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Lance Himes

*Interim Director of Health
Ohio Department of Health*



Lance Himes, who has worked for more than 10 years as an attorney at the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), was appointed interim director by Gov. John Kasich for the second time in April 2017.

During his tenure at ODH, Himes ascended steadily through the Office of General Counsel, the agency's legal department, before moving into the role of general counsel in 2011. As general counsel, Himes oversaw the agency's legal issues, as well as several attorneys and office staff.

Before becoming general counsel, Himes's legal work focused primarily on environmental health and compliance issues. His chief accomplishments include the successful legal implementation of Ohio's smoke-free workplace law and rules, as well as an extensive overhaul of Ohio's sewage treatment regulations, which helped reform the laws for the first time since 1977.

Prior to joining ODH, Himes practiced law in Cincinnati, with a focus on environmental matters. He graduated from Wittenberg University with a bachelor's degree in business administration and geography and received his law degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Law.