



## Ohio Clerk of Courts Association

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### **Ohio Clerk of Courts Association (OCCA) Elects Officers for 2026**

Licking County Clerk of Courts Olivia Parkinson was named 2026 President of the Ohio Clerk of Courts Association (OCCA) at the OCCA annual Winter Conference. The OCCA celebrated their 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this past year as being founded in 1940. Also installed were Wood County Clerk of Courts Doug Cubberley as First Vice President, Ashtabula County Clerk of Courts April Daniels as Second Vice President, and Auglaize County Clerk of Courts Mandy Dunlap as Third Vice President. Re-elected were Holmes County Clerk of Courts Ronda Steimel as Corresponding Secretary, Delaware County Clerk of Courts Natalie Fravel as Recording Secretary, and Geauga County Clerk of Courts Sheila Bevington as Treasurer. The Immediate Past President is Ashland County Clerk of Courts Deb Myers.

Licking County Probate Juvenile Court Judge Deborah Lang installed the officers during a ceremony held in early December at the Ohioan Hotel and Event Center (formerly the Nationwide Hotel & Conference Center) in Lewis Center, Ohio.

President Parkinson said that she “gives credit to all the past leadership of the OCCA for their hard work and dedication in making the OCCA what it is today.” She said that she “looks forward to working with the Ohio General Assembly, other state agencies in Ohio and other elected officials who faithfully serve our citizens in this great State of 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.

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