

# **JOSHUA T. COX**

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## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **COLUMBUS CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, CIVIL DIVISION**

CHIEF COUNSEL

2009-2019

The Chief Counsel oversees the Civil Division of the City Attorney's Office and is the Chief of the General Counsel Section. The General Counsel Section serves as primary legal counsel to all City elected officials, employees, and boards and commissions with respect to issues surrounding City services, legislation, contracts, code compliance and other issues related to the day-to-day operations of City government.

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY

2000-2009

- **General Counsel Section.** November 2002-May 2009. Provided legal advice to City officials on a wide variety of municipal issues as well as representation of the City in federal and state litigation and administrative proceedings.
- **Litigation Section, Special Litigation Unit.** March 2000-November 2002. Defended the City of Columbus in the federal civil rights lawsuit filed by the United States Department of Justice alleging a pattern or practice of police misconduct; included individual police misconduct lawsuits.

### **OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS LITIGATION SECTION**

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

1991-2000

- **Corrections Unit Coordinator.** 1997-2000. Immediate supervisor over litigation staff of 12 attorneys and 4 paralegals providing representation for the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction and its officials, primarily in prisoner civil rights litigation; involved assignment of incoming cases and management of a high volume caseload in state and federal courts. Corrections Litigation Section staff attorney, 1991-1995.
- **Supervising Attorney, Lucasville Riot Litigation.** 1995-2000. Assigned as the supervising attorney in the Attorney General's office working in conjunction with outside special counsel on all litigation arising out of the 1993 riot at the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility in Lucasville, primarily involving the defense of a class action in federal district court filed on

behalf of over 3000 inmates (*In re: SOCF*). Supervised the State's response to the settlement claims process as well as post-settlement litigation.

**OHIO DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR CONTROL**

**LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS**

1986-1991

- **Chief Counsel.** 1988-1991. Chief in-house counsel and legislative lobbyist for the department. Provided legal advice to Director and other department officials on a wide variety of issues related to industry regulation, law enforcement and departmental operations; performed policy analysis and drafting of legislation and administrative rules; represented the department before the Ohio General Assembly. Assistant Chief Counsel, 1986-1988.

**EDUCATION**

**THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY MORITZ COLLEGE OF LAW, Columbus, Ohio**

Juris Doctor received May, 1985; Admitted to the Ohio Bar, November, 1985. Part-time employment during law school with the Ohio Governor's Office as a Legislative Assistant and member of the Governor's advance staff.

**MIAMI UNIVERSITY, Oxford, Ohio**

Bachelor of Arts, *Cum Laude*, in Sociology with an emphasis in Criminology, 1981. Strong background in the natural sciences. One semester criminology field internship with the City of New York, Office of the Inspector General and NAACP Legal Defense Fund.

**VAN WERT HIGH SCHOOL, Van Wert, Ohio**

Graduated, *Magna Cum Laude*, 1977.

**Admitted to practice:** Supreme Court of Ohio; United States District Court, Southern and Northern Districts of Ohio; United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.