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Stratton Featured in Moritz College of Law Article Titled “A Powerful Advocate”

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Eve Stratton, of counsel in the Vorys Columbus office, was recently featured in a Moritz College of Law article titled “A Powerful Advocate.” The story highlighted Stratton's legal career and dedication to mental health work.

The story states:

"Stratton's dream became a reality when she became the first woman elected to the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas in 1989. As she served on the bench, she noticed something about the individuals coming into her court room.

'Many of my defendants were struggling with drug addiction and mental illness,' she remembers. 'And I didn't know what to do about it. That's where I started my advocacy - when I saw it in my court in my courtroom.'

Stratton's passion for mental health remained as she continued to thrive as a judge. She was appointed to the Ohio Supreme Court by Gov. George Voinovich in 1996, then re-elected to three six-year terms. After about five years on the Supreme Court, Stratton had a “eureka” moment.

'I realized this is why I had this job as a judge,' she said."

Although Stratton has since stepped down from the Supreme Court of Ohio, she continues to advance her cause of better mental health support. She also spends her time counseling and appellate coaching at the firm.

The story states:

"I help attorneys write briefs and argue cases, because you don't really get what really works until you've been there,' she explained. 'I'm really glad I have this opportunity - I get to use my legal training, and I really have fun with it.'

With all that she has experienced and accomplished, Stratton has many insights she can share. The advice she gives young professionals is helpful in both their professional and personal lives. She encourages them to develop plans for at least the next five years, and to always put their family first. She also emphasizes the importance of developing authentic relationships."

To read the entire story, [click here](#).