

**Meet Judge Collier's Bailiff-Terry George, by Kate Feeks,  
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Bailiff Terry George

When I first met with Terry George, Bailiff for Judge Christopher Collier of the Medina County Court of Common Pleas, I was greeted with a loud "You must be Kate!" and I instantly felt very welcome and comfortable.

As we sat down to begin talking, I didn't get through asking my second question to her before there was someone at her office door, needing her assistance. As welcomed as I had felt minutes earlier, I could see by the look on the attorney's face, he felt the same. Terry quickly and efficiently got the answers he needed and handed him the material with a big smile.

"What would I do with out you!" came from the attorney with much sincerity. It was this comment that says it all about Terry George. After sitting with her and witnessing a piece of her workday as well as listening to her stories about her family I felt as though I could see how she has become the person she is today.

As a young girl growing up in Cleveland Ohio, Terry was the center of her family's world. As an only child until age 10, Terry was much appreciated. After wanting children for many years, Terry's mother became a stay at home mom and Terry felt that she was the focus of her mother's life.

"I had a really good childhood, I have really loving parents." She explains. It was her loving and supportive parents that had the greatest influence on Terry's life growing up. She knew at a young age she was a blessing to her parents and with that she learned how to become one to others in her life as well.

In 1990, Terry was working at the Medina County Finance Department where she met Ms. Barb Heinly, Bailiff for Judge Collier. Ms. Heinly was ready to retire and recommended Terry for her replacement. In December 2007, she was offered the position as Bailiff for the Court of Common Pleas. It was the start of an interesting career with an extreme work load she is responsible for keeping in order.

"There is no such thing as a typical day with my job, everyday is busy and very different" explains Terry.

Interestingly, when asked to explain something people don't know about her job, she told me that most people think all bailiffs are required to handle courtroom security. In reality, though, she doesn't have to worry about security in Judge Collier's courtroom. "My job is focused on administrative work. We have deputies and security officers that handle courtroom security."

As bailiff, Terry is responsible for much of the administrative work in Judge Collier's courtroom. Her responsibilities include scheduling court dates; preparing court notices; preparing the courtroom for scheduled hearings; obtaining court files for criminal defendants appearing in court and making copies of needed material; recording court actions on various documents and putting the information into a computer system; checking to make sure all cases are processed and updated in the database; sending out summons for jury duty; and logging proceedings on the court's forms and files.

She explained that what helps get her through her work day is the fact that her work is appreciated by her boss, Judge Christopher Collier. "It floors me

to this day every time Judge Collier thanks us and tells us he knows how hard we work and that he really appreciates it. You usually don't hear that so often from a boss and when you do it really sets the tone."

Outside of work, it is her husband that is the biggest influence in her life. She explained with a tone of relief that her marriage makes all the difference in her world.

"He encourages me and challenges me to always do a better job. He listens to me and gives advice that always works out... He's a really good guy." Together Terry and her husband have three adult children. Of her children Terry said simply, "I am so proud of the adults that my kids have grown up to be".

Whether at work, or at home, Terry George is someone you can count on, no matter what the situation.