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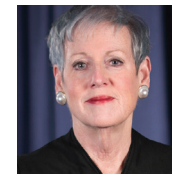
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Retired Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor

February 1, 2023



Maureen O'Connor

Retired Chief Justice, The Supreme Court of Ohio

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Maureen O'Connor was the tenth Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio, the first woman to lead the state judicial branch of government, and the longest-serving statewide elected woman in Ohio history.

O'Connor joined the Court in January 2003, was re-elected as associate justice in 2008 and elected twice as Chief Justice in 2010 and 2016.

Since 2015, O'Connor has endowed Ohio local courts with more than \$35 million to add and enhance technology. This funding has increased access to justice for litigants, defendants, and the public. The foresight made Ohio a leader in its ability to continue to administer justice through the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

O'Connor advocated for reform to ensure people are not held in jail prior to resolution of their case simply because they cannot afford bail. She spearheaded the creation of a statewide criminal sentencing database and the implementation of a uniform sentencing entry to establish standardized data for felony sentencing. She has created a task force on conviction integrity to look at policies and practices to determine equity, fairness, and advise the judiciary and the legislature.

Recognizing emerging opioid abuse and its impact on court dockets, O'Connor led efforts of an eight-state initiative to combat the nation's opioid epidemic. She has increased the role of specialized dockets, to bring community resources together to provide an opportunity for a second chance, where warranted.

Before her statewide service, O'Connor served as a Magistrate in the Summit County Probate Court, a Judge in the Summit County Court of Common Pleas, and was elected as administrative judge of the court. She then left the Summit County bench to serve her community as Summit County Prosecuting Attorney.

In 1999, she was elected with Governor Bob Taft to serve as Ohio Lieutenant Governor and Director of the Ohio Department of Public Safety.

O'Connor received her Bachelor's Degree from Seton Hill University and her Juris Doctor from the Cleveland State University Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.



Yvette McGee Brown

Partner, Jones Day, and Former Justice, The Supreme Court of Ohio

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Yvette McGee Brown brings a unique perspective to litigating complex legal matters that has been honed from her experience both before and behind trial and appellate court benches.

In 1992, Brown was elected to the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations and Juvenile division. She was the first African-American woman to be elected to this court, where she served for nine years. As lead Juvenile Court Judge, she led the creation of the Family Drug Court and the SMART Program, a truancy and educational neglect intervention program.

From 2002 to 2010, Brown was the founding President of the non-profit Center for Child and Family Advocacy at Nationwide Children's Hospital, an organization dedicated to the treatment and prevention of child abuse and domestic violence.

Governor Ted Strickland appointed Brown to The Ohio Supreme Court in 2011, as position she held for a year before returning to private practice.

McGee Brown is now the Partner-in-Charge of Diversity, Inclusion & Advancement at Jones Day and works with the Firm's offices and clients on diversity initiatives, including retention and advancement.

McGee Brown is a trusted advisor with experience navigating high-profile and time sensitive matters. She often advises clients facing government scrutiny. She has handled investigations for alleged violations of Title VI and Title IX, and she has defended clients in public corruption, discrimination matters, regulatory enforcement, and constitutional challenges.

McGee Brown is an arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association. She has served as a public company director and is currently a director for Encova Insurance and Claremont McKenna College.

McGee Brown received her Bachelor's Degree in Journalism from Ohio University and her Juris Doctorate from The Ohio State University.

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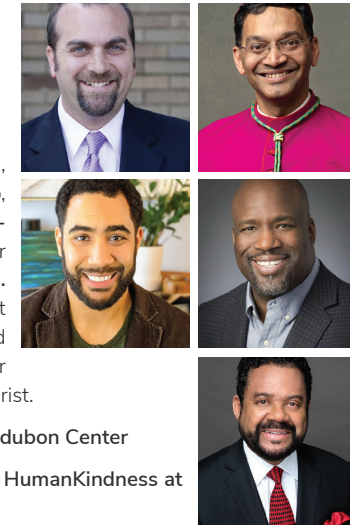
Keeping the Faith: Columbus Religious Leaders Address Community Issues

Featuring Hillel Skolnik, Senior Rabbi, Tifereth Israel, Earl Fernandes, Bishop, Catholic Diocese of Columbus, Abdurrahman Justin Wood, Youth Director, Noor Islamic Cultural Center, and Victor M. Davis, DMin, Pastor, Trinity Baptist Church, with host Jerry Revish, Retired Co-Ancor, WBNS 10TV, and Senior Pastor, Unity Temple Church of God in Christ.

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Starlab Is A Cosmic Win for Ohio

Featuring John M. Horack, Ph.D., Neil Armstrong Chair in Aerospace Policy, Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, The Ohio State University, Jeffrey Manber, Ph.D., President of International and Space Stations, Voyager Space Holdings, and Founder, Nanoracks, and Scott Shearer, Ph.D., Professor and Chair, Department of Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering, College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, The Ohio State University, with host Frederic Bertley, Ph.D., President & CEO, COSI.

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Licking County Plans Its Ideal Intel Future

Featuring Jennifer Roberts, Executive Director, The Thomas J. Evans Foundation and Neutral Convener for FRAMEWORK, Jamie Greene, Principal, planning NEXT, and Rick Platt, President & CEO, Heath-Newark-Licking County Port Authority, with host Benjamin Lanka, Business Editor, The Columbus Dispatch.

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Corner Offices to Condos: Columbus Skyscrapers

Featuring Tracy Hadden Loh, Fellow, The Robert M. Bass Center for Transformative Placemaking, The Brookings Institution, and Philip Aftuck, Director, Investments, The Bernstein Companies, with host Sam Rosenthal, Principal, CEO, and Architect, Schooley Caldwell. Opening remarks by Marc Conte, Executive Director, Capital Crossroads and Discovery Special Improvement District.

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Nurturing Entrepreneurs of Color: Zora's House

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Laying Track for Amtrak's Expansion