



## **Christiane Schmenk**

Director

Ohio Department of Development

Christiane Schmenk became Director of the Ohio Department of Development on August 1, 2011. Schmenk oversees the Department's day-to-day activities and will lead the Department's restructuring efforts, ensuring Ohio's communities and businesses receive exceptional customer service. Prior to this appointment by Governor John K. Kasich, she served as chief legal counsel for the Department.

Before joining the Ohio Department of Development, Schmenk was Vice President of External Affairs at The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company. During her 17 years at Scotts, she also served as Assistant General Counsel, Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer, and Director of Environmental Stewardship. Schmenk also practiced law with Buckley, King and Bluso, LLP in Columbus, and was in-house corporate counsel with Wendy's International, Inc.

From 2008-2011, Schmenk served as Mayor of Marysville. During her tenure, the city stabilized its finances, completed a new regional wastewater treatment plant and began work on a new water plant, fire station, and police station. Active in her community, she has served as the President of the Union County Chamber of Commerce, a Trustee of Memorial Hospital of Union County as well as serving on the Executive Committee of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Schmenk holds a law degree from The Ohio State University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and political science from Ohio Northern University. She was born and raised in Ohio and currently resides in Marysville with her husband, Mike, and their two children.

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