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Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano appoints respected Clark Hill lawyer to the Airport Authority Board

Detroit, MI— Wayne County Executive Robert A. Ficano announced the appointment of Reginald Turner to the Wayne County Airport Authority Board today for a term commencing immediately and ending October 1, 2018. A graduate of the University of Michigan School of Law and a highly regarded litigator, Turner currently resides in Detroit and serves as a member of Clark Hill’s Executive Committee. He will replace Charlie Williams on the board.

“I am proud to appoint Reginald Turner to the Wayne County Airport Authority Board. His background and unmatched experience make him one of the most-respected in his field, and will help us in moving the region forward as a global economic hub. We look forward to all that he will offer in the future,” said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano.

Turner is named in the peer review guides, *The Best Lawyers in America*, *Super Lawyers* and *Crain’s Detroit Power Lawyers*. He is a past president of the National Bar Association, State Bar of Michigan and the Barristers of the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association. Currently, Turner chairs the American Bar Association’s Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession. He is a Life Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, an honor reserved to less than one percent of lawyers in each state and. Turner is Vice Chair of the Detroit Public Safety Foundation, and a member of the Boards of Directors of the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan, the Detroit Institute of Arts, and the Hudson-Webber Foundation.

Turner has government experience at the federal, state and local levels. He has served as a Special Assistant to Secretaries of Housing and Urban Development Henry Cisneros and Andrew Cuomo, as a member of the Michigan State Board of Education, and on several local government boards and commissions.

“I am honored to have this opportunity to serve our region because the airports are important engines for economic growth that require sound stewardship and good governance” said Turner in response to the appointment.



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“The management team welcomes Reginald Turner to the Board with great enthusiasm,” said Wayne County Airport Authority CEO Tom Naughton. “Mr. Turner has an impressive history of service to this community and we look forward to working with him and the entire Board to move Detroit Metropolitan and Willow Run Airports to a brighter future.”

About the Wayne County Airport Authority:

The Wayne County Airport Authority was created by the state legislature in March 2002, and became effective in August of that same year. Responsible for the management and operation of Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport and Willow Run Airport - including the power to plan, promote, extend, maintain, acquire, purchase, construct, improve, repair, enlarge, and operate both Airports, the Authority is managed by an independent, seven-member Board of Directors. Four members are appointed by the Wayne County Executive; two members by the Governor; and one member by the Wayne County Commission, all serving a six-year term.

The Authority has established guidelines for competitive bidding of contracts, including provisions to ensure maximum participation of disadvantaged businesses, minority businesses and other targeted business enterprises. They’ve also developed ethical standards that preclude transactions that would create conflicts of interest involving Board members and employees. The Authority includes an Audit Committee, which can order audits of any and all Airport activities.

About Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport

Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) welcomed more than 32 million passengers in 2012 and is one of the world’s leading air transportation hubs. With service from 13 scheduled passenger airlines, Michigan’s largest airport offers more than 1,200 flights per day to and from nearly 150 non-stop destinations on four continents. In 2010, DTW ranked highest in overall customer satisfaction among large airports in the J.D. Power and Associates North America Airport Satisfaction Study. With two new state-of-the-art passenger terminals, six jet runways, and an onsite AAA Four-Diamond Westin Hotel, DTW is among the world’s most efficient, customer friendly and operationally capable airports in North America. Nearby Willow Run Airport is an important corporate, cargo and general aviation facility. Visit www.metroairport.com for more information.

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