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Columbus Chief Prosecutor Appointed to Ohio Supreme Court Commission

COLUMBUS, OH— Specialized dockets have become more prevalent in courts throughout Ohio since the State Supreme Court established a specialized docket section in 2001. Lara Baker-Morris, Chief Prosecutor for the City of Columbus, will help standardize these unique programs as the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio appointed her to the recently created Commission on Specialized Dockets.

As a member of the commission, Baker-Morrish will help "advise the Supreme Court and its staff on the promotion of statewide rules and uniform standards concerning specialized dockets; the development and delivery of specialized docket services, including training programs for judges and court personnel; and the consideration of any other issues the commission deems necessary to assist the Supreme Court and its staff regarding specialized dockets."

"This appointment is a very well-deserved honor for Lara," said City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. "She will be a tremendous asset in helping establish statewide standards and advising the Supreme Court as specialized dockets become more commonplace throughout Ohio."

Baker-Morrish has served as Chief Prosecutor since February 2007 and has worked for the City Attorney's office since she began as a part-time mediator in the night prosecution program while she attended law school.

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