

## Stratton Featured in OSU Insights Article Title "Courts With Compassion"

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Eve Stratton, of counsel in the Vorys Columbus office who prior to joining Vorys was a justice on the Supreme Court of Ohio, was recently featured in an article on The Ohio State University website titled "Courts With Compassion." The article focused on Stratton's work to make changes to the criminal justice system for defendants and inmates who suffer from mental illness.

#### The story states:

*"I had so many cases on my docket involving the mentally ill," Stratton said. "They didn't belong in the system, but I didn't know what to do with them. I foolishly thought at the time that if I put them in jail, they would get mental health services because they weren't getting them in the community. But I found out there was just no collaboration between the mental health system and the drug and alcohol system and the courts."*

*Today, Stratton is project director for the Stepping Up Initiative of Ohio, the state's partnership with a national program aiming to reduce the number of people with mental illness in jail.*

*Ohio is gaining national recognition for changing how its criminal justice system handles people with mental illness. Experts credit Stratton for promoting the state's new approach."*

To read the entire story visit The Ohio State University's [website](#).