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**ETHICS COMMISSION ELECTS ASHER AS CHAIRMAN**

At its meeting on January 17, 2003, the Ohio Ethics Commission elected Dr. Herb Asher, of Columbus, Ohio, as its 2003 Chairman. He has served on the Commission for five years since 1998. Dr. Asher is professor emeritus of political science at The Ohio State University and serves as counselor to the university president.

Merom Brachman of Bexley, Ohio, the retiring Chair, was elected as Commission Vice-Chairman. He is a business executive in Columbus and has been a Commissioner for many years.

The Ohio Ethics Commission was created almost 30 years ago with the enactment of the Ohio Ethics Law. It is an independent state agency that applies and administers this law for state and local public officials and employees outside of the General Assembly and judiciary.

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