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City Attorney Receiving Recognition

Pfeiffer's use of social media is being heralded and inspiring others in Ohio

COLUMBUS, OH—Columbus City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. announced that two programs developed by his office to engage the public in helping catch alleged scofflaws continue to garner recognition both inside and outside the City of Columbus.

Chief of Staff Bill Hedrick, the driving force behind the Outstanding Warrant and Fugitive of the Week programs, was recently nominated for an award that recognizes city employees who “creatively utilize technology, community resources or partnerships to improve service delivery or customer service.”

Also, the *Mount Vernon News* announced today that the Knox County Prosecutor’s office launched a Facebook page dedicated to apprehending wanted felons after modeling it off of City Attorney Pfeiffer’s efforts. Staff from Knox County consulted with Hedrick several months ago to learn how social networks could be used to gather information and alert the public. The newspaper article quotes Emily Curtis, who helped implement the Knox County program, as saying: “...we got [the] idea from the Columbus city attorney.”

“I’m always proud of our staff whenever our legal advisories, best practices, or innovative programs can be shared with others across the state,” said City Attorney Pfeiffer.

Hedrick was nominated for a Mayor’s Award of Excellence, in the category of Outstanding Service Delivery, for his work in bringing fugitives to justice. He created the Outstanding Warrants program and the social media-driven Fugitive of the Week initiative on behalf of City Attorney Pfeiffer.

“These programs would not be successful without our partners, especially the Columbus Police Division Strategic Response Bureau, the Capital Area Humane Society, M.A.D.D., neighborhood civic groups, and loss-prevention teams across the city,” said Chief of Staff Bill R. Hedrick.

The full article from the *Mount Vernon News* may be found here:

<http://www.mountvernonnews.com/local/12/03/01/prosecutors-office-unveils-facebook-page>

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