

*In The Spotlight* with: Dave Wadsworth, Medina County Clerk of Courts

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In December watch for the next episode of *Law Talk*, hosted by John Celebrezze. This episode features Dave Wadsworth, Medina County Clerk of Courts. Mr. Wadsworth will discuss his new position as the Clerk of Courts along with his plans to run the office effectively within the allotted budget. This show can be viewed on Wadsworth Cable (WCTV) Public Access, Channel 15, Brunswick Area Television (BAT) Public Access, Channel 21, Armstrong Cable Access, Channel 37 and You Tube.

Dave Wadsworth has been a resident of Brunswick for the 24 years. He was appointed Medina County Clerk of Courts in January 2011. He served as a Brunswick City Councilman-at-Large for eight years. His civic involvement includes: the Brunswick City Schools Financial Advisory Board, Brunswick Old Fashioned Days Festival, St. Ambrose Knights of Columbus, Brunswick Eagles #3505, and the Brunswick Optimist Club.

His work related participation includes: membership in the Ohio Clerk of Courts Association, the Ohio Association of Court Administrators, the Ohio Supreme Court's Court Administrators Program, Class of 2013, and the Medina County Leadership program, Class of 2012. Wadsworth is also a member of the Medina County Investment Advisory Board and Records Commission, Hunger Taskforce, U.S. Department of State Passport Acceptance Agency Training Program, International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials and Treasurers, and the Data and Microfilm Board.

Wadsworth was appointed to the position of Clerk by the Medina County Republican Central Committee. With Kathy Fortney's retirement, the Committee interviewed him, along with three other candidates for the job.

Since 2005, Wadsworth has worked at Russell Realty. With the economy where it stands, Wadsworth decided he wanted to make a change and use his experience to find a new position. "I've always wanted to run a business and my goal is to run this office as a business. That's what is needed right now" Wadsworth said.

Wadsworth is responsible for maintaining all court records. These records include civil, criminal felony, archives and domestic relation cases. The Medina Clerk of Courts has offices in Wadsworth, Brunswick, and Medina that are responsible for issuing motor vehicle titles. Wadsworth travels to each office at least once a week to be sure they are running smoothly. "Kathy (Fortney) did an excellent job hiring really skilled people. She staffed this office very well and left me in a very good position moving forward" commented Wadsworth.

Moving forward and finding ways to save money is the direction Wadsworth is eager to go. "We have a number of different projects going on right now. My goal is to be able to utilize technology because the efficiencies with technology can be huge for this office" explained Wadsworth.

To learn more about Dave Wadsworth, and his new position as the Medina County Clerk of Courts, watch for his interview with John Celebrezze on *Law Talk* throughout the month of December on your local cable channel.

