

FOR THE RECORD



Dear Reader,

I am honored to have been appointed to be Summit County Clerk of Courts. I am the first Black person to lead a countywide Charter Office and I could not be more thrilled to be here.

I received my Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Emory University in Atlanta. After Graduation, I became employed as a Delta Airlines flight attendant. My goal while at Delta was to unionize flight attendants like pilots, as I noticed that pilots were able to negotiate as a unit for fair and just workplace agreements. I worked full time as a flight attendant while attending the University of Akron School of Law. I graduated from the University of Akron School of Law in 1995, as a Dean's Club Scholar and was admitted to the practice of law.

I was previously a magistrate in the Summit County Court of Common Pleas and I have served the state in a legal capacity for over twenty five years. I was a magistrate in Summit County's domestic relations court and in the Summit County Juvenile court before I was appointed to the State Legislature.

As a former teamster and daughter of a UAW worker, my focus as a legislator was on the importance of rewarding hard work and putting family first. From the creation of new, better-paying jobs to fully funding schools and protecting children, I focused on using my legal expertise and work experience to address the biggest challenges facing the state and improve the quality of life for the residents of the 33rd House District.

As Clerk of Courts, I am committed to ensuring justice, transparency, and efficiency in our legal system and furthering the mission of the Summit County Clerk of Courts. I have received a wonderful and warm welcome from all the staff and I cannot wait to continue our journey as we work together.

Sincerely,

Tavia Galonski

The Summit County Clerk of Courts office is dedicated to providing quality services to meet the needs of our customers. Through ongoing process improvement, we aim to make your experience with the Legal Division and Title Bureaus as convenient and productive as possible.

Clerk in the Community

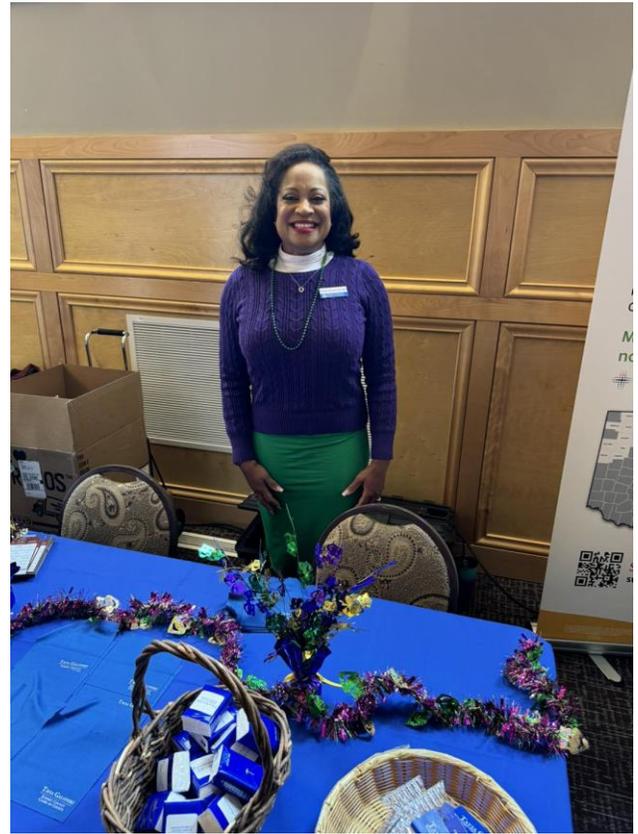
Community Partnerships and Outreach

Whether working together with Community groups and organizations or supporting local charities, the Summit County Clerk of Courts Office takes pride in helping others.

This quarter, The WAKR Senior Luncheon was Mardi Gras Themed. Clerk Tavia Galonski passed out Ice Scrapers, Tissues, Pens, Eyeglasses Cloths, and spread the word about what the Clerk of Courts can do for Summit County Residents!

Additionally, our annual Jeans Pass Program grants a casual dress day to staff members that choose to participate. This year's recipient is the Sojourner Truth Plaza that is supported by Summit Medina United Way.

The Clerk would like to highlight a community resource every quarter. This quarter's Community Resource is the City of Akron's Water Affordability Program. The program will allow eligible Akron Homeowners and Tenants to receive a 40% discount on their water bill. The application is available [here](#) at www.AkronOhio.gov/WaterAssist. Additional Details are also available on the Clerk's Website under Clerk of Courts News.



