



Legislation Text

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To honor and recognize City Attorney Chief of Staff and First Assistant City Prosecutor Bill R. Hedrick for being named the Justice League of Ohio's 2014 Models of Justice Prosecutor of the Year.

WHEREAS, over the course of a career in which he has prosecuted more than 20,000 cases, Bill Hedrick has devoted himself to the protection of the most vulnerable members of society; and

WHEREAS, the Justice League of Ohio - the only crime victims' rights legal clinic in the state of Ohio that provides free legal representation in criminal court to victims - has recognized Bill's extraordinary service by naming him the 2014 Models of Justice Prosecutor of the Year; and

WHEREAS, in honoring Bill, the League noted his innovative contributions to criminal justice, including his widely recognized fight against animal abuse and his focus on quality-of-life issues that impact Columbus neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, by incorporating the Internet, social and traditional media, his own television program, and community relationship-building, Bill has created a comprehensive system to alert the public of crime while also bringing individuals with outstanding warrants to justice; and

WHEREAS, through these ventures, Bill has alerted victims of Craig's List scams, fought to put drunk drivers and hit-and-run offenders behind bars, targeted serial thieves and graffiti vandals, and pursued Columbus' most-wanted animal abusers; and

WHEREAS, along with helping ensure that crime victims from Columbus' growing immigrant population have a welcoming and understanding environment in the city prosecutor's office, Bill has also been at the forefront for years in pursuing hate crime, menacing, stalking, and domestic violence charges perpetrated against members of the GLBT community; and

WHEREAS, in selecting Bill as the Prosecutor of the Year, the League noted that he "has built a reputation as a tough but fair crimefighter who has earned the respect of judges, law enforcement, the media, crime victims, the defense bar, and even some defendants"; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

That we hereby honor and recognize City Attorney Chief of Staff and First Assistant City Prosecutor Bill R. Hedrick for being named the Justice League of Ohio's 2014 Models of Justice Prosecutor of the Year, and thank him for his service to our community.