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JUDGE LINDA TUCCI TEODOSIO SWORN IN AS BAR PRESIDENT

Summit County Juvenile Court Judge Linda Tucci Teodosio was sworn in as President of the Akron Bar Association (ABA) on Thursday, June 26th at the Hilton Inn West as part of the ABA's Annual Meeting. Judge Teodosio succeeds J. Dean Carro, Dean of The University of Akron School of Law. Her term officially begins July 1st. She will be the first sitting judge to serve as President of the Akron Bar Association.

In her remarks, Judge Teodosio encouraged her colleagues to use their legal abilities for the better good of the community.

"We, as a profession, should use the gifts we have as lawyers to not only represent our clients to the best of our abilities, but to embrace pro bono work, especially as the foreclosure crisis continues."

She implored ABA members to take advantage of the training the association is offering to better prepare them to handle foreclosure cases.

Judge Teodosio also asked members to champion the "Wills for Heroes" program where attorneys prepare simple wills and living wills for law enforcement officers and soldiers at no charge. She also stressed that attorneys should be proud of their profession; that they should continue to play important roles in the community.

"You would have to look long and hard to find a committee or a civic organization that did not include a lawyer," she said. "More often than not, it is the attorney the committee looks to for leadership to help them reach their goals. We as lawyers are givers and we should take every opportunity to highlight the good works performed by members of the legal community."

Judge Teodosio was given the oath of office by Judge Mary Cacioppo.

"To have the oath of office delivered by Judge Cacioppo meant so much to me," said Judge Teodosio. "She has served as a role model and a mentor and I was truly honored she was here. It's going to be an exciting and challenging year, and I'm looking forward to it."

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