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***Summit County Common Pleas Court Elects
Judge Amy Corrigan Jones 2022 Administrative Judge
and Judge Alison Breaux Selected as 2022 Presiding Judge
and***

***U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs has awarded \$1,175,000 in
grant funding to support the Summit County Valor Court and Hope Court
initiatives.***

Summit County, Ohio: The Summit County Court of Common Pleas General Division judges nominated and approved Judge Amy Corrigan Jones to serve as Administrative Judge in 2022. This is the sixth year that she was elected by her peers to serve as the Administrative Judge, responsible for the administration, docket, personnel, operation and calendar of the General Division.

The Summit County Court of Common Pleas General, Domestic Relations, Juvenile, and Probate Divisions nominated and approved Judge Alison Breaux to serve a second year as Presiding Judge in 2022. The Presiding Judge calls meetings as necessary for the purpose of discussing and resolving administrative problems common to all divisions of the Common Pleas Court.

Corrigan Jones stated she is honored to earn the confidence of her colleagues to continue serving the Court and providing leadership, especially in light of the ongoing pandemic. Corrigan Jones reflected, "Our General Division family has been resilient and innovative during these unprecedented times. Our leadership team is stronger than it has ever been, offering solutions and vision to upgrade technology, maintain operations, continuing the important work of the Court in administering fair and impartial justice".

Judge Breaux added, "Despite adversity and the continued concerns of the public health crisis, we have worked tirelessly to protect the public and our employees while

enhancing and improving our operations, rising to the challenges and opportunities presented by the pandemic.

Jones and Breaux concluded, "We are grateful to be able to continue to collaborate with each other in our leadership roles serving the Courts and our community".

In addition to her regular docket and Administrative Judge duties, Judge Corrigan Jones also serves as Presiding Judge of the Summit County Valor Court, a specialized docket serving those who have served our country and the SCORR Program, a grant funded program testing the Swift, Certain, Fair model of supervision in Summit County.

In addition to her regular docket and Presiding Judge duties, Judge Breaux serves as Presiding Judge of Hope Court, a specialized docket serving those with severe and persistent mental illness leading to contact with the criminal justice system by addressing underlying problems that can lead to criminal behavior.

The General Division and Corrigan Jones as Administrative Judge in charge of the Court's operations, ever mindful of staying within budget, seeks and has been successful at obtaining grant funds to create new opportunities to protect the public and supervise probationers. Just yesterday, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Ohio announced today that the Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs (OJP) has awarded \$1,175,000 in grant funding to support the Summit County Valor Court and Hope Court initiatives.

The Summit County Valor Court was awarded \$625,000. Judge Jones presides over the Court that she established in 2013 due to the recognition that many veterans return to civilian life with serious trauma, both physical and mental, which may lead to their involvement with the criminal justice system. This specialized docket gives veterans access to programs, treatment and interaction with mentors in an initiative to enhance chances of success.

The Summit County Hope Court was awarded \$550,000. Judge Breaux presides over and established Hope Court in 2018 (Healing, Opportunity, Progress & Empowerment). As a certified specialized docket with the Ohio Supreme Court, HOPE Court aims to improve life stability, reduce criminal recidivism, increase compliance with court orders and more.

