leadership and decision-making for the public," stated Santiago Feliciano, Jr., Ohio Ethics Commission Chair.

Dr. Rushworth Kidder, President of the Institute for Global Ethics, will give the opening address following an introduction by Governor Bob Taft. Concurrent sessions will include discussions on conflicts of interest, legislative ethics, the intersection of public and private sector ethics, judicial conflicts and professionalism, lobbyist ethics, and ethics in the

information and technology age.

If you are interested in attending the conference, please contact Melissa E. Falter, Education Coordinator, at the Ohio Ethics Commission at (614) 466-7090. Be sure to register early, seating will be limited. The sponsors are seeking 6 CLE credits from the Ohio Supreme Court for the event. Information about the Conference including panelist confirmations can be found on the Commission's website at www.ethics.state.oh.us.

The Ohio Ethics Commission is an independent agency of state government that is charged with providing information and education about conflict of interest laws for public servants, among its other duties in interpreting and administering the Ohio Ethics Law for many state and local public officials and employees. The Commission has been serving the public, and state and local governments, since its formation as part of the Ohio Ethics Law in 1973.