

HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

2009 Community Hero Award from the Coalition for Children's Mental Health , Hudson

National Association of Counties Achievement Award for Child Support Days - 2009

Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement Agency Recognition for Using Billboards to Locate Felony Child Support Offenders – 2009

Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement Agency Recognition for Improving the Agency's Federal Incentive Performance in the Collection Categories by Reducing the Amount of Unclaimed, Held Funds – 2009

Ohio Child Support Director's Association *Best Practice Award* for Using Billboards to Locate Felony Child Support Offenders – 2008

Woman of Achievement Award by *Celebrate & Share*, a Pittsburgh organization, in recognition of Prosecutor Walsh's successful prosecution of Jimmy Lee Tayse – 2008

Special Achievement Award from the Ohio Attorney General's Office presented at the Two Days in May conference – 2008

Award from the State of Ohio Job & Family Services for CSEA's "Passport Denial Program - Largest Lump Sum Collection" for fiscal year 2006 – 2007

Ohio Super Lawyer – 2007

National Association of Social Workers *Public Official of the Year Award* – 2007

Prosecutor of the Year award from the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association – 2006

Founder's Award from the Ohio Center for Law Related Education for our Mock Trial Program in the schools - 2006

WCRS radio station for the blind award for program on Protecting Yourself from Identity Theft - 2005

Ohio Family Support Association Best Practice Award for Child Support Enforcement Agency's Sting Operation to Arrest Child Support Offenders - 2005

Ohio Family Support Association *Best Practice Award* for Child Support Enforcement Agency's REACH Program where CSEA staff team-up with an outside partner to provide information and services to the local incarcerated population – 2005

Received National CSEA's Award for *Most Improved Child Support Program* in the Country – 2005

Ohio CSEA Director's Association Recognition Award for Summit County CSEA receiving the National CSEA's 2005 Most Improved Program Award

Award for Highest State Percentage in Paternity Establishment of all Ohio Metropolitan CSEA's -2003-2004

Received MADD Red Ribbon Award for aggressive prosecution of drunk drivers – 2004

Leona Farris Award – 2004 which recognizes individuals, businesses, and organizations throughout Summit County who have made a positive difference in the lives of others

Awarded Women's History Project of Akron's "Faye H. Dambrot Heroine Award" – 2004

Awarded 2004 Harold K. Stubbs Humanitarian Award for Government Service

Ohio Family Support Association Best Practice Award for Child Support Enforcement Agency's Procedural Handbook – 2004

2004 State Office of Child Support Symposium – "Most Improved Award" for Child Support Enforcement Agency's Support Order Establishment

2004 Ohio CSEA Director's Association "Achievement Award" IN RECOGNITION OF Federal Office of Child Support Best Practice Compendium for Child Support Enforcement Agency's Lien Program

Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement Agency featured Summit County CSEA's Administrative Lien Program in its 2003 Best Practice Compendium (only 29 Best Practices nationwide were selected by the Federal Office)

Ohio Family Support Association Best Practice Award for Child Support Enforcement Agency's Criminal Non-Support Program and Website – 2003

Received MADD Red Ribbon Award for efforts in improving D.U.I. law – 2003

Recipient of Urban Lights Award for Women in Public Service - 2003

Drafted legislation with former Senator Leigh Herington against habitual drunk drivers in an effort to get them off the roads. Testified before the Senate Criminal Justice Judiciary Committee and the House Criminal Justice Committee in support of this legislation. The legislation became law in 2004 and provides stiffer penalties against habitual drunk drivers.

Successfully tried to a jury in 2003 the first life with no possibility of parole child rape case in Summit County pursuant to Ohio's sexually violent predator law passed in 1997.

Involved in amendments to the child rape law and testified before the Senate Criminal Justice Judiciary Committee in the Ohio Senate. Personally drafted provision of the new law requiring a sentence of life with no possibility of parole for offenders previously convicted of child rape and offenders who cause serious physical harm to the child victim. – 2002

Ohio Family Support Association Best Practice Award for Child Support Enforcement Agency's Maximizing Incentive Funding – 2002

Ohio Family Support Association Best Practice Award for Child Support Enforcement Agency's Training New Child Support Specialists – 2002

Awarded "Woman of the Year" by the Northeast Ohio Business & Professional Women's Club - 2002

Ohio Family Support Association Best Practice Award for Child Support Enforcement Agency's activities for August Child Support Awareness Month – 2001

Ohio Family Support Association Best Practice Award for Child Support Enforcement Agency's Administrative Lien Program – 2001

Testified before the Ohio Senate Judiciary Committee and House Finance and Appropriation Committee regarding proposed changes in crime victim compensation laws. Successfully encouraged the legislature to remove changes in the law that would have been detrimental to victims of violent crime. October 1999-January, 2000.

