



THE SUPREME COURT *of* OHIO

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN & FAMILIES 2025 EXTERNAL ROSTER

MEMBER	TERMS
Hon. Matthew Puskarich (Chair) Harrison County Court of Common Pleas Probate and Juvenile Division	1.1.23 – 12.31.25
Hon. Frank Janik III (Vice Chair) Lorain County Court of Common Pleas Domestic Relations and Juvenile Division	1.1.22 – 12.31.24 1.1.25 – 12.23.27
Amy Ast, Director Ohio Department of Youth Services	1.1.25 – 12.32.27
Hon. Rebecca Bennett Scioto County Court of Common Pleas Probate and Juvenile Division	1.1.24 – 12.31.26
Gerald Bryant Clermont County Court of Common Pleas Probate and Juvenile Division	1.1.22 – 12.31.24 1.1.25 – 12.31.27
Hon. Anthony Capizzi (Retired) Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas Juvenile Division	1.1.24 – 12.31.26
Mag. Michelle Edgar Fairfield County Court of Common Pleas Probate and Juvenile Division	1.1.25 – 12.31.27
Ryan Gies, Director of Special Projects Ohio Department of Public Safety Office of Criminal Justice Services	4.25.17 – 12.31.19 1.1.20 – 12.31.22 1.1.23 – 12.31.25

Hon. Elizabeth Gill Franklin County Court of Common Pleas Domestic Relations and Juvenile Division	1.1.23 – 12.31.25
Eric W. Johnson Delaware County Court of Common Pleas Domestic Relations Division	1.1.21 – 12.31.23 1.1.24 – 12.31.26
Hon. Katrine Lancaster Clark County Court of Common Pleas Domestic Relations and Juvenile Division	1.1.24 – 12.31.26
Mag. Kathleen Lenski Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas Court Juvenile Division	1.1.23 – 12.31.25
Hon. Diane M. Palos Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Domestic Relations Division	1.1.22 – 12.31.24 1.1.25 – 12.31.27
Mag. C. William Rickrich Licking County Court of Common Pleas Domestic Relations Division	1.1.20 – 12.31.22 1.1.23 – 12.31.25
Doug Schonauer Coshocton County Court of Common Pleas Probate and Juvenile Division	1.1.24 – 12.31.26
Hon. Patricia Smith Portage County Court of Common Pleas Probate and Juvenile Division	1.1.25 – 12.31.27
Katie Stenman Delaware County Court of Common Pleas Probate and Juvenile Division	1.1.23 – 12.31.25
Mag. Jennifer Svec Wayne County Court of Common Pleas General and Domestic Relations Division	1.1.23 – 12.31.25

Hon. Linda Tucci Teodosio	1.1.18 – 12.31.20
Summit County Court of Common Pleas	1.1.21 – 12.31.23
Juvenile Division	1.1.24 – 12.31.26
Jeff Van Deusen	1.1.21 – 12.31.23
Ohio Department of Children and Youth	1.1.24 – 12.31.26
Hon. James T. Walther	1.1.21 – 12.31.23
Lorain County Court of Common Pleas	1.1.24 – 12.31.26
Probate Division	
Tonya Whitsett	1.1.18 – 12.31.20
The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland	1.1.21 – 12.31.23
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