

# THE SUPREME COURT of OHIO

## JUDICIAL *family* NETWORK

THE JUDICIAL FAMILY NETWORK (JFN) offers educational programs and resources to the spouses, partners, and families of judges. JFN helps address questions related to judicial family life:

*My spouse is a judge, do I need to report gifts that I receive?*

*Our friend is running for public office, can I put her campaign sign in our yard?*

*How do we support our son when his friend's father is a defendant in my wife's court?*

*My husband worked in private practice until his election, how does his new pension program work?*

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Ohio's Judicial Family Network (JFN) was founded by Mary Moyer, wife of the late Chief Justice Thomas Moyer. While campaigning with her husband, Mrs. Moyer met men and women across the state who shared the unique challenges of having a judge in the family. In 2000, Mrs. Moyer helped establish a steering committee, which developed a mission statement and programming which continues to support Ohio's judicial families to this day.

The Advisory Committee provides information and education on topics of concern and importance to judicial households and their extended family members. The committee fosters opportunities for spouses and partners to connect, build relationships, and create informal networks of support and communication. Judicial families are currently exploring various important topics, including managing their social media and online presence, understanding trauma-informed care, ensuring home and travel security, following ethics guidelines, navigating judicial elections, and addressing overall quality-of-life considerations.

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### *Support*

When a judge is appointed or elected, he or she is not the only person affected by the professional change. Transitioning into public life can require every family member to adjust, as each person learns to balance their private world while living under the public eye. JFN connects family members to resources and guidance from other judicial families that have navigated the same challenges. You do not walk alone.

### *Events*

JFN typically hosts programs in December and May in conjunction with "New Judge Orientation."

### *Starting Out*

JFN programs connect you with human resources professionals who can help you navigate changes in your health insurance coverage, pension options, and other aspects of public employment. Additionally, the network provides detailed, step-by-step guidance on swearing-in activities.

### *Security*

JFN can help you identify practical measures you can take to protect your family's safety and privacy away from the courthouse.

### *Online Presence*

Can "liking" a post or tweeting a news article cause problems for the judge in your family? The consequences of Internet security for public officials and their families have never been more dire or easy to stumble into. Learn how to understand your digital footprint, smart phone technology, location applications, RFID's, doxing and commonly and uncommonly used social networking sites as well as ways to protect yourself and family members.



## The Supreme Court of Ohio Advisory Committee on the Judicial Family Network

*The Advisory Committee on the Judicial Family Network is appointed by the Chief Justice.  
The members represent Ohio's diversity and a variety of judicial family life experiences.*

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### *Ethics Guide*

The Code of Judicial Conduct impacts a judge's ability to accept gifts, engage in political action and participate in community and business activities. While spouses and family members are not subject to the Code, on a practical level, family and social life often intersects with the judge's ethical duties. JFN offers a guide and programs to help families avoid potential pitfalls: [www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/docs/Boards/OJFN/resources/ethicsArticle.pdf](http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/docs/Boards/OJFN/resources/ethicsArticle.pdf).

### *Judicial Family Institute*

The Judicial Family Institute is a national organization dedicated to providing online information and education on topics of importance to judicial family members. Visit [judicialfamilyinstitute.org](http://judicialfamilyinstitute.org).

### *More Information*

Members of judicial families interested in more information and how to attend programs may contact:

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