

// **PROSECUTOR WALSH'S RESUME**

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EDUCATION

Capital University Law School, J.D., May, 1985

- Admitted to practice law in the State of Ohio, October, 1985
- Admitted to practice in the Federal District Court, Northern District, 1986
- Admitted to practice in the United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, 1990
- Admitted to practice in the United States Tax Court, 1991

MiamiUniversity, B.A., Political Science, 1982□□□□□□□□□□□□

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Summit County Prosecutor's Office, 53 University Avenue, Akron, Ohio □ 44308

Prosecutor, January 1, 2001 to present

Responsible for the prosecution of criminals charged with felony offenses and juvenile delinquents. Also responsible for enforcing child support orders and protecting neglected or abused children. Job duties include providing legal advice to Summit County Townships and governmental entities and representing the County of Summit and all County agencies. In

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addition, job duties include the supervision of approximately 300 employees who are assigned to the various divisions of the Summit County Prosecutor's Office: Criminal Division, Civil Division, Juvenile Division, Appeals Division, Crime Victim Services Division, Tax Division and Child Support Enforcement Agency.

Bevan & Associates, L.P.A., BevanProfessionalBuilding, 10360 Northfield Road, Northfield, Ohio 44067

Partner, December 1990 – December 31, 2000

Job duties included the supervision of a staff of 14 attorneys, paralegals and secretaries and maintaining a case load averaging greater than 1,000 cases. Concentration on Civil litigation (plaintiff and defense), Workers' Compensation and Crime Victim Compensation. Other cases handled include: Employment Discrimination, Consumer Fraud, Probate of Estates, Domestic (divorce, child support and custody cases)

Portage County Prosecutor's Office, 466 S. Chestnut Street, Ravenna, Ohio 44266

Special Prosecutor, June, 1999 – August, 1999

Appointed to handle the prosecution of three felony cases in which there was a conflict of interest at the County Prosecutor's Office

Village of Peninsula, 1582 Main Street, Peninsula, Ohio 44264

Mayor's Court Magistrate, 1996 to January 2000

Responsibilities included presiding over criminal misdemeanor and traffic trials, arraignments and sentencing.

Village of Boston Heights, 45 East Boston Mills Road, Boston Heights, Ohio

Mayor's Court Magistrate, 1993 to January, 2000

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Responsibilities included arraignments and sentencing of individuals charged with criminal misdemeanor and traffic offenses.

Village of Northfield, 10455 Northfield Road, Northfield, Ohio 44067

Mayor's Court Magistrate, 1991-1998, 1999-January, 2000

Responsibilities included arraignments and sentencing of individuals charged with criminal misdemeanor and traffic offenses.

The City of Akron Law Department, 161 South High Street, Akron, Ohio 44308

Law Clerk/Legal Intern, 1985-1986

Responsibilities included research and writing with concentration on civil rights cases in Federal Court. Also responsible for drafting legislation for the City of Akron.

Assistant City Prosecutor, 1986-1988

Responsibilities included the prosecution of criminal and traffic misdemeanor offenses in the Akron Municipal Court and conducting preliminary hearings on felony cases. Experience included over 50 jury trials and over 100 trials to the court. Responsibilities also included preparation of appellate briefs and oral arguments in criminal cases appealed to the Ninth District Court of Appeals.

Police Legal Advisor, 1989-1990

Position required being on call 24 hours a day to provide legal advice, authorize misdemeanor and felony offenses, and draft search warrants for the City of Akron, University of Akron, Fairlawn, Richfield, Bath, Lakemore, Mogadore, State Highway Patrol and Springfield

Township Police Departments. Additional responsibilities included interviewing adult and child victims of violent crimes, in-service training of police officers on various criminal issues, training of new police officers, training of new prosecutors, supervision of the Akron Felony Courtroom, conducting preliminary hearings in felony cases, and handling appeals in the Ninth District Court of Appeals.

Assistant Director of Law, 1990

Assigned to handle litigation in the Civil Division of the Law Department which involved defending the City in the Federal District Court, the Summit County Common Pleas Court, the United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit and the Ohio Court of Appeals, Ninth District. Concentration on 42 U.S.C. Section 1983 cases.