Events

March 2nd - Summit County Passport Fair

March 7th - Portage Lakes Career Center Career Fair

March 8th - Ohio Justice Bus

March 9th - Twinsburg Community Expo

March 15th - WRH St. Patrick's Day

March 22nd - 2024 Woman of the Year Awards

April 26th - Family Caregiver & Senior Resource Fair

Clerk of Courts on Social Media

The Summit County Clerk of Courts is on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook. Follow Us on Instagram at @summitcountyoh and on Twitter at @summitcountyoh. Find Us on Facebook at Summit County Clerk of Courts. These platforms make it even easier to keep up with all things Clerk of Courts.

Welcome



Summit County Prosecutor
Elliot Kolkovich

Kolkovich graduated from the University of Illinois with Bachelor of Science and Master of Science Degrees in Print Journalism in 2002 and 2003 respectively. After working as a freelance writer and then interning in the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate, Kolkovich enrolled at the St. Louis University School of Law in the Fall of 2006 as a part-time student. While attending law school, he interned at the St. Louis Circuit Attorney's Office for a summer and worked part-time for a small personal injury law firm. After graduation in 2010, he moved to Ohio after his wife accepted a job with the Ohio State University. While waiting to take the bar, Kolkovich interned with the Summit County Prosecutor's Office in the Criminal Felony Division and for the Ohio Attorney General's Office in the Antitrust Division. Upon passing the bar, Kolkovich accepted a position in the Summit County Prosecutor's Office Juvenile Division, prosecuting abuse, neglect, and dependency cases. He moved to the Criminal Felony Division in February 2012. Kolkovich served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio for eight months before returning to the Summit County Prosecutor's Office as the Community Outreach Prosecutor in May 2023.



Summit County Councilman
Brandon Ford

Brandon Ford was born and raised in Akron, Ohio. He is a proud graduate of Buchtel High School, class of 1996. Brandon has served as a Global Business Executive for a multinational ingredient manufacturer for the last 17 years. He brought his entrepreneurial mindset, passion for learning and curiosity toward life to his role while operating a startup within the walls of a 90-year-old company. Brandon is a nurse and attorney with a BSN from Case Western Reserve University and JD /MBA from The University of Akron. For the past five years, Brandon has led a small business Accelerator, a program that leverages technology and manufacturing to provide market-ready solutions, brand development, and quick innovation to small businesses. Hundreds of entrepreneurs have benefitted from his leadership to launch and develop their brands. He is a Trustee at his home church, The House of the Lord and he sits on the board for several non-profit organizations. Brandon currently resides in Copley, Ohio with his wife and two sons.

Recent Updates from the County Executive

County Executive Ilene Shapiro and Direction Home Akron Canton Area Agency on Aging and Disabilities have announced the Aging in Place Program is now accepting referrals. The program will help older adults remain in their homes, navigate the digital world, and provide basic needs like food.

Those eligible to participate in the program will receive access to housing repair & one-time chore assistance, digital literacy, devices & internet access, and in-home care managed supports like personal care and home delivered meals.

Summit County Residents aged 60 or older and their caregivers can call 877-770-5558 or visit <https://www.dhad.org/refer> to begin the screening and assessment process.

Aging In Place
in Summit County

Older adults deserve to **age in the place of their choosing.**

That's why **Summit County** is investing **\$4 million** in the **Aging In Place Program** run by **Direction Home Akron Canton.**

HOME CARE HOME MODIFICATION DIGITAL EDUCATION

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Call **877-770-5558** or visit www.dhad.org/refer

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(Except for Legal Holidays)
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(Main Office Only) (Main Office Only)
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Summit County



Passport Fair

Join the Offices of Congresswoman **Emilia Sykes** and Summit County Clerk of Courts **Tavia Galonski** to apply for your passport ahead of summer travel.

WHAT TO BRING

Checklist



- A completed DS-11.
- An original or certified, physical copy of your U.S. citizenship evidence.
- A photo copy of your U.S. citizenship evidence.
- A physical copy of a valid ID.
- A passport photo (staff will also be available to take your photo on site).
- A form of payment.

FIND MORE INFORMATION ON
TRAVEL.STATE.GOV

Current processing times are **6-8 weeks** for routine processing and **2-3 weeks** for expedited processing. To schedule an appointment, please call **330-630-7200**.

WHEN

Saturday, March 2
8:00AM - 11:30AM

WHERE

Northfield Village Title Office
10333 Northfield Road
Northfield Village



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