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SHON HOPWOOD

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Shon Hopwood's unusual legal journey began prior to him attending law school and included the U.S. Supreme Court granting two petitions for certiorari he prepared while serving a sentence in federal prison. Shon's research and teaching interests include criminal law and procedure, civil rights, and the constitutional rights of prisoners. He received a J.D. as a Gates Public Service Law Scholar from the University of Washington School of Law. He served as a law clerk for Judge Janice Rogers Brown of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. And his legal scholarship has been published in the Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties, Fordham, and Washington Law Reviews, as well as the American Criminal Law Review and Georgetown Law Journal's Annual Review of Criminal Procedure.

MORRIS J. MURRAY

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Mr. Murray is a 1979 graduate of the University of Dayton, receiving his Bachelor of Science with a double major in Criminal Justice and Philosophy. Mr. Murray served as a police officer for 4 years before graduating from the University of Dayton School of Law in 1984. From 1985 to 2008 Murray worked as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and from 1989 to 2008 he also served as Director and Legal Counsel for the Defiance County Child Support Enforcement Agency. Morris Murray was elected Defiance County Prosecuting Attorney in 2008 and is currently serving his third term in that position. Mr. Murray is currently serving a term as President of the Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association, having served several years as a member of that organization's Executive and Legislative Committees. He served many years as a Board member and is past President for the northwest Ohio based Center for Child and Family Advocacy. Murray has been an active member of various organizations involved with children and families, is past President of the Ohio Child Support Directors Association and the Defiance County Bar Association. He currently also serves as President of the Defiance Rotary Club.

DAVID SINGLETON

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David Singleton received his J.D., cum laude, from Harvard Law School in 1991, and his A.B. in Economics and Public Policy, cum laude, from Duke University in 1987. Upon graduation from law school, David received a Skadden Fellowship to work at the Legal Action Center for the Homeless in New York City, where he practiced for three years. He then worked as a public defender for seven years, first with the Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem and then with the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia. After moving to Cincinnati in the summer of 2001, David practiced at Thompson Hine before joining OJPC as its Executive Director in July 2002. David is also an Assistant Professor of Law at Northern Kentucky University's Salmon P. Chase College of Law.