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**Judge Mark P. Painter to Discuss
William Howard Taft: Cincinnati's Homegrown President
at Anderson Branch Library June 1**

William Howard Taft was the only president to serve both as Chief Justice and President of the United States. Join Judge Mark P. Painter at the Anderson Branch Library, 7450 State Road, on Thursday, June 1 at 7:30 p.m. as he presents *William Howard Taft: Cincinnati's Homegrown President*.

Judge Painter is the author of *William Howard Taft: President and Chief Justice*. Taft was born in Cincinnati on Sept. 15, 1857. A Yale graduate, he entered Ohio Republican politics in the 1880s. From 1887 to 1890, he served on the Ohio Superior Court; from 1890–1892, as solicitor general of the United States; and from 1892–1900, on the federal circuit court. His period as Secretary of War (1904–1908) further demonstrated his capacity as administrator and conciliator, and he was Roosevelt's handpicked successor in 1908.

After his defeat in 1912, he became professor of constitutional law at Yale, and in 1921 was appointed Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court. He died in Washington, D.C., on March 8, 1930.

About Judge Painter

Judge Mark P. Painter was elected to the Ohio First District Court of Appeals in November of 1994. For the previous 13 years, Judge Painter served on the Hamilton County Municipal Court. A Cincinnati native, Judge Painter attended the University of Cincinnati, receiving a B.A. in 1970, and a J.D. in 1973. He practiced law for nine years before becoming a judge.

Judge Painter is recognized as one of the outstanding legal scholars in Ohio, and, as a municipal court judge, was the most-published trial judge in the state. To date, 330 of Judge Painter's decisions have been published nationally. He is the author of five books, including *Ohio Driving Under the Influence Law*, the only textbook on DUI in Ohio, and *The Legal Writer*, which urges lawyers to write in Plain English.

For 16 years, Judge Painter has served as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Cincinnati College of Law. He also teaches DUI law, appellate practice, legal writing, and legal ethics to judges and lawyers throughout the nation. He has lectured at more than 155 seminars for, among others, the Ohio Judicial College, the National Institute of Trial Advocacy, and numerous bar associations.

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