

## **Ohio Clerk of Courts Association**

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## Ohio Clerk of Courts Association (OCCA) Elects Officers for 2022

Butler County Clerk of Courts Mary Swain was elected as 2022 President of the Ohio Clerk of Courts Association (OCCA) at their annual winter conference. Also installed were Fulton County Clerk of Courts Tracy Zuver as First Vice President, Mercer County Clerk of Courts Calvin Freeman as Second Vice President, Ashland County Clerk of Courts Deborah Myers as Third Vice President, Holmes County Clerk of Courts Ronda Steimel as Corresponding Secretary, Delaware County Clerk of Courts Natalie Fravel as Recording Secretary and Wyandot County Clerk of Courts Ann Dunbar as Treasurer. The Immediate Past President is Clinton County Clerk of Courts Cindy Bailey.

The Honorable Judge Keith M. Spaeth of the Butler County Common Pleas Court installed the officers during a ceremony held in Columbus on Thursday, December 2.

President Swain said she is "honored and humbled that my colleagues chose me to lead this organization of knowledgeable professionals. I look forward to working with my fellow Clerks and other statewide departments and local agencies with which we work in close collaboration to serve our constituents throughout Ohio."

Established in 1940, the OCCA organization is dedicated to helping the Clerks in all 88 counties to provide the best possible service to the citizens in each county and to exercise influence in legislation that affects county clerks and the courts.

The Clerk of Common Pleas Court plays a vital role in serving the interests of justice. This role includes filing, docketing, indexing, and preserving all court pleadings for civil, felony criminal, domestic relations, and court of appeals cases. The Clerk of Courts accounts for all monies collected, issue writs to carry out Court orders including summons, subpoenas, warrants to arrest, and sign the death warrant in capital cases.

The Automobile and Watercraft Title Division of the Clerk's office is linked throughout the State of Ohio by a sophisticated computer network. This Automated Title Processing System (ATPS) provides fast, efficient issuance of millions of Ohio titles annually. In some counties the Clerk of Courts has also assumed duties as a Deputy Registrar and many clerks have co-located a Title Office with or near a License Bureau creating one-stop service centers.