



## Judge Anthony (Tony) Capizzi

Judge Capizzi was elected Montgomery County, Ohio Juvenile Court Judge in 2004. He has been re-elected twice and his current term expires December 31, 2022. He previously served as an Acting Judge for Dayton Municipal Court and in private practice. Judge Capizzi was admitted to the Ohio and Federal Bars in 1979, receiving his J.D. from the University of Dayton School of Law and a B.A. from Saint Bonaventure University. He is a 1989 graduate of Leadership Dayton.

Judge Capizzi was the proud recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Dayton School of Law in 2015 in recognition of his distinguished service to the community and to the law school.

Nationally, Judge Capizzi serves as President-Elect of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges Association ("NCJFCJ"), and Chair of the NCJFCJ's Juvenile Drug Court Training and Technical Assistance Project Advisory Committee. He has over the last eight years served as Treasurer of the NCJFCJ, Chairman of the Audit and Finance Committees, and Vice-Chair of the Juvenile and Family Law Advisory Committee. In addition, Judge Capizzi served as a member of the Executive Committee's Guiding Coalition, Finance, Governance, Legislative and Diversity Committees.

Judge Capizzi serves as a Senior Judicial Fellow for Reclaiming Futures and supervises national Reclaiming Futures judicial training.

Judge Capizzi serves as Vice-Chair of the Ohio Supreme Court Judicial College Board of Trustees and as Past-President of the Ohio Association of Juvenile Court Judges. He teaches at the Ohio Judicial College and lectures at state and national conferences focusing on judicial leadership, the role and responsibilities of guardians ad litem, privacy, substance abuse, truancy, and mental health issues.

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Judge Capizzi co-authored an article entitled *A Model for Judicial Leadership, Juvenile and Family Court Journal, Summer 2006, Vol.57, and No.3*, which addresses judges' roles in communities' responses to juvenile substance abuse concerns, and authored *What You Need to Know About Privacy, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties Protections for Courts, Future Trends in State Courts, 2012*, published by the National Center for State Courts.

In Montgomery County, Judge Capizzi has overseen the growth of Drug Court from serving approximately 20 to 120 youth per week. He led the initiative to create the Evening Reporting Center, implemented the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI), initiated the Pro Se Services program to help those clients that choose to file legal documents without attorney representation, and strengthened the Court's Reclaiming Futures and Natural Helpers programs to better serve youth and their families in our community. In addition, Judge Capizzi has led moving our court into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century technology-wise to streamline the hearing process by providing a more efficient case action procedure.

Prior to his election to the bench, Judge Capizzi maintained a full-time law practice for over 25 years, specializing in juvenile law, family law, and litigation. When he retired from private practice, he had been a partner for over 16 years at the law firm of Harker, Capizzi, & Hall.

Over the last 35 years, Judge Capizzi has held leadership positions in various governmental, civic and professional organizations that focus on family and children's issues. He served as a City of Dayton Commissioner from 1986-1998, as the President of Neighborhoods, USA, and as the Chairman of the Finance and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee of the National League of Cities.

Judge Capizzi, known as a workaholic, continues to maintain the enthusiasm and energy for the welfare of children that has been his trademark throughout his legal career.