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The Stark County Prosecuting Attorney's Office consists of four divisions: Civil, Criminal, Juvenile and Victim/Witness.

As Chief Law Enforcement Officer for Stark County, my role is to represent the State of Ohio in prosecuting felony criminal cases. In civil cases, my office represents elected county officials, county boards and other governmental bodies who are involved in litigation in their official capacities.

I have made a commitment to helping victims of crime by enhancing the Victim Services Division. As Prosecutor, I will continue to lead the effort to make Stark County a safer and better place to live.

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## CIVIL DIVISION

The Civil Division serves as legal advisor to the county office holders, county boards, county school board, townships, libraries, and other county tax supported agencies.

The Prosecutor reviews any contracts entered into by the county or township officials. The prosecutor may also be involved in zoning matters.

This division represents judges from the common pleas court general division, probate division, and the domestic relations and juvenile division. The Civil Division is responsible for rendering legal opinions for the county and township officials and representing them in civil litigation.

### ◆ *TAX-SUB-DIVISION*

This Sub-Division serves as legal representative for the County Auditor, Treasurer, and Board of Revision. The collection of delinquent taxes and tax related matters are handled by this subdivision.

### ◆ *FORFEITURE-SUB-DIVISION*

The Stark County Prosecutor's Office is responsible for seizing assets from those who commit criminal acts.

The forfeited assets may consist of money that is obtained through illegal activity or property such as a home, car, boat, motor-home, etc., which are an instrumental or integral part of the criminal act.

An emphasis is placed on seizing assets from drug dealers. The money generated from the sale of the forfeited assets is used to combat crime and assist victims of crime.

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## CRIMINAL DIVISION

The Criminal Division of the Stark County Prosecutor's Office is divided into two sections, the trial section and the appellate section.

### ◆ *TRIAL SECTION*

The Trial Section handles grand jury matters and the trials of criminals. This section is responsible for the Direct Indictment Program in the Canton Municipal Court. The Criminal Section also handles child abuse and domestic violence prosecutions.

The prosecuting attorney inquires into the commission of crimes within the county and prosecutes, on behalf of the State, all complaints, suits and controversy in which the State is a party (Section 309.08 Ohio Revised Code). The primary responsibility of this division is to prosecute felony cases. The prosecuting attorney is also involved in preparing search warrants, extradition warrants, litigation of motions, bond hearings, probation revocation hearings and post-conviction procedures.

### ◆ *APPELLATE SECTION*

After the defendant has been convicted of a crime and has filed an appeal, the appellate section is responsible for handling the case.

The prosecuting attorney is also responsible for handling matters in the 5<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeals, the Ohio Supreme Court and the United States Supreme Court.

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## JUVENILE DIVISION

The Juvenile Division handles the prosecution of all juvenile cases in the county, including traffic violations, status offenses, misdemeanor and felony criminal offenses. It also prosecutes adult offenders for Contributing to the Unruliness or Delinquency of a Minor, Failure to Send a Child to School and some types of Child Endangering.

## VICTIM/WITNESS DIVISION

The Victim/Witness Division is the oldest prosecutor-based Victim Assistance program in the State of Ohio. It is designed to assist crime victims in understanding their Rights and to lessen the effects of any trauma encountered as the result of a crime. The Stark County Prosecutor's Office utilizes highly trained victim advocates and volunteers to provide on-site support to victims in the Alliance, Canton and Massillon Municipal Courts, Juvenile Court and Common Pleas Courts.

This division also works in cooperation with all Stark County law enforcement agencies to help organize and implement crime watch programs. Neighbors meet regularly in an effort to learn crime prevention techniques and ways in which to make their areas safer places in which to live.

### ◆ *CHILDREN'S NETWORK*

In 1987, the Stark County Prosecutor's Office became a contributing partner of the Children's Network of Stark County, a Child Advocacy Center. The Children's Network is a special place where abused children, their non-offending family members, and children who witness violence receive case coordination, support, education and referral services from specially trained staff.

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