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Prosecutor O'Malley has continued to lead the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office by enhancing and creating key initiatives that make our community safer.

Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley was sworn into office on January 3, 2017, with his primary objective: a safer Cuyahoga County for all. His expectations are high, and they will always remain that way. He continues to strive to make Cuyahoga County a better place to live and work for our residents and visitors.

Prosecutor O'Malley has a zero tolerance policy for violent crime. Gun violence is destroying the quality of life in many neighborhoods in Cuyahoga County. People who use weapons in the commission of a violent crime need to be held accountable and his office does just that.

Prosecutor O'Malley remains committed to ensuring that individuals with behavioral health concerns receive treatment outside of the criminal justice process and within the behavioral health system. He was a leader in the creation of the Adult Diversion Center and of the Juvenile Intervention center. In partnership with county stakeholders and community partners, he works to improve mental health centers allowing police to transport people in a mental health or addiction crisis directly to the center for treatment, instead of jail.

Prosecutor O'Malley believes in reducing recidivism through diversion and a second chance. The Diversion Program allows participants an opportunity to have their case dismissed upon successful completion. He also designed the Second Chance Program for lower-level felony offenses that do not qualify for the Diversion Program. Both help reduce reoffending by eliminating barriers to employment, housing, and other resources.

Prosecutor O'Malley recognizes the importance of women's rights. He was the first and only County Prosecutor in Ohio to support women's rights by signing the Fair and Just Prosecution Joint Statement of Elected Prosecutors.

Prosecutor O'Malley is devoted to seeking fair and impartial justice. He was the first County Prosecutor in Ohio to adopt a fatal use of deadly force policy that designates an independent prosecutor is appointed when a peace officer in the county is accused of using deadly force against an unarmed citizen.

Prosecutor O'Malley remains dedicated to serving with integrity and honesty. He was presented with the Ohio Auditor of State 2019 Public Integrity Award for his help in eliminating public corruption in Cuyahoga County. He also serves on the executive committee for the Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association. In 2022, he was presented with the Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association Leadership Award. In 2023, he was presented with the U.S. Marshal's Law Enforcement Partner of The Year Award in recognition for his outstanding partnership and leadership.

Prosecutor O'Malley grew up in Old Brooklyn with his father, a World War II Veteran and Plasterer, his mother, and ten older brothers and sisters. Once he discovered his passion for justice, he attended Kent State University for his undergraduate degree and Cleveland-Marshall College of Law for his Juris Doctorate degree. Besides law, one of Prosecutor O'Malley's great passions is bike riding. He is a devotee of the Towpath Trail and has ridden over 350 miles in five days by himself. He is a proud father of two sons and a huge Cleveland sports fan.

Professional Experience

- **Cuyahoga County Prosecutor**

2017 - Present

- Administrative authority over the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office
- Oversee over 350 employees, budget, prosecution decisions, and resources

- **Parma Safety Director**

2015 - 2016

- Administrative authority over City of Parma Police, Fire and Building departments
- Oversaw the hiring, promotion, and discipline of 250 employees and budget development for all departments
- Lead administrator on development of Parma Regional Dispatch Center

- **Second Region Supervisor**

Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office

2012 - 2015

- Supervised nine Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys and oversaw trial preparation and case resolutions for over 5,000 criminal cases initiating out of Region 2 — including Cleveland's Second District, Parma, Parma Heights, Brooklyn, Brooklyn Heights, Broadview Heights, North Royalton, and Seven Hills
- CCPO representative at monthly City of Cleveland Second District Commander's Meeting and board member of Cuyahoga County Drug Court and REDSS (Regional Enterprise Data Sharing System)
- Oversaw CCPO criminal diversion programs

- **First Assistant**

Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office

2007-2012

- Senior manager in charge of 320 employees
- Handled hiring, discipline, promotions, and transfers of all employees and directly supervised the Criminal, Civil, Child Family Services, Child Support Enforcement Agency, Mortgage Fraud, Human Resources, Juvenile, Public Information and Information Services units
- Conducted plea authorizations and major case reviews, reviewed budget and monitored expenditures, and member of numerous Criminal Justice Committees

Professional Experience Cntd.

- **Assistant Director of Public Utilities**

City of Cleveland

2005-2007

- Senior manager of all operations for Ohio's largest public utility
- Managed 1,850 employees and a budget of \$440 million
- Involved in labor negotiations and contracts, handled utility franchise renewals and transfers, prepared ordinances for City Council presentations, and oversaw capital improvement projects
- Consulted on development of Strategic Plan for Public Utilities Department and city representative for American Municipal Power (AMP-OH) and Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC)

- **Councilman Ward 16**

City of Cleveland

1999-2005

- Legislative representative for 23,000 Cleveland residents and handled day-to-day issues and complaints of constituents
- Six year member of the Public Safety Committee and the Finance Committee overseeing Divisions of Police, Fire, EMS, Animal Control, and Corrections and overseeing finances of all City of Cleveland departments
- Oversaw redevelopment of significant portions of Old Brooklyn and worked with business and property owners to improve their properties and neighborhoods

- **Assistant Director of Law**

City of Parma

1994-1999

- Represented the City of Parma in civil and criminal cases — prosecuted felony and misdemeanor matters in Parma Municipal Court and handled civil litigation in 8th District Court of Appeals, State, and Federal Courts
- Represented the city and played a key role in 25-year-old case *U.S. vs. Parma*; worked with the Department of Justice to fashion a settlement that protected the interests of the city

- **Private Law Practice**

1994-2007

- Engaged in the private practice of law for 13 years with a focus on criminal defense, general civil law, and probate matters