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On behalf of the Advisory Committee on the Judicial Family Network, I would like to welcome you to life as a Judicial Family! While there was only one family member's name on the ballot/appointment and only one will wear the robe, this election or appointment will affect your entire family. My husband, Matt was the elected prosecutor before we were married and served in that position for 6 years. Our oldest son was born during the first term as prosecutor and our youngest son was born after he took the bench, so our family has always lived our private life in the public eye. While living life in the public eye presents a few challenges and many rewards, it is none the less a change and we all know even change for the better is sometimes difficult. Adjusting to the new normal may present some issues that you may have never considered. That is where the Advisory Committee on the Judicial Family Network can help! We are here to help you and your family through the journey of living as a judicial family.

The Advisory Committee on the Judicial Family Network exists to identify the needs and concerns of judicial families in Ohio and to offer a supportive network and educational opportunities to the spouses, partners, and children of judges. We provide education programs and serve as resource contacts for those entering judicial family life.

We hope you will take advantage of the Judicial Family Network and find this resource notebook helpful. You may contact Sara Stiffler at the Supreme Court or visit the following websites for more information.

Supreme Court of Ohio http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/Boards/OJFN/default.asp

Judicial Family Institute http://jfi.ncsconline.org/

My best!

Kris Puskarich

Chair, Advisory Committee on the Judicial Family

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