The Ohio Association of Probate Judges awarded Judge Montgomery the Award of Judicial Excellence at their 2019 Summer Conference.

Award of Judicial Excellence

WHEREAS, the Ohio Association of Probate Judges, through its Executive Committee, recognizes the outstanding dedication of and significant contributions made by **Judge Robert G. Montgomery** of the Franklin County Probate Court to this Association, the citizens of Franklin County and the citizens of the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, **Judge Robert Montgomery** has devoted countless hours to the drafting of new legislation to enact Ohio Revised Code Section 2101.026 to help solve long standing issues within Ohio's Adult Guardianship System; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 **Judge Montgomery** created a unique and innovative Pilot Program in the State of Ohio for Franklin County by drafting legislative language creating the first Guardianship Service Board in the state, which allows for the appointment of social workers as guardians of indigent mentally incompetent Ohioans, through a public/private partnership involving the Developmental Disabilities Board and the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Boards; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 **Judge Montgomery** successfully lobbied the state legislature to pass a new law he drafted. Judge Montgomery testified on behalf of his new Pilot Program at the Ohio General Assembly, which became a statewide model. This program was enacted by the legislature in HB 595 and became effective in March 2019, allowing all counties in the State of Ohio to participate; and

WHEREAS, **Judge Montgomery** has been an innovator in his approach to judicial programs in the Franklin County Probate Court.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Judge Robert G. Montgomery be, and hereby is, commended and recognized by his peers in the Ohio Association of Probate Judges as an outstanding jurist and is hereby presented this Award of Judicial Excellence this 10th day of June, 2019.

Dixlene N. Park, President

Robert G. Montgomery, Judge
Franklin County Probate Court