

# Byers, Minton and Associates

This Week at the Statehouse

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## Around the Square

### Get to Know Jim Hughes: State Representative

Representative Jim Hughes serves Ohio's 24th House District after previously serving in the Ohio Senate and the Ohio House. Hughes began his career as an assistant prosecuting attorney in the Columbus City Prosecutor's Office and later an Assistant County Prosecutor for Franklin County. Hughes has received various awards because of his work for Ohio such as the Ohio Association for Justice Workers Compensation Outstanding Service Award, the Ohio Federation of Teachers' Friend of Education Award, and the Ohio Commodore Award, among others. He currently is a partner at the law firm Isaac Wiles, located in Columbus.

### Get to Know Bill Seitz: State Representative

Representative Bill Seitz currently serves Ohio's 30th House District and is the Policy chair for the 132nd General Assembly. He was previously an Ohio State Senator from 2009 to 2015 and an Ohio State Representative from 2001-2009. He held leadership positions such as the House Majority Whip, chair of the Senate Public Utilities Committee and vice chair of the Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee. Prior to working in the Legislature, Seitz was a member of the Cincinnati Board of Education and was elected as Green Township Trustee. He is currently a lawyer with Dinsmore & Shohl in Cincinnati.

### Oxender/BMA Partnership

Byers, Minton & Associates is pleased to announce a new relationship with Ric Oxender of Oxender & Associates. Under this arrangement, Byers, Minton & Associates will begin supporting Ric Oxender's current clients as he transitions toward retirement in the next two years. We are pleased that this new relationship will allow us to serve these new clients including the Association of American Publishers, the Ohio Conference of AAA Clubs, the Ohio Utilities Protection Service, Perry Township, Police and Fire Retirees of Ohio, and MultiState.

## Political News and Notes

### Donald Trump Sworn In

Today, Donald J. Trump was sworn in as the 45th President of the United States of America. He has already begun and will continue to focus on job growth, healthcare review, and restoring America as a world power during his time in office, among others. He assumes the oval office with party control in both chambers of Congress.

### Abortion Rates Drop

A recent study found the number of abortions nationally and in Ohio dropped from 2011 to 2014. In Ohio, the number of abortions fell from 28,590 in 2011 to 22,730 in 2014. Statistically, this change is from 12.9 abortions per 1,000 to 10.3 per 1,000, respectively.

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