

MARC DANN: FROM COINGATE SCANDAL TO SEX SCANDAL

April 18, 2005 — Then-state Sen. Marc Dann was the first state elected official to pounce on Ohio Republicans after The Blade began reporting on problems with the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation's rare-coin fund managed by former GOP fund-raiser Tom Noe.

"I think they are at the point that they don't even know it's wrong anymore," Mr. Dann said. "As one-party leadership in the state gets more incompetent and arrogant, they get more sloppy."



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May 26, 2005 — Two days after the state sued Tom Noe to gain control of its \$50 million rare-coin fund, Mr. Dann said former governor Bob Taft, former attorney general Jim Petro, and former state auditor Betty Montgomery "were accomplices in Tom Noe's stealing from small businesses and workers in the state of Ohio."

"If I were them, I would resign in embarrassment," Mr. Dann said.



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Nov. 14, 2005 — Marc Dann announced he was running for Ohio attorney general.

March 6 and 7, 2008 — Two employees of the attorney general office — Cindy Stankoski and Vanessa Stout — file sexual harassment complaints against Anthony Gutierrez, a top Dann aide who shared a Columbus condo with the attorney general.



Stankoski



Stout



Gutierrez

May 2, 2008 — A report of the sexual harassment complaints cites Marc Dann for his "poor judgment." He holds a press conference announcing he was firing two top aides and accepting the forced resignation of a third aide. He also admitted to having an extramarital affair with an employee.

"I have not conducted myself in a way that has been consistent with my values as a husband, a father, and my responsibilities as attorney general," Mr. Dann said.

May 4 — Gov. Ted Strickland, U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown, and other top Democratic officeholders call on Mr. Dann to resign.



Strickland



Brown

May 5 — Mr. Dann refuses to resign. Governor Strickland says he and other Democratic leaders will lead the march to impeach the attorney general.

May 13, 2008 — House Democrats file articles of impeachment against Mr. Dann for allegations including gross neglect of duty. The House and Senate pass a bill giving state Inspector General Thomas Charles the authority to investigate Mr. Dann's office. Mr. Strickland signs the bill into law.

Yesterday — Mr. Dann appears at a news conference with Mr. Strickland to announce his resignation, effective immediately.

DANN'S STATEMENT

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Marc Dann's statement yesterday announcing his resignation as Ohio attorney general:

"Twelve days ago I came before you to admit mistakes, to take responsibility, and to announce steps toward giving the office of attorney general an administrative backbone worthy of the great legal work that we were doing in this office.

I sincerely viewed it as my fiduciary responsibility to fix the problems on my watch, especially as it concerned my own actions.

Unfortunately it is now clear that the last step I must take to fix these problems is to resign as attorney general effective immediately.

It is my belief that this will preserve the great work being done by the office of attorney general.

We must continue to make effective use of Ohio's law enforcement, consumer protection, and bank regulatory machinery to aggressively take on predatory lenders and their co-conspirators who have decimated the neighborhoods of our state.

We must continue to bring environmental and consumer protection cases in this state to make sure that the quality of life is second to none here in Ohio and that law-abiding businesses are protected.

And we must continue to make nonprofit healthcare institutions more accountable and healthcare more accessible to uninsured Ohioans.

And we must continue to save the state money in the office of attorney general, by maintaining an objective and nonpolitical process for assigning legal work both inside and outside the office.

It has been my priority over the past few weeks to try to restore those priorities to the forefront of the office's work, and the vast majority of the 1,400 employees of the attorney general's office have been doing outstanding, nationally recognized work.

I thank them for the incredible service over the past 17 months.

They deserve both to be recognized and to continue their work without the distractions that the political situation that I find myself in has caused them.

It is now clear to me that the only way to protect these priorities for the office of attorney general and for the people of Ohio is to remove myself from this situation.

It is now my highest priority to focus on my family.

I want to thank my daughter, Mia, for being here with me today.

And I'm anxious to get home to my wife, and my son, Charlie.

My daughter Jessie unfortunately is on her class trip to Washington so I won't get to see her until Friday.

But I want to thank the people of Ohio for giving me the opportunity to serve in this great office.

Thank you."