Received award from Ohio Supreme Court for exceptional commitment to innocent victims of crime in Ohio - 1992

Appointed by the United States Department of Justice as the Prosecutor to represent the State of Ohio at the National Law Institute, F.B.I. Academy, Quantico, Virginia, March 20-24, 1989

American Jurisprudence Award, 1984 - Outstanding Law Student, Rules of Evidence

TEACHING/PUBLICATIONS

Instructor, How to Protect Yourself from Criminals – presented to over 6,000 senior citizens - 2001 to present

Instructor, Protecting Our Children from Child Molesters and Abductions – presented to numerous P.T.A. and other community organizations - 2003 to present

Instructor, How to Protect Yourself from Identity Theft – 2004 to present

Introduction to Criminal Justice Program – Initiated a law-related education program in Summit County elementary and middle schools in collaboration with the Akron Bar Association and the Juvenile Court which educates children about the criminal justice system in Ohio and involves them in a mock trial and field trip to the police station and courthouse – 2003-present

Instructor, Crime Victim Rights in Ohio seminar sponsored by Ohio Prosecuting Attorney's Association - 2003

Instructor, Street Law Summer Institute – providing training for teachers of the high school Street Law Curriculum – 2002-present

Co-Instructor, self-defense for senior citizens – 2002 – present

Instructor, Protect Yourself from Con Artist Scams, sponsored by the Elder Abuse Committee, Akron Bar Association – 2002, 2005

Author of article published by Akron Jewish News "Tips on Teaching our Children to Stay Safe" – 2004

Guest Instructor, Women in Politics Class, Akron University – 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005

Author of articles published quarterly by the O.P.B.A. Police Beat Magazine - 2001-present

Author of articles published monthly by the Fraternal Order of Police newsletter – 2001-present

Author of articles published for the Akron Bar Examiner – 2001-present

Author of crime safety articles published bi-monthly for FOCUS magazine – 2002-April 2005

Author of crime safety articles published by Records Publishing for various local papers – 2003 to present

Certified Instructor, Ohio Peace Officer's Training Program, 1989 to present

Instructor, Ohio Labor and Employment Law Seminar sponsored by the National Business Institute, 1999

- Co-author of *Ohio Labor and Employment Handbook*. Published material included: "Ethical Considerations" and "Injuries in the Workplace-Examining the Workers' Compensation Process"

Author of "Crime Victim Compensation for Victims of Domestic Violence" published by the Ohio Domestic Violence Network, 1998

Author of "Crime Victim Compensation for Victims of Sexual Assault" published by the Ohio Coalition Against Sexual Assault, 1998

Instructor, University of Akron Clinic for Child Study and Family Therapy, 1997 and 1998

- Training seminar for students in Master's programs on the following issues: the legal system, domestic violence and various rights of victims

Instructor, Bridge the Gap Seminar for new lawyers sponsored by Ohio CLE Institute, 1997

- Co-author of *Bridge the Gap Handbook*. Published material included "Interviewing and Counseling Clients"

Author of "Police Officers are Eligible for Crime Victim Compensation" published by the O.P.B.A. Police Beat Magazine – 1997

Instructor, Workers' Compensation Hearings in Ohio Seminar sponsored by the National Business Institute, 1996

- Co-author of *Worker's Compensation Hearing Handbook*. Published material included "Standard Issues at Hearings", "Allowance Hearings", "Additional Allowance Hearings", "Permanent Partial Hearings", "Wage Loss Hearings" and "Permanent Total Hearings"

Instructor, Workers' Compensation for Self-Insured Seminar sponsored by the Lorman Business Center, Inc., 1996

- Co-author of *Workers' Compensation for Self-Insureds Handbook*. Published material included "Concerns and Perspective of the Injured Worker", "Case Law Update" and "Wage Loss Compensation"

VOLUNTEER WORK/MEMBERSHIPS

President, Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association (2010)
 President-Elect, Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association (2009)
 Vice President, Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association (2008)
 Treasurer, Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association (2007)
 Secretary, Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association (2006)

- Executive Committee, Legislative Committee & Victim/Witness Committee (Chair) (2006)

 Chair, State Victim Assistance Advisory Board, Attorney General's Office (2007-present)
 Board Member, The Justice League of Ohio
 (non-profit agency to protect rights of crime victims)
 Member, Akron Bar Association
 Board Member, Akron Victim Assistance
 Member, Leadership Akron Justice Day Planning Committee – 2001-present
 Member, National District Attorneys Association
 Member, Ohio Domestic Violence Network
 Member, Project Safe Neighborhoods Task Force for the Northern District of Ohio
 Member, Ohio Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force
 Member, Summit County Child Fatality Board
 Member, Summit County D.U.I. Task Force
 Member, Summit County Drug Enforcement Unit
 Member, Summit County Multidisciplinary Team, Child Advocacy Center
 at Akron Children's Hospital
 Member, Summit County Domestic Violence Coalition
 Member, Summit County Police Chief's Association
 Resource Attorney, Akron Bar Association, Street Law Committee
 Volunteer Legal Guardian, Summit County Probate Court, 1991-1999
 Board member, Greater Akron Area Autism Society
 Parishioner, St. Mary's Church