

Magistrate/Acting Judge Michele Worobiec (Fmr.) Marion Municipal Court Dublin, Ohio

Michele Worobiec is a former municipal judge for the city of Marion, Ohio, where she served for more than six years. Worobiec began her legal career in 1997 with Selig & Hrabcak & Co., L.P.A., as Attorney, Co-Founder and Vice President. In 2000, she joined Kegler Brown Hill & Ritter as Associate Attorney. Worobiec became Magistrate/Acting Judge for Marion Municipal Court in 2005. As Magistrate/Acting Judge, she presided over civil and criminal cases in a court with over 17,350 filings annually—60% higher than state average caseload per judge. In this capacity, she applied the Bridges Out of Poverty national model to the criminal justice system, resulting in a new

model for providing access to justice and promoting long-term stability for court involved individuals.

In 2012, Judge Worobiec became the Judicial Services Coordinator for the Ohio Judicial Conference. As the Judicial Services Coordinator, she educated judges throughout the state and promoted public confidence in judiciary through such projects as the statewide annual judicial meeting. Additionally, she established the judicial and executive branch partnership for Certificate of Qualification for Employment (CQE), which prevented denial of certain employment and licensure solely on the basis of former felony convictions. She joined the Supreme Court of Ohio in 2013 and served as Policy Counsel and State Drug Court Coordinator for four years. In 2017, she was promoted to Chief Counsel..

Presently, Worobiec serves as the President of the National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws (NAMSDL). One of the main goals of the NAMSDL is to implement effective laws in the areas of drug and alcohol prevention, intervention, treatment, recovery support, overdose abatement and criminal justice.

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