

MARX WELCOMES ATTORNEYS



Gregg Marx, Fairfield County Prosecuting Attorney, is pleased to announce that four (4) new attorneys have been hired

in the Prosecuting Attorney's Office in the past five months. These welcome additions will be replacing personnel who have left in the past 18 months.

Darcy Cook graduated from Grandview Heights High School in 1993 and from Denison University in 1997. She graduated cum laude from Capital



University Law school in May, with a concentration in Criminal Litigation, a Pro Bono Certificate, and as a member of the Order of the Curia. Cook passed the Ohio Bar exam October 31, 2011.

Cook married her husband Andrew, a submariner serving in the US Navy. He is currently active as a reserve officer recruiter working in Columbus. The Cooks moved to Lancaster to be close to family. They have one son, Jacob.



Darren Meade, 42, was born and raised in suburban Pittsburgh. He attended the College of Wooster, graduating with a BS in Political Science in 1991. He

then attended law school at the Univer-

sity of Akron and earned his J.D. in 1994. In November of that year Darren passed the Ohio Bar exam, scoring in the top 1% statewide for Criminal Law and top 10% in Constitutional Law. Meade has also passed the Pennsylvania Bar.

Meade has practiced criminal defense in the greater Columbus area in both the private sector and with the Franklin County Public Defender's Office, as well as serving as an assistant prosecutor for the City of Lima. Prior to coming to Fairfield County, he served seven-and-a-half years in the Auglaize County Prosecutor's Office, responsible for prosecuting adult misdemeanor offenses in the eastern half of the county, and all levels of juvenile delinquency offenses in the entire county. Over a 17 year career Meade has argued over 50 jury trials plus innumerable bench trials and motion hearings.

Meade lives in Violet Township with his wife, Heidi, and their sons, Daniel (3) and George (14 months).



Melissa A. Schiffel graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Journalism from Ohio University. She earned her law de-

gree from Ohio Northern University serving as Lead Articles Editor for the Law Review and was also a Team Member for the Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court. Before joining the Fairfield County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Schiffel was an assistant prosecuting attorney for Wood County, prosecuting white collar crimes such as fraudulent uses of government benefits and embezzlement. Schiffel currently resides in Canal Winchester with husband, Nate; Chihuahua, Romeo; and cat, MJ. Since being

with Fairfield County, Schiffel has already successfully completed two felony jury trials that resulted in guilty verdicts.

Jocelyn Kelly is a graduate of the University of Virginia and the Ohio State University's Moritz College of Law. She attended Ohio State on a Moritz Merit Scholarship, which provided her with a full-tuition scholarship for all three years of law school.



After graduating from Ohio State, she worked in Cleveland for Jones Day, one of the largest law firms in the world. At Jones Day, Kelly was an associate in the trial practice group and focused her practice on complex corporate criminal investigations involving the Securities & Exchange Commission, Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Ohio Inspector General, and the Department of Justice. She comes to Fairfield County with extensive experience in investigating individuals and corporations accused of financial misconduct, improper accounting, embezzlement, bribery, and violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act.

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