

## AN ACTIVE TIME AT THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

The work of the Fairfield County Prosecutor's Office before the Supreme Court of Ohio has been very active lately. On February 17, 2016, and February 24, 2016, the Prosecutor's Office filed briefs on behalf of the Ohio Prosecuting Attorney's Association in two related cases concerning the public record status of police camera footage. These briefs argued that the public should generally have access to dashboard and body camera footage recorded by police officers, but that access should not always be immediate, and come only after a defendant has received a fair trial. On February 8, 2016, the Prosecutor's office filed a memorandum opposing an appeal in the case of *State v. Gates*, where the defendant John Gates is seeking to appeal his sentence for shooting his girlfriend once in each leg, ultimately causing the loss of one leg. The Prosecutor's Office argued that Gates was properly convicted and sentenced. The Court of Appeals had upheld nearly all of his 44 year sentence. Finally, on February 11, 2016, the Prosecutor's Office filed a memorandum opposing an appeal in the case of *State v. Moss*, where the defendant Cody Moss seeks to appeal his two convictions for two separate robberies. Again, the Prosecutor's Office argued that Moss was properly convicted and that conviction was properly upheld by the Court of Appeals. Fairfield County Prosecuting Attorney Gregg Marx praised the efforts of Assistant Prosecutor Joshua Horacek and other staff that worked on these briefs. "Four briefs being filed in the Ohio Supreme Court in such a short time is particularly active," stated Marx.