

# Plough

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and the stress on me. I can sleep at night knowing that I haven't done anything illegal, immoral or dishonest and that I've done what I thought was right," he said.

In a 30-page filing with the state supreme court's Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline signed by both parties, Plough and the disciplinary counsel that prosecuted the grievances stipulated to a number of violations of the Ohio Code of Judicial Conduct and Rules of Professional Conduct.

Among the stipulations:  
 • On May 2, 2007, Plough held Assistant Portage County Public Defender Robin Bostick in contempt of court for declining to proceed in her defense of Christopher Garcia after she protested his denying her a continuance. The contempt charge later was dropped and the continuance granted.

In that case, Plough failed to "respect and comply with the law and ... act at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary" and failing to be "patient, dignified and courteous to ... others with whom the judge deals in an official capacity."

• In the 2008 case against defendant Marlon Johnson on charges of carrying a concealed weapon, Plough violated the canon that states "a judge shall not initiate, receive, permit or consider communications made to the judge outside the presence of the parties or their representatives concerning a pending proceeding."

• Instead of using a court reporter to record the goings-on in his courtroom, Plough has in the past used an audio recording system that is under his control. In the Garcia case, as well as two other cases from 2007, Plough was found to have failed to maintain a proper record of court proceedings. Plough violated another

canon stating that "a judge shall uphold the integrity and independence of the judiciary" and Rule 8.4(d) of the Ohio Rules of Professional Conduct which states "it is

professional misconduct for a lawyer to engage in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice."

Plough has been a licensed attorney in Ohio since 1973.

He was a three-term Portage County prosecutor, from 1977 through 1988.

According to the disci-

plinary filing, Plough has not previously been disciplined and "made a full and free disclosure to the

disciplinary board, and has exhibited a cooperative attitude toward the proceedings."

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Sealed proposal will be received by the Portage County Director of Internal Services, Portage County Administration Building, 449 South Meridian Street, Room 701, Ravenna, Ohio until 2:30 P.M. E.S.T. on November 9, 2009 in an envelope plainly marked as: "Real Estate Title Services"

Firms interested in proposing on these projects may request the informational package about the project from JoAnn Townend, Director of Internal Services, 449 South Meridian Street, Room 701, Ravenna, Ohio. This notice can also be found on Portage County's website at: www.co.portage.oh.us under County bid notices.

Firms shall be aware that this project is funded with a grant using federal funds and all HUD requirements must be met.

The successful proposer must comply with Equal Employment requirements as specified in Executive Order 11246 and 11375.

The Portage County Board of Commissioners reserves to reject any or all proposals or any part thereof.

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## NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Notice is hereby given under Section 5715.17 of the Ohio Revised Code, that the assessment of Portage County, Ohio for the tax year 2009 has been revised and the valuations completed in the above tax year, and are open for public inspection at the office of the County Auditor, Portage County Administration Building, 449 S. Meridian Street, Ravenna, OH 44266. Office Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Complaints against any valuation or assessments of real property except valuations fixed and assessments made by the Department of Taxation, State of Ohio, will be heard by the Portage County Board of Revision at its office in the Potage County Administration Building.

Complaints must be made in writing on official forms furnished by the County Auditor and **FILED NO LATER THAN MARCH 31, 2010. Failure to do so will preclude the owner from any relief.**

This is an annual Legal notice to the Taxpayers and includes the Triennial Update values, the New Construction values as well as all new values established by the Board of Revision as ordered by law, for the tax year 2009. Official complaint forms are available at the Office of the County Auditor and must be filed before March 31, 2010.

**JANET ESPOSITO**  
 PORTAGE COUNTY AUDITOR

# KSU

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University officials said that amount doesn't even factor in room, board and fees. Nor does it consider the amount of money that will be spent in the surrounding communities.

Another international area that the university is targeting for partnerships and student recruitment is the Middle East. The university has an agreement totaling \$3.4 million for KSU to provide entrepreneurial instruction, curriculum development and technical advising at King Saud University — the preeminent school in Saudi Arabia.

The agreement connects KSU with the Middle East and allows for the development of further collaborations with leading universities in the region.

Over the summer, KSU Senior Vice President and Provost Robert Frank — along with other university representatives — traveled to China and Saudi Arabia to solidify the university's existing partnerships and investigate collaboration opportunities with other institutions.

"During our visit, we also finalized work to bring four SISU students to Kent State to complete their doctoral degrees," Frank said. "These global partnerships have benefited us in many ways, such as recruiting international students and faculty to come to Kent State and developing joint research programs."

The number of new international students enrolled this fall is at 1,090 — up 300 from last year.

David Di Maria, director of international student recruitment, admissions and advising, said the foreign enrollment jump points to the effort the university is making to make KSU a global destination for education.

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