



Elliot Kolkovich

Summit County Prosecutor

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Elliot Kolkovich Sworn In As Summit County Prosecutor

AKRON, Ohio (Friday, February 23, 2024) – For the first time since January 2001, Summit County has a new prosecutor. Elliot Kolkovich takes over as Summit County Prosecutor following the retirement of Sherri Bevan Walsh. Walsh retired effective February 16, 2024.

Friends, family and co-workers attended today's ceremonial swearing-in ceremony in the Summit County Courthouse where former Prosecutor Walsh gave Kolkovich the oath of office.

On Wednesday, February 21, 2024 the Summit County Democratic Party's Central Committee voted to confirm Kolkovich as County Prosecutor to complete the remainder of Walsh's term, which ends December 31, 2024. Following Wednesday's vote, Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro gave Kolkovich the oath of office. On Friday February 16, 2024 Executive Shapiro issued an executive order appointing Kolkovich as Acting Summit County Prosecutor.

"The past 44 hours as Summit County Prosecutor have been the most exciting, challenging, humbling, and rewarding moments of my career and I can't wait to get back to work," said Prosecutor Kolkovich.

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“I am so proud of Elliot and his dedication and passion for Summit County. I would not have retired when I did if not for knowing that Elliot will continue the fight for justice, supporting victims of crime, and making Summit County a better and safer place to live.”

Kolkovich graduated from the University of Illinois with Bachelor of Science and Master of Science Degrees in Print Journalism in 2002 and 2003 respectively. After working as a freelance writer and then interning in the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate, Kolkovich enrolled at the St. Louis University School of Law in the Fall of 2006 as a part-time student. While attending law school, he interned at the St. Louis Circuit Attorney’s Office for a summer and worked part-time for a small personal injury law firm. After graduation in 2010, he moved to Ohio after his wife accepted a job with the Ohio State University. While waiting to take the bar, Kolkovich interned with the Summit County Prosecutor’s Office in the Criminal Felony Division and for the Ohio Attorney General’s Office in the Antitrust Division. Upon passing the bar, Kolkovich accepted a position in the Summit County Prosecutor’s Office Juvenile Division, prosecuting abuse, neglect, and dependency cases. He moved to the Criminal Felony Division in February 2012. Kolkovich 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.

Sherri Bevan Walsh served as Summit County Prosecutor for 23 years, from January 2001 through February 16, 2024, the longest serving County Prosecutor in Summit County history.