

## Senator Mark Wagoner

2<sup>nd</sup> Senate District

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Senator Mark Wagoner represents the 2nd District, which includes Erie, Wood, most of Ottawa and the western parts of Lucas County. Prior to his term in the Senate, he served two terms as a State Representative.

Senator Wagoner has earned a reputation among his peers in the Legislature as an effective and strong voice for Northern Ohio and is well-regarded in his district for putting partisan politics aside in order to make progress for the region. Mark's main focus is on the issues that are of the most concern to his constituents -- economic development and job creation, education, health care and being a watchdog of taxpayer dollars. Mark also consistently supports policies that promote individual responsibility and strong families.

Senator Wagoner serves on Government Oversight Committee and is the Chairman of the National Statuary Collection Study Committee. Senator Wagoner also serves as the Co-Chair of the Ohio Tuition Trust Authority Board of Directors. Recently, he was tapped to serve as Co-Chair of the Committee on the Impact of the Changing Auto Industry, which was established to investigate what Ohio can do to preserve auto-related jobs.

Over the years, Senator Wagoner has sponsored and passed several important bills, including legislation that authorized the merger between the University of Toledo and the Medical University of Ohio -- the first merger of two major universities in Ohio's history. Other laws Mark passed, or was heavily involved with, include overhauling Ohio's Medicaid system, improving collection of unpaid child support from lottery winners, revamping Ohio's trust laws, curbing predatory lenders, protecting the Great Lakes, renewing the successful Clean Ohio program and creating a multi-million dollar venture fund to help incubate and develop alternative energy companies in Northwest Ohio.

For his hard work in the General Assembly, Mark has received numerous awards, including, the "Watchdog of the Treasury" from the United Conservatives of Ohio, the "Fiscal Pistol" from the Buckeye Institute, the Bittersweet Farms Adult Autism Advocacy Award, the Voices of Children Award, the Ohio Nurses Association Legislator of the Year and an appointment to the prestigious Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development.

Mark is a graduate Ottawa Hills High School. Following high school, Mark attended Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. In addition to being active in the federal government through internships in Congress and the



White House, Mark was a member of Georgetown's NCAA football team. He graduated cum laude with degrees in government and history. Mark earned a law degree from Moritz College of Law at The Ohio State University, which named him an Outstanding Recent Alumni in 2005. While in law school, Mark served as the President of the Student Bar Association and was a senior editor for the Ohio State Law Journal.

After law school, Mark returned home to Lucas County and for the past 12 years, he has been practicing law at Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP where he is now a partner. Ohio SuperLawyers recognized Mark as a "Rising Star" and the Toledo Bar Association has twice recognized Mark for his pro bono work.

Mark and his wife, Merideth, have a son, Mickey, and a daughter, Taylor. They currently live in Ottawa Hills in Lucas County. They are parishioners of Gesu Church in Toledo, Ohio.