SELECTED HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

Professional Honors

- Public Service Award, Summit County Children Services – 2012
- Hudson Hero, Hudson Rotary Club – 2012
- Elected Official of the Year, Ohio Public Images, for being “a community leader who consistently champions causes for people with developmental disabilities” – 2011
- Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association Leadership Award – 2010
- Woman of Achievement, Celebrate & Share, a Pittsburgh organization, in recognition of Prosecutor Walsh’s successful prosecution of Jimmy Lee Tayse – 2008

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- Special Achievement Award, Ohio Attorney General's Office – 2008
- Public Official of the Year, National Association of Social Workers – 2007
- Prosecutor of the Year, Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association – 2006
- Awarded Women's History Project of Akron's "Faye H. Dambrot Heroine Award" – 2004
- MADD Red Ribbon Award for aggressive prosecution of drunk drivers – 2004
- Harold K. Stubbs Humanitarian Award for Government Service – 2004
- MADD Red Ribbon Award for efforts in improving D.U.I. law – 2003
- Urban Lights Award for Women in Public Service – 2003
- Woman of the Year, Northeast Ohio Business & Professional Women's Club – 2002
- Recognized for exceptional commitment to innocent victims of crime in Ohio, Ohio Supreme Court – 1992

Child Support Enforcement Agency

- Most Improved Support Order Establishment in the Metro Caseload Division, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services – 2012

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- Most Improved Collections on Current Support in the Metro Caseload Division, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services – 2011
- Best Practice Award for Hospital Genetic Testing Program, Ohio Child Support Director's Association – 2010
- Recognized for using billboards to locate felony child support offenders, Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement Agency – 2009
- Best Practice Award for development of child support workshops at churches throughout the community, Ohio Child Support Director's Association – 2009
- Achievement Award for Child Support Days, National Association of Counties – 2009
- Best Practice Award for using billboards to locate felony child support offenders, Ohio Child Support Director's Association – 2008
- Best Practice Award for sting operation to arrest child support offenders, Ohio Family Support Association – 2005
- Best Practice Award for REACH Program, Ohio Family Support Association – 2005
- Most Improved Child Support Program in the Country, National Child Support Enforcement Agency – 2005
- Best Practice Award for Child Support Enforcement Agency's Procedural Handbook, Ohio

Family Support Association – 2004

- Most Improved for child support order establishment, State Office of Child Support symposium – 2004
- Best Practice Award for new child support specialist training, Ohio Family Support Association – 2002
- Best Practice Award for August Child Support Awareness Month activities and Administrative Lien Program, Ohio Family Support Association – 2001

Legislation

- Drafted legislation with former state senator Leigh Herington that introduced stiffer penalties for habitual drunk drivers – 2004
- Drafted provision of law requiring a sentence of life with no possibility of parole for offenders previously convicted of child rape and offenders who cause serious physical harm to a child victim – 2002
- Successfully encouraged Ohio legislature to remove changes to the crime victim compensation laws that would have been detrimental to victims of violent crime – 1999 - 2000

VOLUNTEER WORK & MEMBERSHIPS □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

- Akron Bar Association – member; Street Law Committee resource attorney

- Akron Victim Assistance – board member
- American Bar Association – Criminal Justice Section Victims Committee, Co-Chair (2013 – 2014)
- Great Akron Area Autism Society – board member
- The Justice League of Ohio – board member
- Leadership Akron Justice Day Planning Committee
- National District Attorneys Association – State Director (2013 – 2014)
- Ohio Domestic Violence Network
- Ohio Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force
- Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association – president (2010), president-elect (2009), vice president (2008), treasurer (2007), secretary (2006), executive committee (2011 – present)
- Project Safe Neighborhoods Task Force for the Northern District of Ohio
- St. Mary's Church – parishioner

- State Victim Assistance Advisory Board, Attorney General's Office – chair (2007 – 2010)
- Summit County Child Fatality Board
- Summit County D.U.I. Task Force
- Summit County Drug Enforcement Unit
- Summit County Multidisciplinary Team, Child Advocacy Center at Akron Children's Hospital
- Summit County Domestic Violence Coalition
- Summit County Police Chief's Association