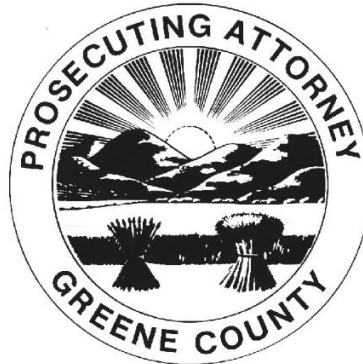


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Greene County Prosecutor's Office Victim/Witness Division Director Appointed to Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission

Xenia, OH – Greene County Prosecutor David D. Hayes has announced the appointment of Victim/Witness Division Director Teri L. LaJeunesse to the Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission. Commission membership is determined by state statute. Members are appointed by either the Governor or the Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court to represent a cross section of criminal justice system partners and allied professionals. Ms. LaJeunesse was appointed to the Commission on January 6, 2023, by Governor Mike DeWine.

The Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission is an affiliated office of the Supreme Court which routinely seeks bipartisan, meaningful, informed processes and outcomes through creative solutions. Drawing on the knowledge and experience of a diverse, multidisciplinary membership, the Commission works to simplify and modernize the criminal code, enhance justice, and ensure fair sentencing in the State of Ohio.

Upon her appointment, Ms. LaJeunesse noted, "I've followed the work of the Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission for quite some time and am honored to have the opportunity to use my experience and perspective as a Victim Advocate to impact policy at this high level. Our system of justice must be fair to all parties and balance the rights of crime victims with the rights of the accused."

Prosecuting Attorney David D. Hayes added that, "Teri will make an excellent addition to the Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission. Her experience working on criminal cases and especially seeing how crime impacts the lives of victims will provide important insight to their work. Greene County should be very proud of her."

Teri LaJeunesse began working with the Greene County Prosecutor's Office Victim/Witness Division in 1982.