



# **SHERRI BEVAN WALSH**

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## **Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh to Undergo Heart Surgery**

AKRON, Ohio (Wednesday, December 20, 2023) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that she will undergo heart surgery after the new year due to complications from heart failure related to contracting COVID-19.

Prosecutor Walsh first contracted COVID-19 in the fall of 2020 which led to a diagnosis of heart failure. While her heart condition initially showed improvement, in the past few months the condition has worsened causing the need for surgery.

On December 8, 2023, Prosecutor Walsh filed petitions for re-election with the intent of winning an unprecedented 7<sup>th</sup> term as Summit County Prosecutor. Given her recent health condition, Walsh has asked Community Outreach Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich to file petitions with the Board of Elections to run for County Prosecutor should Walsh decide to retire. Walsh will make a decision about her future after the new year.

In the meantime, the Summit County Prosecutor's Office leadership remains the same with Chief Counsel Brad Gessner, Chief of the Criminal Division Brian LoPrinzi, and Chief of the Civil Division John Galonski. Maureen Walsh, Ashlee James, and Katie Tomko will continue to oversee the Juvenile Division. Jennifer Tultz continues as head of the Child Support Enforcement Agency.

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“My mission since becoming Summit County Prosecutor has been to make our community a better and safer place to live. Our office will continue to fight for the rights of crime victims and to keep our seniors safe,” said Prosecutor Walsh. “Should I decide to retire, I am confident Elliot has the values, experience, and dedication needed to carry on those principles.”

### **About Elliot Kolkovich**

A graduate of the University of Illinois and the St. Louis University School of Law, Assistant Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich began his law career with the Summit County Prosecutor’s Office in 2010, where he interned while waiting to take the bar. Upon passing the bar, Elliot accepted a position in the Summit County Prosecutor’s Office Juvenile Division, prosecuting abuse, neglect, and dependency cases. Elliot moved to the Criminal Felony Division in February 2012 where he prosecuted numerous criminal felony offenses for over 10 years. He served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio for eight months before returning to the Summit County Prosecutor’s Office as the Community Outreach Prosecutor in May 2023.