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Cleveland, Ohio – December 2, 2020 – The Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court’s mission is to administer justice, rehabilitate juveniles, support and strengthen families, and promote public safety. It is through the tireless efforts of the Court’s dedicated employees that this mission is implemented. Since 2012, certain employees of the Clerk’s Office and probation, detention, and transportation departments have been represented by Laborers Local 860. For the past year, the Court has been at the negotiating table with Laborers Local 860 working towards a new collective bargaining agreement. Unfortunately, the parties have been unable to mutually resolve an issue of contract interpretation. To clarify the rights of the parties—and to allow the Court to remain focused on the children and families of Cuyahoga County and provide its employees the compensation and benefits they deserve—the Court has filed declaratory judgment actions in Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court for each of the collective bargaining agreements. These lawsuits are focused not on damages, but to clarify the contractual rights of the parties so they may then move forward.”

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