

about the NETWORK

Ohio's Judicial Family Network was started by Mary Moyer, wife of the late Chief Justice Thomas Moyer. While campaigning with her husband, Mrs. Moyer met men and women across the state who shared the unique challenges of having a judge in the family. In 2000, Mrs. Moyer helped form a steering committee, which implemented a mission statement and programming that continues to support Ohio's judicial families to this day.



Mary Moyer (center) flanked by JFN members Cheryl Sieve and Vernon Pringle

It is the mission of the Advisory Committee on the Judicial Family Network to identify the needs of Ohio judicial families to provide learning opportunities and a supportive networking environment.

SUPPORT

When a judge is appointed or elected, he or she is not the only person affected by the professional change. The transition to public life can require adjustments for everyone in the family as each person adapts to living their private life in the public eye.

JFN connects family members to resources and guidance from other judicial families who have navigated the same challenges. You do not walk alone.

EVENTS

The Judicial Family Network typically hosts programs twice a year in conjunction with "New Judge Orientation." While programming is targeted toward families of newly-elected judges, all judicial families are welcome at JFN events.

STARTING OUT

JFN programs will put you in touch with human resources professionals to help guide you through changes to your health insurance coverage, pension options, and other details of public employment.

SECURITY

JFN can help identify practical measures you can take to protect your family's safety and privacy.

ETHICS GUIDE

The Code of Judicial Conduct impacts a judge's ability to accept gifts, engage in political action, and participate in community and business activities. While spouses and family members are not subject to the Code, on a practical level all family and social life intersects with a judge's ethical duties. JFN offers a guide to help families avoid potential pitfalls: sc.ohio.gov/boards/OJFN/resources.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Can "liking" a post or tweeting a news article cause problems for the judge in your family? JFN programming can provide helpful advice, from managing security settings to which "friend" request is better ignored.

MORE INFORMATION

Members of judicial families interested in more information may contact Alyssa Guthrie at 614.387.9766 or Alyssa.Guthrie@sc.ohio.gov or visit sc.ohio.gov/Boards/OJFN/

JUDICIAL FAMILY INSTITUTE

The Judicial Family Institute is a national organization dedicated to providing online information and education on topics of importance to judicial family members. Visit judicialfamilyinstitute.org.



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The Advisory Committee on the Judicial Family Network is appointed by the Chief Justice. The members represent Ohio's diversity and a variety of judicial family life experiences.

The Judicial Family Network (JFN) offers educational programs, as well as print and online resources to the spouses, partners and families of judges. JFN helps address questions related to judicial family life:

- My spouse is a judge. Do I need to report gifts I receive?
- Our friend is running for public office. Can I put her campaign sign in our yard?
- How do we support our son when his friend's father is a defendant in my wife's court?
- My husband worked in private practice until his election. How does his new pension program work?

what they're SAYING

The JFN was a breath of fresh air for this spouse, who was in totally unfamiliar territory! The JFN provided practical and emotional support in ways that impacted my own professional mentoring, and attention to detail for those new to a role. There aren't any texts on how to manage campaigning and parenting, plan a swearing-in ceremony, or what's expected of you as a spouse of a newly elected judge. JFN filled that void for me, and, in the process, I formed friendships that I hope to nurture for the remainder of my life!