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Assistant Prosecutor Earns Certificate of Diversity and Inclusion from Cornell University

AKRON, Ohio (Tuesday, June 1, 2021) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Tania Nemer, the Summit County Prosecutor's Office Community Outreach Prosecutor, recently earned a certification from Cornell University in the increasingly important field of Diversity and Inclusion.

The instructional coursework was divided into four sections: "Improving Engagement", "Counteracting Unconscious Bias", "Diversity and Inclusion at Work", and "Fostering an Inclusive Climate".

As Community Outreach Prosecutor, Tania Nemer engages with local leaders about ways to make Summit County a better and safer place to live. Lessons learned during Prosecutor Nemer's training have increased her insight into key techniques, tools, and resources of diversity and inclusion and how they can benefit the Summit County Prosecutor's Office.

"As Summit County Prosecutor, I am always looking for ways to help my employees better understand the community which we serve. I am passionate about providing opportunities to my staff, especially when it comes to enhancing how we interact with each other," said Prosecutor Walsh. "Years ago, we began providing trainings on implicit and unconscious bias to staff and law enforcement. I also formed our Ambassadors for Equity and Social Justice Committee. Learning about diversity, equity, and inclusion is vital in doing our jobs."

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Prosecutor Nemer added, "I am honored to work with Prosecutor Walsh and assist in the Office's mission of making our community a stronger and safer place to live. These classes helped me gain a deeper knowledge and recognize, as an individual, how critical it is to understand the multifaceted layers of diversity and inclusion. This training provided me with additional strategies to incorporate in my role as Community Outreach Prosecutor."

Prosecutor Nemer also chairs the Summit County Prosecutor's Office Ambassadors for Equity and Social Justice Committee. The Committee is made up of 14 employees of diverse backgrounds and positions within the Office. Members meet every other week to review and discuss issues impacting our community and how the Prosecutor's Office can be a leader in trying to solve these issues as they relate to the criminal justice system.

The Cornell University Diversity and Inclusion Program was conducted virtually.

Prosecutor Nemer lives in Hudson with her husband and three children.