

## STATE SENATOR KEVN BACON, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ohio Senate District

Senator Kevin Bacon was elected to the Ohio Senate in 2010 after serving two terms in the Ohio House of Representatives and five years as Blendon Township Trustee. He represents the 3<sup>rd</sup> Senate District, which includes a portion of Franklin County. Senator Bacon's first priority is to ensure the Buckeye State is a place where businesses can thrive, and Ohioans can find well-paying jobs and invest back into their communities.

Senator Bacon's dedication to making Ohio a business-friendly state has led him to be named Chairman of the Senate Civil Justice Committee for the 131<sup>st</sup> General Assembly. He also serves as Vice-Chair of the Insurance Committee, and as a member of other key panels such as the Criminal Justice Committee, Financial Institutions Committee, Public Utilities Committee, Transportation, Commerce and Labor and the Finance Subcommittee on Higher Education. He also chairs the Ohio Children's Trust Fund board and the Ohio Cystic Fibrosis Task Force.

During his tenure in the Ohio General Assembly, Senator Bacon has earned recognition for his hard work, especially on legislation designed to improve the lives of children and individuals with special needs. He earned the Autism Society of Ohio's Legislator of the Year Award (2007), the ARC of Ohio Freshman Legislator of the Year Award (2008), the Association of County Boards of MRDD Legislator of the Year Award (2008) and the Ohio Academy of Pediatrics' Legislator of the Year Award (2008).

During his service in the Ohio Senate, Senator Bacon has been recognized for his work on behalf of people with disabilities by being named the Governor's Council on People with Disabilities' Legislator of the Year in 2011, 2013 and 2014, and he has been honored as the Legislator of the Year (2012) by AMVETS Department of Ohio. For his diligent work on SB 160, Roberta's Law, the Ohio Justice League named Senator Bacon the 2013 Model of Justice, and Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine honored him with the 2013 Policy and Legislation Award. Senator Bacon was also named the Legislator of the Year by the Ohio Speech and Hearing Governmental Affairs Coalition (2014) and the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies (2014), and Voices for Ohio's Children (2015). His firm commitment to sound financial policies has earned Bacon the titles Watchdog of the Treasury and Defender of Liberty.

In addition to his work at the Statehouse, Senator Bacon is a practicing attorney in Central Ohio, specializing in the areas of special needs estate planning, estate planning, small business and real estate. He previously worked as an attorney for Farmers Insurance, the Ohio Department of Commerce and as an assistant prosecutor for the Lancaster City Attorney.

A resident of the Village of Minerva Park, Senator Bacon has also served the Central Ohio community through a number of worthy organizations, including the Prevent Blindness Ohio, United Way of Central Ohio, Rotary, Ohio Bar Association, the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood as well as the Westerville, New Albany, Gahanna and Reynoldsburg chambers of commerce. He is also a former Capital Law School Alumni Board member.

Senator Bacon received his bachelor's degree in political science from Miami University and his law degree from Capital Law School, where he served as student body president. He is the proud father of three daughters – Rebecca, Emma and Kathryn.